

**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Illinois Long-Term Care Council
Wednesday, October 19th, 2016
10:00am – 1:00pm**

Location: Prescott Bloom Building
201 South Grand Avenue, East
Springfield, Illinois

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Iden at 10:00am.

Voting Members Present: Bill Bell, Ann Ford, Stephen Iden, Marsha Johnson, Carolyn Peck, Wayne Smallwood, Brenda Winskill, Jamie Freschi

Voting Members Present via Teleconference: John England, John Hosteny, Donald Schuchmann, David Sutor, Greg Wilson

Voting Members Absent: Matt Hartman, Lori Hendren, Phyllis Mitzen, Pam Neibuhr

State Agency Representatives Present:

Department on Aging – Jose Jimenez, Jessica Belsly, Jessica Blood, Chuck Miller
Department of Healthcare and Family Services – Janene Brickey
Department of Veteran’s Affairs – Gwen Deihl
Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Unit – Phil Miller

State Agency Representatives Present via Teleconference:

Department on Aging – Alexander Burke
Department of Veterans’ Affairs – Lenard Winnicki
Department of Public Health, Office of Health Care Regulations – Darlene Harney

Guests and Others on Phone: Christopher ...Lo? Darlene Harney intern

Recorder: Jessica Blood

Public Forum

Chairman Iden opened the meeting for a public forum. No public comment was offered.

Old Business

2016 Ethics Training

New Business

Legislative Update

Alexander Burke gave the following legislative updates:

- Membership Change – legal division received changes
 - removed some language
 - allows third term
 - increases membership

Action Item: Send written version; Jessica Blood will bring to next meeting

- Legislative veto session – weeks before and after

Department Reports

Department on Aging

Jose Jimenez gave the following updates:

- Federal CMS – waiver renewed
 - Will provide summary of changes and new timelines
 - Deadlines to follow through on
 - Critical incident reporting
 - Person Centered planning – training next Thursday for CCUs
- Budget
 - Stop gap funding going to certain services
 - Consent decrees
 - Made whole on FY16 payments; working on interest payments from FY16
- Adult Protection and Advocacy Conference – October 25-27 in Zion
 - Put on by Ombudsman and Adult Protective Services
 - Training will be provided to Ombudsman; some all-inclusive training will be provided
 - Ombudsman working with veterans – personal safety session
 - Disability – Dementia
 - Bill Benson – speaking to new rules
 - Crossover APS and criminal abuse training
 - Anthony Vaughn – veterans’ issues
- State Plan on Aging
 - for federal funding from the Administration for Community Living
 - 3 presentations
 - make recommended changes
 - accepted

Action Item: Jose Jimenez will send out to Council members once distribution is approved.

Chairman Iden inquired if the December conference was cancelled. Jose stated that because of the budget impasse and no funding provided in the stop-gap bill, that the conference would be cancelled this year.

- ...Jose Alzheimer’s
 - will allow more soon
 - federal funding for more training

Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Janene Brickey gave the following updates:

- Delay
- Long Term Care prov. billing process moving forward
 - Beginning October 1st, providers bill state; webpage dedicated to the process
- Medicaid providers – cloud based system; Illinois Medicaid cloud tech – reenrolled tens of thousands of providers
- Working on waiver renewal for next year – public comment by end of year
- Supportive Living Program opened -accepting applications for Dementia care through March; other states looking at Illinois as a model
- No 1115 Waiver update at this time
 - different from old 1115 waiver; addition of behavioral health

Action Item: Janene will prepare update for next Council meeting.

Illinois State Police

Phil Miller gave the following updates:

- Have two new code investigators; one in Chicago and one in Collinsville
- Downstate problem with drug diversion in long term care facilities; might see in press
 - Medicaid mission – provider, not recipient – recipient is under HFS/OEIG
 - Hotline number

Jamie asked if there was anything the Ombudsmen could do. Phil replied – local jurisdiction also.

Darlene – refer to Department of Public Health as a drug diversion complaint

- make sure resident is getting what they need
- facility staff mandated to report to the Department of Public Health
- Darlene – Illinois State Police send email when problem occurs; some facilities don't report properly – Phil will add to notification

Wayne Smallwood asked what the volume and frequency of the problem was. Phil replied that a couple per week was the average reported.

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Gwen Deihl gave the following updates:

- Construction fund for Chicago veterans' home restored
 - lining up contractors
 - small, house model
 - 4250 N. Oak Park
 - green house
 - 200 bed
 - construction should be completed in spring or summer of 2018

Wayne Smallwood asked how many veterans' long term care facilities existed; Gwen stated that there would be five with the new Chicago facility, with 950 beds total. She added the further breakdown of veterans' long term care facilities in the state:

- 15 bed homeless facility
- 53 bed facility in Quincy for Dementia care
- 40 bed facility in >>>> for Dementia care
- 43 bed facility in >>>> for Dementia care

Department of Public Health

Darlene Harney gave the following updates:

- CMS sent out final rule – 713 pages, effective November 2016
 - working through
 - updates requirements for long term care facilities
 - more flexibility to providers
 - enhance the quality of care and clinical outcomes
 - waiting on interpretive guidance
 - changes to tags, surveys
 - on CMS website

Janene Brickey – a lot like rule being used for waiver

Jamie Freschi asked about the timeframes for implementation; Darlene Harney stated that the new rule is effective November 28, 2016. Emergency preparedness phased in by November of 2017.

Wayne Smallwood – need approval from CMS on implementation? Darlene stated that they are waiting on interpretive guidelines and would take the lead from CMS. She added the following:

- Changes/combinations of tags
- monthly calls with federal CMS
- won't affect licensed only facilities, only those certified through federal CMS

Action Item: 1049 with state licenses – Darlene will provide breakdown of licensed/certified facilities and send to Jessica Blood for distribution to the Council.

University of Illinois at Springfield Gerontology

Carolyn Peck gave the following updates:

- Stop-gap funding recipients; disbursed as best as possible
- Enrollment is up at all three campuses
- Online and blended courses drawing large base

Ombudsman Program

Jamie Freschi gave the following updates:

- Introduced Chuck Miller
 - new to program – 2 weeks
 - worked in Home and Community Based Services for 14 years – ADS and in home care audits
- Finish designation process
- 2 new Ombudsman providers
 - PSA 6 – West Central ADRC; regional Ombudsman – Steven Maxwell
 - PSA 7 – Area Agency on Aging for Lincoln Land; looking to hire more regional Ombudsmen
 - PSA 8 – had no bids; Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation agreed to stay on for remainder of FY17
- New Regional Ombudsman – Kate Flynn, PSA 2
- Federal Rule implemented July 1st
 - Change to Level 1 training; sharing changes as they go with current training
- Revising State Rule policies and procedures
- Working on Ombudsman website
 - Consumer choice – individuals will be able to look at facilities in specified areas

- will have information/links to facilities
- filtered search
- all facilities required to fill out survey; some questions mandatory, some voluntary
- no date yet on completion
- Ombudsman portal – updated forms, etc.
- Home Care Ombudsman Program
 - Three year demonstration grant ending
 - Weren't getting cases
 - Effective January 1st, will be managed at state level
 - Working with Department on Aging, Administration for Community Living and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
 - Will hire five new staff; mostly in Chicago area
 - Monitoring and case work through the state via the Senior Helpline
 - Transitioning now through December 31st

Ann Ford asked if the program was restricted to MMAI and waivers; Jamie responded yes. Ann then inquired if there was any plan to expand the program; Jamie stated that she hoped it would expand in the future, but that would depend on funding and staffing.

Marsha Johnson stated that not seeing in person would be a detriment to the setup of the program because the Ombudsman might not be able to see the full picture of things going on; don't know who is with them and they may not speak freely.

Jose – pausing; bringing in house for more control – get message out about program
Restructuring; better system moving forward – waiting on two year grant for Home Care Ombudsman program – another demo

Chairman Iden stated that Council members should send any ideas for speakers or agenda items to Department on Aging staff before the next meeting.

Motion: Chairman Iden entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marsha Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Smallwood seconded the motion. All members voted aye and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:44am.