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## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

# Executive Committee Meeting

Date: January 29, 2007

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  
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network  
Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Wyatt, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association  
Donna Ginther, AARP  
Charles Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging  
Flora Johnson, SEIU Local 880  
Jonathan Lavin, Age Options, Inc  
David Lindeman, Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging  
Phyllis Mitzen, citizen member over the age of 60  
Enrique Unanue, Illinois Department of Public Health  
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

#### Department staff:

Michael Gelder  
Shelly Ebbert  
John Eckert  
Leann Dolan  
Paul Bennett

#### Guests:

Jeremy Schroeder, SEIU  
Eleanor DiAngelo  
Mark Heaney, Addus

### SUMMARY:

#### Approval of minutes

Phyllis Mitzen moved to approve the minutes. Pat Comstock seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

## **Department Updates**

### **Illinois Department on Aging**

Deputy Gelder reported the Department continues to implement Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC) in phases. Phase I began in October with the implementation of the expanded comprehensive assessment instrument developed by the Outcomes Measurement Committee. Those CCUs already doing CCC became Phase I. Phase II starts February 1 with additional CCUs throughout the state that will receive a higher reimbursement rate. Phase III will be to bring all CCUs on by April.

The Department has also implemented a new program, Flexible Senior Services (FSS), funded in an appropriation bill through CCUs and AAAS. Care coordinators will be offered an opportunity to provide one-time additional assistance to clients to meet their needs up to \$500 and \$1,000 with AAA approval. FSS started December 1. A full description of the program will be sent out by Shelly.

Emergency Home Response (EHR) is serving 2,734 clients as of the end of year. The program started October 15 as a statewide demonstration. This is the first new statewide service available since the CCP began. There are four providers statewide. Clients are using this service within their service cost maximum.

Assistive Technology is part of the expansion program with funding from IHDA. The limit is \$1600 and can be doubled with approval from the AAA. This service is to be used for any adaptation to assist a person that can be taken with them. The service will begin once the agreement with Illinois Housing development Authority is finalized.

Adult and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) – The Department still operates two ADRCs, located in Decatur and Rockford. Grace Ho, Deputy Secretary at DHS visited the Rockford site January 12 and was impressed. IDOA will follow up with Grace to outline support that is needed to better integrate disability resources into the ADRC model.

Enhanced Transition – Shelly Ebbert reported the program will be funded for an additional year through money from IHDA. The sites continue to transition people from nursing homes to the community. Health and Medicine Policy research Group has been assisting IDOA with an evaluation of this program, and there will be a full presentation on ET at the next OASAC meeting.

Deputy Gelder also reported the Department participated in a Money Follows the Person conference sponsored by Rutgers earlier in January. Information was provided on the transition process and how to engage centers for independent living, ombudsman, nursing facilities. He reported that the information will be useful in working with HFS to make changes to the MFP proposal submitted by the state for resubmission.

Long Term Care Insurance – A new federal law requires some changes to Illinois' long term care partnership policy. Deputy Gelder asked the finance workgroup to review and advise the Department on this issue. Part of OASAC is to make sure long term care is financed and long term care insurance is a prominent way to do this. Deputy Gelder will e mail the information to Stephanie Altman, Pat Comstock and John Eckert.

### **Illinois Department of Public Health**

Enrique Unanue reported the first phase in the Innovations for Long Term Care is complete. 145 requests for applications were sent out. More information will be available for the next meeting. The applications are due in March. The grant will be given by July 1.

### **Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service**

Kelly Cunningham reported HFS is working on the long term care insurance partnership policy with Aging, Insurance and DHS to take advantage of this federal opportunity under the Deficit Reduction Act to improve partnership policies in Illinois. One major drawback of the project put into place is

that it did not allow for asset protection. HFS is looking to incorporate the ability to make it exempt from estate recover.

The initial rounds of federal awards for the MFP grants were announced two weeks ago. Illinois was not awarded funding but is being considered for a second round of grants. Additional information is needed by the end of February.

MDS monitoring – The rule was adopted in September. HFS is working with staff to develop a monitoring tool and training plan to implement. Statewide training is scheduled this week in Springfield.

STRIVE, a national time study, is seeking to update a data base called RUGS. Illinois is participating with 15 other states. The feds will look at 16 facilities in IL during March and April to collect data on time spent doing various patient care tasks. It has been almost ten years since the last time there was a national time study.

Supportive Living Facility Program – 71 facilities are operational with over 6,000 units and more are expected this week.

Enhanced Transition (ET) – HFS has shared data with the Department on Aging to track participants long term care histories including where they came from and where they are residing now. That data needs to be refined but we are making progress in that area. HFS is happy to participate in the analysis of the ET program.

Kelly also reported Anne Marie Murphy has left HFS and moved on to the Governor's office. Theresa Wyatt is the acting Medicaid Administrator for HFS.

## Old Business

**Report to the General Assembly** – Shelly Ebbert reported the executive summary was approved at the Governor's Conference in December and it was decided to include minimum wage increase in the executive summary and to also have that recommendation reflected in workforce recommendations. The Workforce/Caregiver workgroup submitted a recommendation and it was incorporated. The mandates section was reviewed and revised by the state agencies. The entire report was sent out to the workgroup representatives to review the document. Feedback is expected by Wednesday. The Department is making the report a priority to get it out as soon as possible.

**ASA/NCOA Conference** – Jonathan Lavin reported the Governor will not be attending the conference on March 7 and will be giving the State of the State Budget message instead. Deputy Gelder added the budget can be reviewed on the website if participants are unable to attend in Springfield. Deputy Gelder will be attending the conference in Chicago and can represent the Department at both sessions and can meet with anyone in Chicago to go through the budget presentation the Governor will present earlier that day. Jonathan Lavin will hold conference calls to discuss each session and who will be presenting and what can be accomplished at the conference.

## Workgroup updates

**Services Expansion** – Carol Aronson reported the January meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is February 20th. Carol and Donna will discuss which topics will be discussed at each meeting and will let everyone know the schedule.

**Finance** – Pat Comstock reported the workgroup has a draft primer. The workgroup will be scheduling a face to face meeting soon to meet new members

**Workforce and Family Caregiver** – David Lindeman reported the next meeting is forthcoming. The workgroup is trying to do a conference as follow up to what is being done around the ASA conference. There will be more to report next time.

**Coordinated Point of Entry** – Jonathan Lavin reported the workgroup met in Bloomington earlier today. Cathy Weightman-Moore is the new co chair. The workgroup reviewed progress so far and what issues still need to be looked at. The workgroup approved eight assumptions. CPOE will be meeting with the Services workgroup to make sure there is no duplication. Three additional meetings were set up to look at the web page, branding, and other issues.

**Nursing Home Conversion** – John Eckert reported the workgroup had a report from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity at the last meeting. The workgroup is looking at nursing home conversion as an economic development issue. The representative from DCEO gave good ideas and possible approaches. Terry Sullivan distributed a draft grant application that will be used for grants from the IDPH for the conversion program.

### **Systems Change Update**

Paul Bennett reported UIC hired full time staff person to work for six months on the completion of the inventory. Data should be available by June. Focus groups are being completed. There is a focus group today in Bloomington and in Champaign on Wednesday. More will also be planned in the south suburbs. Paul requested if anyone has a caregiver group, particularly a consumer group diverse in ethnicity, to let him know. The goal is to have the focus groups completed by end of February and then will have quantitative and qualitative data of needs of home bound elderly to come up with regional projections of service gaps.

The **Nursing Home Transition Report** is being presented in March at the CMS conference in Baltimore. Illinois will get national exposure.

### **New business**

Pat Comstock requested the protocol to suggest chairmanship for the Nursing Home Conversion workgroup. It was decided the suggestion should be raised at the next workgroup meeting. Shelly added that OASAC is advisory to state agencies and state employees could not be committee co chairs. Enrique did a great job as chair but is an employee of DPH. Terry Sullivan was a co chair but stepped away from the committee. The Operations Manual also requires chairs and co chairs to be members of advisory committee. The Operations Manual also does not require formal quorums and requires only a majority of workgroup members present. The workgroup member applications are going into a database and will be sent out to the chairs. There will be a full membership report at the next OASAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.  
These minutes were approved on February 26, 2007.