



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: September 25, 2006

Location: Illinois Department on Aging, Chicago, and conference call

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Committee Members:

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association
Kelly Cunningham (for Anne Marie Murphy), Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Jonathan Lavin, Age Options, Inc
Phyllis Mitzen, citizen member over the age of 60
Debbie Trueblood Witt, Illinois Home Care Council
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
Theresa Eagleson Wyatt (for Anne Marie Murphy), Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Department staff:

Michael Gelder
Shelly Ebbert
John Eckert
Ross Grove
Dave Vinkler
Leann Dolan
Paul Bennett

Absent:

Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network
Donna Ginther, AARP
Charles Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging
Flora Johnson, SEIU Local 880
David Lindeman, Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging
Enrique Unanue, Illinois Department of Public Health

SUMMARY:

Welcome

Deputy Gelder welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approve August Executive Committee minutes

Phyllis Mitzen moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

Department Updates**Illinois Department on Aging**

Deputy Gelder reported he attended a conference sponsored by the Administration on Aging for states operating state-funded Home and Community Based Service programs. Connecticut, Texas, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Florida, and Vermont also participated. Illinois covers the largest number of older adult and has operated its program longer than the others. Interestingly, each state administers its program very differently leaving little or no basis to compare the states.

Deputy Gelder also reported that the Department has maintained a rapid pace to fulfill the responsibilities given to us by the General Assembly and has pledged to have services start by October 1. There will be an announcement sent to the network this week giving an update on the progress of Emergency Home Response, Enhanced Transition, Home Modification, Alternative Senior Services and Comprehensive Case Management.

Outreach is expanding through the HelpLine by the addition of permanent staff. New staff will be starting now and throughout October. Marketing for Medicare Part D drug plans starts again October 1 with open enrollment from November 15 through December 31. The Department will not lay off any of the contractual or temporary workers through the end of the year and will continue to add new staff.

Illinois Department of Public Health

no report.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service

Theresa Wyatt reported there have not been major changes since the last report at the September 11 meeting. HFS is responding to requests up from that meeting on liability numbers for home health and information Dr Cornwell had requested.

HFS is working with state agencies on the Money Follows the Person grant. The draft is not ready to share but the group coordinating the proposal will discuss sharing it with OASAC. A separate group may be established to review the proposal to allow for more consumer representation.

Kelly Cunningham will be setting up the next meeting on prescreening issues with IDOA, CCUs and the nursing facility association.

Workgroup updates

Services Expansion – Carol Aronson reported the workgroup met September 12 and is in process of synthesizing priorities. The workgroup will meet again on October 10 and by conference call on October 16 to make sure the entire workgroup has an opportunity to review and approve all of the information before it is submitted to the Department.

Finance – Debbie Witt reported the workgroup continues to work on the mapping project and expect it to be finished on schedule. The workgroup will meet again on October 9.

Workforce and Caregiver – Darby Anderson reported the workgroup's next meeting is October 16. The workgroup continues to work on priorities and the upcoming conference in November.

Coordinated Point of Entry – Jonathan Lavin reported the workgroup has a meeting this week and does not have anything new to report at this time.

Nursing Home Conversion – John Eckert reported the next meeting is this Wednesday. The Health Facilities Planning Board will be presenting on the most recent survey and different services offered in long term care facilities.

Darby Anderson suggested that the OASAC receive a short presentation on what nursing home conversion is and what types of projects would be considered. John Eckert agreed to take concerns to the workgroup on Wednesday.

Systems Change Update

Paul Bennett presented the report at the September 11 meeting of the OASAC and at CCPAC and has received positive response. The report will be posted on the federal CMS website in the HCBS waiver section. Paul will also be participating on a task force looking at prescreening.

Data is being sent in on the money management program. It is estimated that 90% of the responses are in. Focus groups are continuing on the larger project of identifying gaps in services. The results from the focus groups will be submitted in a report in the spring or summer.

New business

Report process – Shelly Ebbert reminded members the next report to the General Assembly is due in January. The Department sent out an Excel spreadsheet containing the workgroup priority objectives from last year. A new column for the status of each objective has been added. Workgroups should look at the current priorities and determine what items have been achieved and submit 2007 priority objectives.

After reviewing last year's report, there were some inconsistencies in formatting for each workgroup. Workgroup chairs can submit these objectives in excel or word. The new objectives could be the same as last year, slightly modified, or completely new.

The timeline for completing the report is the following:

October 20 – Workgroup chairs submit 2007 objectives to the Department

October 31 – Department compiles objectives and sends out first draft report to full committee.

November 13 – Full committee meeting in Chicago to review the first draft

November 28 – Department will send out second draft of the report.

December 6 – Full committee meeting in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Aging for a final review of the report

Members can submit comments to the Department at any time if unable to attend a meeting.

Shelly also reminded members that the Operations Manual is expected to be voted on and effective January 1. This will have an impact on workgroup membership. Workgroups should look at membership and be sure they have eligible chairs and co chairs for the coming year. This determination should be made before December 31. Until the manual becomes effective the workgroup chairs remain as they are.

November 13 meeting of the full committee

Shelly Ebbert reported the Department had received a request for the November 13 meeting to begin at 11 am instead of 1 pm. The Department will poll members to see what time is preferred for the November 13 meeting. The December meeting time is already locked in to coincide with the

Governor's Conference on Aging. Members will be asked at the November 13 meeting if they would like to change the time for all future meetings in Chicago and Springfield.

Deputy Gelder agreed to work with the other state agencies to synthesize data on nursing facilities and off line beds to clarify how many beds are out there and the net number of beds closing. The next interagency meeting will be scheduled before the October 23 executive committee meeting so the state agencies can work on this data.

Announcements

Jonathan Lavin reported Age Options, Inc is the only area agency in the country to receive a reintegration grant. The AAA will work with Dominick's, the postal service and meals on wheels to help seniors understand how to protect Medicare resources.