



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: June 25, 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
Donna Ginther, AARP
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council on Long Term Care
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
Leann Dolan
Paul Bennett

Absent:

Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association
Charles Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging
Flora Johnson, SEIU Local 880
Enrique Unanue, Illinois Department of Public Health

SUMMARY

Deputy Gelder welcomed members to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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

Department Updates

Illinois Department of Public Health — Enrique was not able to attend. No report. Deputy Gelder reported on items related to IDPH. IDOA has been working with IDPH to formulate rules to implement the healthcare worker background check. The rules should be filed in the next month or so. A component of those rules overlap with the CCP. The legislation exempted providers of CCP but did not exempt those agencies that provide homemaker service on a private pay basis.

The proposed rules also call a homemaker by another name, different than the pending legislation that would change the name of homemaker to home care aid. The Department is working on rules to capture those changes as well as those in HB 652 which is waiting the Governor's signature.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services — Kelly Cunningham reported HFS is waiting on approval of the SLF waiver from CMS this week. This is a waiver renewal only and did not contain programmatic changes.

Illinois Department on Aging — Shelly Ebbert reported the Department is in the process of end of year closeout for all new grants including Flexible Senior Services (FSS) and capacity grants for Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC).

The Department is participating with HFS on a project related to quality assurance. Because federal CMS established new quality standards, HFS took the initiative and contracted with a company to review all of the state's waivers for quality and make recommendations. Overall, the aging quality assurance process came through with flying colors.

Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC) went statewide April 1.

Flexible Senior Services (FSS) is funded again in the Governor's proposed FY 08 budget. Utility assistance is one of the most popular services. FSS has been used by 700 clients, 90 received assistance with utilities.

Deputy Gelder reported on the Information Technology Roadmap. Money was included in the FY 07 budget and the Department has been working with Deloitte Consulting on an assessment of the Department's technology and how the agency and network transmit and process information. They did an extensive review and went to every AAA as well as an extensive review of CCUs and providers. Deloitte has provided the Department with a report of their findings and recommendations of manageable phases over the next couple of years. The next phase is coming up with criteria for an RFA for a comprehensive MIS for the Aging Network. The Department is committed to moving forward with a data warehouse.

Old Business

Report to General Assembly — Shelly Ebbert reported July is a planning time for the workgroups to begin working on their priorities for the next report. At the next OASAC meeting we will look at all the recommendations and have a discussion. The schedule for completion of the report by December requires earlier activity this year.

Finance Primer Follow Up — Shelly Ebbert reported the entire Primer as well as the Power Point presentation from the last OASAC meeting were sent out to the entire committee for use at workgroup meetings. Heather O'Donnell is also willing to attend workgroup meetings where the Primer will be discussed. Stephanie Altman will e mail an abstract to the Department for the Primer to be presented at the Governor's Conference on Aging in December.

Legislative Updates — Deputy Gelder reported the fingerprint background check bill did not pass the Senate but may be tacked on to another bill (Note: the bill subsequently passed the Senate). The same may happen to the bill that would establish a quality questionnaire for institutions regarding quality of care which was worked on extensively by the Attorney General’s office and advocacy groups.

New Business

Money Follows the Person Goals and Objectives — Kelly Cunningham reported HFS is starting to work on the Operational Protocol that must be approved by federal CMS before we can proceed with MFP. HFS is also trying to figure out how to structure the consumer advisory committee and state leadership team required. HFS is formulating the best way to approach those things.

The committee discussed how OASAC would fit into this process and how to be involved without creating another advisory group that may already exist.

Kelly Cunningham responded that HFS is open to suggestions to ensure all groups interested can participate without creating any conflicts or duplicating efforts.

Deputy Gelder suggested this be a topic at the next interagency meeting of the state agency representatives. State agency representatives need to be sure all staff time is being used wisely as far as the different advisory groups. The scope of work for the MFP advisory group is not the same as OASAC but there may be some components of work that can be transferred or a way to make formal recommendations.

Shelly Ebbert also suggested the possibility of OASAC naming an official representative for OASAC on the MFP advisory committee.

It was agreed that MFP will be an agenda item for the July executive committee meeting as well as the July interagency meeting.

Shelly Ebbert discussed the contribution the Department made to the MFP proposal. IDOA proposed to transition an average of 278 people per year for each of the five years. When the Department looked at the proposal, we looked at the Enhanced Transition demonstration program and what elements could be extended statewide.

Kelly Cunningham offered to share the two page summary of the MFP proposal. This is public information and can be put on the Department’s website.

Members discussed a grant opportunity to enhance nursing home transition programs from the Administration on Aging (AoA). This program would apply to the Cash and Counseling demonstration program at IDOA.

Elder Economic Security Initiative (EESI) — Deputy Gelder reported an ongoing study on the EESI. Paul Bennett explained women in DC that that established an index that is an alternative method and more realistic than federal poverty standards than CCP.

There was a contract with research group and the University of Massachusetts at Boston that developed the economic security standard. They contracted with HMPRG in Illinois to establish a standard for Illinois. Focus groups have been held to determine what should go into that standard. Focus groups are being held throughout the state to ensure the right measures across the state. This is related to the money management report that was completed and submitted to the Department. Paul reviewed data on 555 money management

clients in the state to come up with what it would take for a senior to live in the community as an alternative to nursing facility placement.

It was agreed that this is something the Finance workgroup should be aware of and could have a report on. It was suggested that this topic be discussed at a future executive committee meeting with a handout distributed prior to that meeting as well as invite someone to present on the topic to the Executive Committee and full committee.

Video Conferencing for OASAC Meetings — Deputy Gelder explained the difficulty in arranging the video conferencing for this meeting and of concern for relying on it in the future. The challenge was having two video conferencing sites and conference calling availability.

It was suggested that video conferencing be available for most meetings with a main site in either Chicago or Springfield and have the November meeting where priorities are approved to be in person only.

Workgroup Updates

Services Expansion — Donna Ginther reported the workgroup had a presentation on transportation at the last meeting and the next meeting will focus on the objectives for next year. The workgroup expects to have something to present to the executive committee at the next meeting.

Finance — Stephanie Altman reported the workgroup's last meeting was in June. They plan to meet again in September to discuss priorities and goals and expect to distribute a draft. The workgroup will have the discussion by e mail. The workgroup expects to submit goals to the Department in July. The workgroup is also working on policy recommendations and doing extensive research on estate recovery and asset issues as barriers to enrolling in Medicaid. The workgroup will be prepared to submit a policy brief to OASAC on the current law on estate recovery in Illinois and also policy recommendations and practice recommendations on how to alleviate those issues. The workgroup is also involved in discussions related to long term care insurance.

Workforce/Caregiver — David Lindeman reported the workgroup will use their next meeting to discuss recommendations for next year. The workgroup is reviewing last year's recommendations and will see if any elements should be added.

Jonathan Lavin moved that the executive committee of OASAC strongly encourage the General Assembly to sustain the progress on rebalancing long term care and support alternatives to nursing home care as we have seen over the last couple of years.

Myrtle Klauer seconded the motion.

The committee discussed the motion.

All were in favor, motion passed.

The committee discussed the status of several objectives from last year. It was agreed that OASAC should send a letter to the General Assembly urging them to support the Governor's budget which includes several OASAC priorities. The Department will send the letter out on behalf of OASAC.

Coordinated Point of Entry — Jonathan Lavin reported the workgroup met last Thursday and adopted two sets of recommendations. The most urgent item is the branding. It was suggested a professional branding process start in August.

Shelly Ebbert reported the Department has discussed this and will pay for this retreat. The recommendation needs to come from CPOE to the Department and the Department would then proceed with the process. The

Department is interested in having the retreat be a small group of people that represent the perspectives of consumers and caregivers as well as the workgroup member.

Jonathan explained the workgroup is interested in the executive committee acting on behalf of the full committee since the next full committee meeting is not until September. The workgroup has already arranged the dates, location and facilitator.

The workgroup wants to have the retreat in order to develop the recommendations for next year to present to the full committee for approval in September.

The workgroup has asked the Department for up to \$10,000 for the retreat. The legislation is very specific and requires a brand for the CPOE system. Branding is a name and must reflect the priorities of the CPOE and state and it needs to be something the network embraces and their personification of access to information and services.

The executive committee was in favor of the workgroup moving forward with the retreat.

Nursing Home Conversion — Phyllis Mitzen reported the workgroup met on Friday. The workgroup will be looking into the pioneer movement and how it effect culture change. The workgroup feels attention needs to be paid to those living in nursing facilities. The workgroup is on target with their recommendations.

Systems Change — Paul Bennett reported he will be meeting with Department staff this week and will have more to report after that. A draft money management report was sent to the department for feedback. The hope is to share the report at the September OASAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

These minutes were approved on July 23, 2007.