

## Long-Term Care Council Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023

### Voting Members in Attendance:

Director Paula Basta	Ashley Snavelly
Kim Palermo	Lori Hendren
Marsha Johnson	Bruce Carmona
Melinda McDonald	Veronica Riley
Stacey Aschemann	Kelly Richards
Janene Brickey	Barbara Gold
Shelia Baker	Margie Logman
Cathy Barbour	Rahnee Patrick

Leslie Pedtke presented on the IL Pioneer Coalition. She gave an overview of the IPC and shared information about their upcoming conferences. They have regional coalitions. Info about the regional coalitions can be found on their website. She shared information about the scholarships. Leslie can be reached at [leslie.pedtke@kingmgt.com](mailto:leslie.pedtke@kingmgt.com).

Becky Dragoo is the new Deputy Director at IDoA. She previously worked at IDPH. Becky spoke about what she will be doing with her new role.

Director Basta joined at 10:20am. She was giving an update to SHIP volunteers.

Gloria Simmons provided a legislative update. 3 initiatives are being drafted at LRB and will be filed soon. More information will be shared once that happens.

Joe Danner – Home Care Ombudsman Program. Starting a poster campaign. Partnered with PSA03 to host a town hall. They plan to do a monthly town hall moving forward in that area. Ideally, it will be something that can spread across the state. IL is transitioning from MMAI to D-SNPs (Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans). HFS has the lead and is currently finalizing the model.

Kelly Richards – Recording a podcast series that she hopes to launch later this year. It focuses on the experience of residents. Also planning to do a PSA radio spot. Our statewide initiative is related to facility-initiated discharges. We are taking a deeper dive in looking at some data related to discharges. The Ombudsman Program has additional ARP funding that is to be used to focus on residential care communities (non-nursing facilities). Margie Logman brought up concerns about retaliation both in facilities and also in home care situations. Question – Does anyone regulate senior independent living facilities? Management company or HUD would be possible options.

Priscilla Chapman presented changes to the by-laws. Primarily clean up and making them consistent with other by-laws. Stacey Aschemann moved to approve the by-laws change. Margie Logman seconded. The changes were unanimously approved. The updated version will be posted to the website.

Goals for the Council – Legislation; Recruitment; Information on the Website were previous goals. Suggest training on DEI/LGBTQ. Stacey would like time to discuss legislative solutions to problems people see. Margie Logman would like training for CNAs on compassion, empathy and patient understanding to be added to curriculum. Advocate for person-centered care. Role of caregivers. Marsha Johnson said it would be helpful to have a good ombudsmen training for the choices for care case managers. Consider doing a refresher training for the aging network. Also suggested sending the updated brochures. Margie suggested going in with a former resident to better reach residents. IHCA looking at looking to increase certifications for medication aides rather than a nurse passing medications.

Increase in personal needs allowance to \$60/month.  
More information in facilities about family councils would be helpful.  
Kim Stoerger mentioned IHCA would be willing to partner regarding trainings.

State Agency Updates:

IDPH – Sheila Baker/Barb Gold – both had to leave early

HFS – Janene Brickey – unwinding of the public health emergency. During the PHE, the asset test was temporarily suspended, and continuous eligibility was put in place. Redeterminations will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Over the next 12 months, all Medicaid customers will go through redeterminations. First group will have a rede letter mailed out around May 1<sup>st</sup>. These are for those with a medical certification period that ends at the end of June. The rede letter will be due in mid-June so the caseworkers can process the form. Two rede forms (Form A and Form B). Form A won't need to have any action. HFS has an outreach campaign underway. She will share flyers with Kelly to distribute to the group. This will be a long process. If people have questions, they should check their ManageMyCase account to look up their renewal date. LTC providers can look in the medi system to look up the dates. Healthcare and Family Services messaging toolkits: <https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

DHS-DRS – Rahnee Patrick. Working with community mental health services to visit facilities, particularly SMHRFs, to help connect residents with services to meet employment goals.

IL AG's Office – MFCU – Cathy Barbour. Starting from scratch to build up the investigation side of MFCU. Both sworn and non-sworn officers doing investigations. [cathy.barbour@ilag.gov](mailto:cathy.barbour@ilag.gov). Phil Miller is retiring in the next couple of months.

Kim motioned to adjourn. Stacey seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:23am.