

LTC Council Meeting

March 7, 2022

Voting Members:

Director Basta – Yes	Julie Preston – Yes	Matt Hartman – No
Kim Palermo – Yes	Marsha Johnson – Yes	Karen Zosel - No
David Sutor – No	Malinda McDonald – Yes	Veronica Riley – Yes
Greg Wilson – No	Stacey Aschemann – No	Bruce Carmona – Yes
Casey Bailey – No		

No Quorum met at the start of the meeting

New Member: Jennifer Belkov – Alzheimer’s Association

New Agency Representative: Allison Stark – Dept. of Developmental Disabilities at DHS

New Business:

The White House issued a fact sheet on nursing home reform that was sent with the agenda. There were key points regarding quality and accountability. Beverly Laubert with ACL spoke about nursing home reform. ACL spoke with ombudsman representatives and other stakeholders.

- making improvements through payment systems
- focus on staffing levels
- increasing transparency of ownership information and who is accountable for care
- improving quality by promoting single occupancy rooms

Question – does anyone from ACL attend community meetings? Not personally. ACL partnered with CMS and the white house to push the importance of boosters.

There will be many opportunities for advocacy for this reform to move forward.

Question – what will the increased transparency of ownership look like?

They aren’t sure right now, but do plan to try to unravel the complicated corporate structure.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/02/28/fact-sheet-protecting-seniors-and-people-with-disabilities-by-improving-safety-and-quality-of-care-in-the-nations-nursing-homes/>

<https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/03022022NursingHomeSOTUPressRelease.pdf>

PASRR Redesign – John Eckert

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review

Court monitor thought there were areas to improve the PASRR screen. HFS brought in a consultant, Maximus, to review the process. Choices for care screens determine if an individual is eligible for HCBS or LTC. They wanted to make sure the Choices screen fits in with the PASRR redesign.

Targeted outreach to nursing facilities and hospital discharge planners to let them know about the changes to how to capture data. The level 1 screen will be completed by hospital discharge planners into AssessmentPro. CCUs, hospitals, and nursing facilities. It will determine if a Level 2 screen is needed.

Maximus has done numerous trainings. Working to make sure they meet the federal requirements, and that people are properly assessed.

Choices applies to everyone, and the purpose is to make them aware of their community-based options. Question – will a new score be required if a person moves facilities? It will be a case-by-case determination. Concern is whether or not a facility can complete the PASRR. It is allowable for a nursing facility to compete the Level 1.

Statewide Coalition for Unpaid Caregivers – IL Family Caregiver Coalition: Amy Brennan and Susan Real
Other states have statewide coalitions to support unpaid caregivers as a means to raise awareness of the demands on unpaid caregivers and to raise awareness to policy makers for support of caregivers. IL Aging Services (companion organization to I4A) has the ability to apply for grants. Obtained a 2 year grant from Retire Research Foundation and IDoA provided funding for the first year.

4 main goals:

1. create a broad-based statewide coalition
2. study the RAISE Act and other best practices from across the nation
3. policy recommendations
4. build a robust public awareness campaign

There are over 130 caregiver resource centers in Illinois.

Special Focus Facilities

Nursing homes with a history of serious quality issues. The Ombudsman Program is collaborating with IDPH to see if there are areas to work together to see if there are opportunities to facilitate improvement.

Legislative Updates – Katherine Ostrowski

HB4572 adds protections to the APS Act.

SB4024 removes the requirement of specific language on the website for the Consumer Choice website (the law says it needs to be labeled “residents right to know”).

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Updates

Sent letters to RC Presidents and Activity Directors to inform them about the Resident and Family Support Council. We are getting more participants in the biweekly calls.

NORC had a webinar with a call to action for the nursing home reform. Kelly will share information about opportunities for advocacy.

DEI – this year moved to smaller groups and rolled out training this year.

Theresa Parks Updates

Working for a couple of years to create developmentally appropriate sex ed training for adults with disabilities in ICF-DDs and other settings. DHS is hosting a webinar in May on how to address consent capacity.

Supportive Decision Making Act became effective last week. This applies only to adults with ID/DD. It allows them to identify a supporter rather than a guardian.

Working legislatively to get training required for all guardians throughout the state – including Cook County.

State Agency Updates:

DHS Colbert/Williams – Ryan Rollinson

As of this year, transitioned 240 for Colbert and 183 for Williams. The Front Door Diversion program is going strong.

IDVA - Gwen Diehl – no update.

DHS – Rahnee Patrick

Working to strike a balance of overtime policy for IPs in a context of worker shortage. As of 2/28 at 29% over 60 days which is a better trend than they've had for a long time. Redeterminations have been at 5.28%.

IDPH – Sheila Baker – no update.