

Long-Term Care Council Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2024
10:00am – 11:31am

Meeting was held virtually through WebEx.

Voting Members in Attendance:

Acting Director Mary Killough
Julia Preston
Marsha Johnson
Bruce Carmona
Jennifer Belkov
Melinda McDonald
Karin Zosel
Margie Logman
Stacey Aschemann
Scott Mitchell
Ebony Payne

Acting Director Mary Killough called meeting to order at 10:04am.

Farrah Borders (Administrative Assistant for the State Ombudsman office) called the roll call – We have quorum of 8 members present.

Old Business

A. Review of previous meeting minutes from February 6, 2024: Kelly asked for a motion for the minutes to be approved. Stacey Aschemann motion for the minutes from February 6, 2024, to be approved and Marsha Johnson second the motion. Minutes have been approved and second.

B. Vacant co-chair position – Kelly asked for any recommendation or nominations for the co-chair position for any members. Kelly requested to send her email, for she is wanting to fill this position as soon as possible.

New Business

CMS Access Rule – Liz Vogt IDOA have a presentation regarding: Liz stated she would email the slide presentation to everyone after the meeting.

IDPH Update – Camille Hicks, OHCR –

- Guidelines for masking – They are no longer required to report, but they are now using the seasonal respiratory dashboard as a reference. Once the respiratory dashboards numbers are high, they will implement a source control. N45 masks to be use, barrier face covering, and a well mask will be used.
- LLCS project has been placed on hold. Currently do not have date.
- They will be offering monthly training presentations. First one will be held on June 26, 2024, about LTC facilities. Other topics will consist of LLCS training. Writing plans for the month July 24, 2024. Meeting plans for the month of August 2024, Identifying and Reporting Abuse in September 2024. Risk planning for the month of October 2024. All dates will be listed on SIRENS communication.

- Public Act 102-0647 - Certifications of behavioral management unit and LTC facilities for high-risk aggression will be offered.

Acting Director Mary Killough comments:

- Director thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Important to have a quorum in the meetings and that we can work together.

LTC Council Annual Report –Kelly Richards, SLTCO

- No comments about the LTC Council Annual report.

Legislative Update – Kelly Richard, SLTCO

- We had five initiatives this year, four of the five of the bills have passed. We are waiting on the last one to be passed in both chambers and to be signed by the Governor. Kelly thanked everyone for their support by passing these bills.

Have been passed:

- SB2715 – Modifies IL Act on the Aging to clarify release of ombudsman resident records. Protection of resident records has been passed.
- HB5095 – Modifies the Nursing Home Care Act to close loophole with distinct part discharges.
- HB4427 – Resident has been added to the assistance living and shared housing board.
- SB2957 – Modifies the IL Act on the Aging to include language specifying ombudsman access to facility incident reports and allows for consent in means other than writing. Public Act 103-0767

Hoping to bring back in the veto session:

- HB5151 – Amends the Nursing Home Care Act and Assisted living and Shared Housing Act working to strengthen rights related to discharges.

STLCOP Updates: Kelly Richards, SLTCO –

- They have new addition to the State Ombudsman Office – Stephen Maxwell, who was a Long-Term Care Regional Ombudsman. Stephen will be training new or old staffing.
- They are in the process of rebranding their brochure and posters. Will provide more information at next meeting.
- They are updating the Consumer Choice website to make it more user friendly.
- Will be conducting certification training in July 2024 in the Chicago area.

Old Business

C. Kelly Richards wanted to focus on the top priority goal for the Council which was voted on CNA training – which required training on compassion and empathy towards residences and the aging population. What is our desired outcome?

Comments:

- Teresa – Require them to have role playing during the Artifacts of culture change training.
- Ebony - She feels that it should come from the top down. Leadership be trained as well.
- Director Killough – need to be a culture/structure change.
- Stephen Maxwell – I spoke with CAN classes as a regional Ombudsman, and it was very helpful to me because CNAs knew who I was, and I had the opportunity to introduce myself before they gained abasis from the other staff.
- Maggie – Follow-up CNA training after 3 to 6 months.
- Lee Moriarty – have the same nurses and staffing all the time instead of having someone different every time. Culture change is our statewide initiative and trying to focus on certain

things and not all at once. Currently, she has 4 long term care communities that are implementing the Artifacts of Culture change items, one community focused on sleep and liberating medicine. Lee will be providing us with an update of her findings at the next meeting.

- Melinda – Lee made good points, may have monetary gift maybe, building relationships with other, and residents to help teach the trainings every month.
- Margie – likes having the one/same person every time. Also, to create community through better communication.

E. Update from State Agency Representatives:

Health Family Services – Janene Brickey – no updates at this time, but she has some bills waiting to be passed.

Division of Rehabilitation Services – Molly Chapman – no updates to share.

Medicaid Fraud Unit - Cathy Barbour – no updates currently.

Secretary of State- Maria Ullmann – no updates

OAG – Elisa Hamilton – no updates

DHS Olmstead Com Update - Ali Johnson – not available

Veteran Affairs Update - Anthony Vaughn – not available

Veterans Home Update - Angela Simmons – not available

Secretary of State updates - Josh Potts – not available

Illinois Guardian and Advocacy Commission - Teresa Parks

- SB2663 - Couple of years ago, they sponsored legislation called “supportive decision making” as an alternative to guardianship with the focus on individuals with intellectual disabilities, but they have received feedback that it should include any adult at this at risk for guardianship. This bill will expand to “all adults” including seniors. She is encouraging for everyone to review the bill. They would like to link it to the Illinois Probate Act. Supportive decision making as an option before appointing a guardian as well to end a guardianship if someone has access supported decision-making agreement. This expands the scope of support of supported decision-making other states have already done.

Stacy Aschemann motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31am and Marcia Johnson second the motion.

Kelly Richards adjourned the meeting at 11:31am and stated next meeting will be on Oct 1, 2024.

