



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

**Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting**

Date: April 20, 2015 (approved July 20, 2015)
Locations: Illinois Department on Aging offices: 160 N LaSalle, Suite N-700, Chicago;
One Natural Resources Way, Springfield; and conference call

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members:

Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Dave Lowitzki (for Terri Harkin), SEIU Healthcare
Phyllis Mitzen, Citizens member over age 60
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Catholic Charities

Department Representatives:

Jennifer Chan, Illinois Housing Development Authority
Kelly Cunningham, Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Guest:

Sharon Post, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Department on Aging staff:

Director Holton
Erin Davis
Scott Norton
Mary Mayes
John Eckert

Absent:

Executive Committee Members:

Darby Anderson, Community Care Program Homemaker Services, Addus HealthCare
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
Samantha Olds, Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans
Susan Real, Family Caregiver, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Department Representatives:

Debra Bryars, Department of Public Health
Linda Gonulsen, Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Director Holton called the meeting to order and introductions were made. He noted that Sophia Gonzalez welcomed the birth of her 2nd son Leonardo. He additionally noted that John Eckert would be taking on the role of Sandra Alexander for OASAC and that John and Mary Mayes would be covering for Sophia's duties during her maternity leave.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2015 Meeting:

Cathy Weightman-Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 Executive Committee meeting; Carol Aronson seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the Department website.

3. Membership Selection Discussion:

Director Holton indicated that Kelly Fischer, COO of JourneyCare had accepted OASAC membership as a representative for Hospice Care. She will be attending the May OASAC meeting.

A discussion followed regarding the vacant member positions and the desire by the Director to identify members outside of the “regular groups” with an emphasis on more diversity; specifically older adults within the Latino and Immigrant groups. It was noted that the OASAC enabling statute may dictate the types of organizations to be represented. It was agreed that Department staff research the statute (P.A. 093-1031) to review membership requirements and report back to the Committee.

4. OASAC Updated Concept Discussion:

Director Holton led a discussion on the first draft of key issues OASAC could/should be addressing as it progresses as a Committee. The focus will continue to be addressing the ongoing restructuring of service delivery for older adults; including the redesign of the healthcare delivery system to the increased utilization of Managed Care Organizations. The drafts topical areas included: Home and Community Based Services, MCOs, Illinois Rebalancing Initiatives, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, OASAC Priorities/Current Priorities, and alignment with the White House Conference on Aging focus areas. Committee members discussed each topical area and provided feedback on revisions to the draft. Department staff will be making revisions to the draft per the feedback and sending a revised draft back to the Committee. Jennifer Chan, Illinois Housing Development Authority noted that their State Housing Task Force, whose legislative mandate expires in June 30, 2016, will be working on affordable and accessible housing which will fit into OASAC’s concepts. Megan Spitz will be representing IHDA at future OASAC meetings.

5. Managed Care Organizations (MCO) Questions/Discussion:

Department of Healthcare and Family Services’ Kelly Cunningham indicated that two individuals were recently hired to replace Jim Parker as MCOs leads for HFS: Robert Mendonza and Theresa Hershey. She felt that these two— or their representatives— would be best suited to lead a discussion on MCOs. It was discussed asking them to participate at the May 18th OASAC meeting. Cunningham was unsure of their availability, given the timing of the meeting during the legislative session and budget hearings. Department staff will work on having someone from HFS available for the May meeting.

6. Agenda for May 18, 2015 OASAC Meeting:

The agenda for the May 18th, 2015 meeting was reviewed. It was agreed that— pending the availability of HFS staff— a discussion in MCO activity in the state be included as an agenda item. It was also suggested that the Director continue to invite a representative from the Governor’s office to attend. An updated agenda will be sent out to the committee prior to the Full OASAC Committee meeting on May 18, 2015.

7. Other Issues Discussed:

It was noted that Phillis Mitzen and Judge Banks would be attending the upcoming regional White House Conference on Aging.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.