



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: May 7, 2007

Location: Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N. LaSalle, Ste. N-700, Chicago, and conference call

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Committee Members:

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Wyatt, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
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
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Department staff:

Michael Gelder
Shelly Ebbert
John Eckert
Ross Grove
Paul Bennett

Guests:

Jeremy Schroeder, SEIU

Absent:

Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association
Donna Ginther, AARP
Enrique Unanue, Illinois Department of Public Health

SUMMARY

Director Johnson welcomed members to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

There was a correction to the April minutes. Pat Curtis should be replaced with Pat Comstock as the person providing an update on the Health Facilities Planning Board. Darby Anderson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Paul Bennett seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

Department Updates

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services — Kelly Cunningham received a notice that Illinois has been approved for the Money Follows the Person demonstration project. The award allows Illinois to increase Medicaid match by \$55 million over the next five years. The grant begins July 1.

Illinois Department on Aging — Michael Gelder reported Myrtle Klauer was appointed the co-chair of the conversion workgroup. Nancy Nelson is on the conversion workgroup. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has named Maureen Palmer as their representative.

Deputy Gelder provided a legislative update. HB 652 calls for numerous changes to the Community Care Program (CCP). It calls for evening and weekend hours and mandates personal assistants to be implemented January 2008.

HB1301 authorizes the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program to serve nursing facility residents under age 60. This may require more funding to the LTCOP as more people are served.

HB 1728 requires finger print background checks for homemakers. IDPH has supported this idea through a demonstration and will develop rules.

HB3508 requires a quality information web site. The website would include more and better information on nursing home quality, including staffing, meals and other findings.

SB765 is the Olmstead implementation act. There is a meeting scheduled to bring all parties involved together later this afternoon to discuss how it could be amended to incorporate the Money Follows the Person goals.

The Cash and Counseling program enrolled the first two clients in Decatur. The department is still working on the issues of workers compensation and tax issues.

Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC) began officially statewide April 1. The Department continues to work through questions and problems as they arise. Regional meetings are planned in June. The next steps include fine tuning the assessment tool and working on client forms manager. Capacity grants will be sent out the Case Coordination Units to assist with purchasing new equipment, training and personnel costs.

Old Business

Shelly Ebbert reported the Department would like to get the OASAC report done more timely this year. The workgroups need to look at their work plans for next year this summer.

Legislative Update

Stephanie Altman reported on the number of uninsured older women that would receive health insurance under Illinois Covered. AARP endorsed the plan in a press conference last week. Health and Disability Advocates analyzed older adults and uninsured women by legislative district. The Department will establish a link on its website to the analysis of uninsured women.

Workgroup Reports

Service Expansion — Kelly Cunningham reported the Services workgroup had a panel presentation at the last meeting. Charlotte Kauffman of the Division of Mental Health presented on the gero-psych initiative. Lee Fraser presented information regarding her agencies work in the Granite City area. Patty Black gave the

perspective of the local mental health agency and discussed her agencies older adult rap around service. Mike O'Donnell presented an issue paper from the Illinois Coalition on Mental Health and Aging.

Finance — Stephanie Altman reported the Primer is being reviewed. The workgroup is studying estate recovery mentioned in HB 652. The workgroup is looking at how other states handle estate recovery. The workgroup will report by June 4 or 11.

Workforce/Caregiver — David Lindeman reported the workgroup is working with the survey regarding health benefits around the state. The workgroup is reviewing goals and is ready to move forward.

Coordinated Point of Entry — Jonathan Lavin reported the next meeting is June 21. The subcommittee is working on branding, definitions I and A, and access. The workgroup is looking at language in the act regarding organizations. The branding committee recommends that the workgroup conduct a branding retreat and is working with IDOA on next steps.

Nursing Home Conversion — Phyllis Mitzen reported the next meeting is June 5.

Systems Change — Paul Bennett reported he is asking on behalf of IDOA for a six month no cost extension thru FY2008. Paul is waiting on the nursing home data, and information on specific rates. Paul is also looking at the Money Management data with fair market values on homes. The next step is an analysis of the focus groups. There will also be a presentation at the Governor's Conference in December.

Enhanced Transition — Michael Gelder reported the Department has received money from IHDA in the FY 2008 budget. The Department would like to expand the program. The goal is to serve the entire state in FY 08. The program will be adjusted according to MFP provisions. Director Johnson added the Department would like a good unit rate and differentials for weekends and holidays. The committee discussed the CCC and MFP as well as how consumer direction plays a role.

It was agreed that the retreat summary from last year would be reviewed and reported on at the June OASAC meeting.

Action Items for June 11 OASAC meeting — The Finance Primer report will be presented.

Paul reported the Money Management report draft will be sent to the Department for approval. Paul will discuss the contents.

Both IDOA and HFS will report on MFP and how each agency is planning to implement.

Need the CCC flow chart brought to OASAC.

Phyllis Mitzen suggested the executive committee members are somewhat isolated from the workgroups. The time allowed for workgroup reports should also allow for questions and a chance to respond to action items. Phyllis suggested it is important to get feedback from the various professionals on the committee. Stephanie Altman suggested time be reserved at each meeting, possibly during lunch, for discussion on a specific topic. It would be like a mini retreat at every meeting to allow for flexible discussion.

Executive Committee Report — Stephanie Altman agreed to provide the executive committee report at the June 11 OASAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

These minutes were approved on June 25, 2007