



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: February 26, 2007

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

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Committee Members:

Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Wyatt, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association
Jennifer McDermott for 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
Diane Ackton for 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

Guest:

Jeremy Schroeder, SEIU

Absent:

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network

SUMMARY:

Shelly Ebbert opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Approval of Minutes

Phyllis Mitzen moved to approve the January minutes. Darby Anderson seconded. All were in favor. The minutes passed.

Department Updates

Illinois Department of Public Health – Diane Ackton attended for Enrique Unanue and reported IDPH has received a lot of calls regarding the Innovative Grant Program.

Enrique will have more to report at the next meeting.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services – Kelly Cunningham reported HFS is finishing up the Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant clarification due today.

Illinois has been selected to participate in STRIVE, a federal time study, focusing on nursing homes with the federal CMS. The Iowa Foundation for Medical Care is the contractor. The survey will take place mid March to mid May. The purpose of the study is to look at the RUGS system and the established rates that have been in place for ten years.

There are 74 operational SLIFS with another 66 currently in approved status proceeding towards operations.

Illinois Department on Aging – The vacancies on OASAC were reviewed. Members were asked to send any suggestions for those vacancies to the Department by e mail.

The OASAC report was submitted two weeks ago for formatting. We hope to have it back for a final editorial review.

Deputy Gelder reported the budget address is March 7 at the Presidential Library. A presentation will also be available at the ASA Conference. The Department is in the final phases of budget development.

Self Neglect will be implemented into the Elder Abuse and Neglect (ANE) Program as a condition which is required to report by mandated reporters. A group has been formed to discuss this implementation. They met in January and will be meeting again next month.

Shelly Ebbert reported on the first site visit related to evidence based prevention. Pilot sites from PSAs 5, 12 and 13 participated along with the Department. The site visitors were from the Administration on Aging and the technical assistance provider was from the National Council on Aging. The project works with the University of Illinois at Chicago for evaluation of the program. The UIC is interested in tracking client's health status within the CCC program.

Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC) Phase II began February 1. The same rates were continued from Phase I. Phase III will begin April 1 with new rates and new applications. The Department is meeting with the Phase I and II agencies this week to discuss the outline and rate structure.

Flexible Senior Services (FSS) has served 28 individuals with \$11,600. The most requested service is for Assistive Technology. The money for Assistive Technology from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) is being finalized.

Emergency Home Response (EHRS) - As of Jan 31, 4,833 individuals have received EHRS units.

Deputy Gelder reported the Department is in the early stages of work with a consulting team from Deloitte on management information systems development. Funding for this was included in the Department's budget last year. The goal is to create a comprehensive management system for all systems.

Old Business

The report to the General Assembly is completed and has been sent to CMS for formatting.

Jon Lavin reported members have had conference calls to discuss the upcoming ASA/NCOA conference. The 4:30pm session on Wednesday will include an opportunity for Deputy Gelder to hand out the budget briefing.

Workgroup updates

Services Expansion – Carol Aronson reported the workgroup met on February 20th and had a presentation on nutrition. The workgroup's meeting schedule is planned through June and includes multiple presentations with the intent of increasing the knowledge base of members. The next meeting is March 19.

Finance – Pat Comstock reported the workgroup met last week by teleconference. New members were welcomed to the group and the mapping project was reviewed. The final touches are being put on the project with the target completion date at the end of this week. The document will be e mailed to the state agencies for additional comments. The workgroup's next meeting is March 19.

John Eckert added the workgroup is also working on the long term care partnership insurance issue as mandated through the Deficit Reduction Act as a way to reduce states dependence on Medicaid. The workgroup will be meeting face to face in Pontiac in March.

Workforce/Caregiver – David Lindeman reported the workgroup met on February 2 by phone. New members were welcomed and current and future projects were discussed. The health insurance survey is moving ahead. The workgroup will probably need to revise the schedule of completion for the workgroup's objectives due to a lack of availability of workgroup members to move ahead on issues and a lack of resources. The workgroup is working on a thorough review of family caregiving around the state and continues to work toward putting together information and ideally a conference on working caregivers. The schedule will be revised based on the limited time of workgroup members. The next meeting is March 12. David also offered to circulate the Long Term Care Direct Care Workforce Survey to the Executive Committee. The Department is looking to the Workforce/Caregiver workgroup for advice on this survey.

Coordinated Point of Entry – Jon Lavin reported the workgroup will meet tomorrow. Shelly Ebbert from the Department will present on what the Department is looking for from a Point of Entry. CPOE will also be holding a joint meeting with the Services workgroup.

Conversion – Jon Eckert reported the next meeting is tomorrow. At that meeting, nominations for workgroup chairs will be solicited.

Systems Change Update – Paul Bennett reported the nursing home transition report that was distributed in August is available on the home and community based services clearinghouse website. The report has had 134 hits so far. The report will also be available on the ADRC website. The report will also be presented in a poster session at the CMS conference in Baltimore next week.

Work continues on the other report focusing on money management. The report identifies a floor income that would be necessary for a person to be successful in the community. The report should be available for the March 12 meeting.

Kelly Cunningham added that the nursing home transition report was also an addendum to the Money Follows the Person grant application and will also be a part of the clarification HFS is sending in today.

New Business

Shelly Ebbert reported on the Enhanced Transition evaluation report prepared by the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and distributed to the Executive Committee prior to the meeting.

The goal is to present the full report at the March 12 meeting of the full committee. Phyllis Mitzen agreed to send the report to the agencies involved in ET before it is finalized. If there are any questions about ET, they should be sent to Shelly Ebbert and Phyllis Mitzen.

Jeremy Schroeder, SEIU Local 880, reported on HB 880 which would increase the homemaker reimbursement rate by \$1.70 on July 1 to correspond with the minimum wage increase. Another bill introduced last year called for \$1.33 rate increase for health insurance for homemakers. The Governor has given a commitment to fund that initiative and the legislation that was introduced on the same topic this year is unnecessary.

Jonathan Lavin inquired on OASAC's role to respond to the numerous pieces of legislation. Deputy Gelder agreed to stay after executive committee meetings to discuss legislation if others were interested.

Shelly Ebbert inquired if there were any agenda items for the March 12 meeting. The complete report of the Enhanced Transition program will be on the agenda. The Department will also contact IDPH about presenting on their work in the area of chronic disease and the national survey information that pertains to Illinois. It was also suggested the Money Follows the Person grant application be shared with the committee.

Members requested to see the draft report to the General Assembly. Any other agenda items can be sent to the Department.

Darby Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Weightman-Moore seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.
These minutes were approved on March 25, 2007.