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## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

# Executive Committee Meeting

Date: March 26, 2007

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

### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Executive Committee Members:**

Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors  
Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Wyatt, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Donna Ginther, AARP  
Charles Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging  
Flora Johnson, SEIU Local 880  
Jonathan Lavin, Age Options, Inc  
Phyllis Mitzen, citizen member over the age of 60  
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

#### **Department staff:**

Michael Gelder  
John Eckert  
Leann Dolan  
Paul Bennett

#### **Guests:**

Jeremy Schroeder, SEIU

#### **Absent:**

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates  
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare  
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network  
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association  
David Lindeman, Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging  
Enrique Unanue, Illinois Department of Public Health

### **SUMMARY:**

Director Johnson welcomed members to the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Donna Ginther moved to approve the minutes. Flora Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved.

## Department Updates

**Illinois Department on Aging** -- Deputy Gelder reported Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC) is scheduled to begin Phase III on April 1. The Policy Instruction Memorandum (PIM) will be distributed this month. All case managers will be trained in CCC and the new rate structure will go into effect. The new rates will be fee for service based on anticipated work load.

Carol Aronson added the new rates are for case work and for intensive monitoring for those clients that would need up to three months of intense monitoring following an assessment.

Flexible Senior Services (FSS) has completed its first full month of reporting. Over 120 items have been purchased. All but two of the categories for goods and services have been utilized. Assistive Technology was the most frequently used purchase followed by minor repairs and weatherization, other types of medical care and supplies, material aid and food, and minor household modifications.

The IHDA transfer of \$2 million is almost complete and will be sent to the AAAs. One million of the IHDA funds are designated for ET and the Department is contacting ET sites for their interest and anticipate extending those contracts.

The OASAC report will be distributed to the General Assembly by the end of this week. The Department is considering sending a letter or post card to the members of the General Assembly informing them of the report. It was suggested to include the executive summary of the report in the letter.

The Cash and Counseling demonstration project continues to work on the major issue concerning workers compensation. The Department has always maintained we would implement Cash and Counseling without jeopardizing the health and safety of the worker. One way to do that is to have workers compensation insurance. The problem is with the classification of workers that would be hired on a casual basis. We are working those things out and hope to be ready to enroll clients April 1.

The Department is working with the ADRCs to fulfill an OASAC related recommendation to incorporate all the various resources across the state into a single database. They have decided to use the ESP program and have asked for a proposal from them. We have received the proposal and hopefully will distribute the funding to the Rockford ADRC and get the project up and running soon.

The database is not consumer searchable yet. The Senior HelpLine and the AAAs will be able to search the database. The first step is collecting all of the information from the AAAs and merging it into single database that can be accessible by any AAA and the Senior HelpLine.

Paul Bennett reported he has received data from nine AAAs and is waiting on the last four. He is working with Age Options, Inc to convert the information. The goal is to have the data in ESP by June for the entire state. The data will include facility based services. Paul is currently calling to verify the information and once the database is finished, all of the data will need to be verified again to keep the information accurate.

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services** – Kelly Cunningham reported the clarification related to the Money Follows the Person grant was resubmitted and HFS should hear from CMS in late April. The additional questions were related to the budget and one question related to consumer direction and how it would be employed through various populations.

The renewal of the SLF waiver is due April 1. HFS plans to have it in by the end of the week.

## Old Business

### **OASAC workgroup reports clarification**

The members discussed what type of report should be submitted to the full committee at the quarterly meetings. Director Johnson agreed to workgroups submitting the one page summaries which are completed after every workgroup meeting to be submitted to the full committee in place of a separate report to the full committee.

### **Executive committee reports to the full committee**

Members discussed the executive committee report to the full committee and agreed to rotate that responsibility to executive committee members instead of department staff.

## Workgroup reports

**Services Expansion** – The workgroup is currently doing fact finding.

**Finance** – No report.

**Workforce/Caregiver** – Jeremy Schroeder reported the workgroup has nothing new to report since the last meeting.

**Coordinated Point of Entry** – Cathy Weightman-Moore reported the workgroup's next meeting is this Friday. The workgroup would like clarification on how to use the form for workgroup reports to the full committee. The instructions given at the March 12 full committee meeting were to first bring issues to the executive committee and the executive committee decides if it should go on the agenda for the full committee meeting.

Any issue that a workgroup wants discussed at the next full committee meeting in June should be brought up at the May executive committee meeting.

Deputy Gelder added as soon as a workgroup has items that they are ready to move on, it should be discussed at the next executive committee meeting. The item can be discussed at executive committee and put on the agenda for the next full committee meeting.

**Nursing Home Conversion** – Phyllis Mitzen reported the next meeting is tomorrow. The workgroup continues to refine the questionnaire and will be having a presentation on nursing home conversion.

### **Systems Change Update**

Paul Bennett reported the inventory is scheduled to be completed in June. He continues to work on the money management report. The narrative is written. The quantitative analysis should be completed in 3-4 weeks. Paul continues to conduct focus groups.

## New Business

**2008 Report to the General Assembly** – A suggested timeline for completion of the next report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. The Department wants to maintain the meeting that was held last year where each workgroup recommendation was discussed. The hope is to distribute the report at the Governor's conference in December.

It was suggested for the executive committee to meet face to face in August to review the entire workgroup recommendations before they are presented to the full committee. Director Johnson agreed to take that into consideration.

## **Announcements**

Phyllis Mitzen expressed concern that all three state agencies listed in the law are not represented at these meetings. Deputy Gelder updated the committee that he held an interagency meeting and is pursuing getting additional representation from DPH. DPH does a lot in terms of long term care and health and safety for older adults outside of the regulatory side that Enrique represents. The Department is meeting in early April with the division of health promotion at DPH that deals with older adults and researches healthy aging. The Department also has a joint project with DPH on disease management which was reported at the last OASAC meeting.

Jon Lavin moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.  
These minutes were approved April 23, 2007.