



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: July 23, 2007

Location: Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N. LaSalle, Ste. N-700, Chicago;
421 E. Capitol, Springfield; and conference call

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Committee Members:

Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Eagleson, 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
Leann Dolan
Paul Bennett

Guests:

Jeremy Schroeder, SEIU Local 880
Eleanor DiAngelo
Teri Dederer, Illinois Department of Human Services

Absent:

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association
Donna Ginther, AARP
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council on Long Term Care
Enrique Unanue, Illinois Department of Public Health

SUMMARY

Director Johnson welcomed members to the meeting.

Approve June Executive Committee Minutes

There were two corrections to the minutes. Director Johnson should be listed as absent and Paul Bennett will present on Money Management at the September meeting, not December.

Darby Anderson moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Jonathan Lavin seconded.
The minutes were approved as corrected.

Department Updates

Illinois Department of Public Health — No report.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services — Kelly Cunningham reported that the Disease Management program, Your Healthcare Plus, recently began phasing in its long term care initiative in several facilities in the Chicago area. The long term care institutional initiative is administered by Enhanced Care Initiative (ECI) through a subcontract with NP Care. Both operations work under the direction of McKesson Health Solutions, the Department's Disease Management vendor. NP Care operates through an "embedded nurse practitioner" model, where an advance practice nurse works directly in the facility to provide care coordination to eligible Medicaid residents. No direct services are provided, and the nurse works in a non-regulatory capacity.

The project is currently in Chicago and will continue to roll out to other areas of the state. HFS is working with the nursing facility associations to increase awareness and interest in the program, which is voluntary.

Illinois Department on Aging — Deputy Gelder reported the Department continues to spend time on the FY 08 budget. The Department met with the house, senate, the governor's office and leadership. They are looking at budgets more thoroughly to locate non essential items that could be cut. They did not seem to find anything in the Department's budget that we are not required to provide.

Shelly Ebbert reported Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC) was implemented April 1, 2007. The Department is working on finalizing the next version of the assessment tool and conducting a cost study of CCUs to determine how much it actually costs for case management before CCC. We are using 2006 as a baseline. The Department will follow up with a cost study for this year to see how much case management costs under CCC. It is too soon to tell if we are serving more or different people in the program.

The Enhanced Transition (ET) program has completed the original two years of operation. As of June 30th, 431 clients had been assessed, of those 171 were transitioned to the community with more pending. ET will continue through 2007 with IHDA funds. The Department hopes to expand statewide through the MFP initiative.

Cash and Counseling is expected to start services in August for the seven clients identified. There have been some administrative challenges concerning workers compensation and employment insurance due to the client being the employer. Project manager, Molly Spengler has been working with us and also supporting DHS/DD to get answers. Some states have decided to move forward without resolving these issues.

The Department worked with HFS on Quality of Services Initiative. The report was positive for the Department and showed the Department's programs are monitored well. It also showed a need for more staff and areas that need improvement as we move toward more computerization of activities as well as looking at other data that we can collect. The initiative covered two parts of quality: consumer perspective and data/systems.

Illinois Department of Human Services — Teri Dederer reported DHS is waiting on the budget and does not have a report at this time.

Old Business

Report to the General Assembly — Shelly Ebbert reminded members the purpose of the August Executive Committee meeting is to review goals and objectives from the workgroups. They will be reviewed by the entire committee at the September 10th meeting.

Legislative Updates — Deputy Gelder reported the electric rate deal was finalized today. SB 591 codifies the CCC process. The Department responded to questions on the cost impact.

Video Conference Availability for OASAC Meetings — Deputy reported it was discussed at the last OASAC meeting the possibility of video conferencing future full committee meetings. The September and November OASAC meetings will have video conferencing availability with locations in Chicago and Springfield.

Money Follows the Person — Kelly Cunningham reported on Money Follows the Person demonstration award. Before the demonstration can be implemented, the Operational Protocol must be approved. HFS will contact the interagency leadership team, consisting of representatives of HFS, DHS–DRS, DHS-DD, DHS-DMH, Aging and IHDA to discuss the workgroup structure and other issues related to the Operational Protocol.

New Grant Proposals — Shelly Ebbert reported the Department submitted an expansion/supplemental grant for ADRC for \$200,000 for one year. The Rockford and Decatur sites could be expanded with an initiative added in suburban Cook County. We will find out in August if we have been approved.

The Department will also respond to an RFP from the Administration on Aging on Nursing Home Modernization. We have been looking for a proposal that would support Cash and Counseling non Medicaid clients. The focus is on offering more flexibility with Title III and other non Medicaid resources to help people remain out of nursing facilities. The proposal is due at the end of August.

The Administration on Aging also has an opportunity for Alzheimer’s Evidence Based Interventions. It focuses on sharing information from existing programs that have proven to work and sharing with those in the field. This is also due at the end of August.

New Business

Deloitte Consulting Update — Deputy Gelder reported the Department will move ahead as best we can as funding becomes available to establish a data warehouse. The Department needs immediate access to data. Deloitte also recommended a Road Map that was described last month and includes steps necessary to develop a computer management information system for the aging network so the data the Area Agencies on Aging collect and information that various providers (homemaker, adult day center, etc) collect, regardless of funding source, can be integrated into a single information system. The client would be required to provide information only once. There are advantages for the consumer and provider. The Department will move ahead with coming up with data elements that will become an RFP that will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year and can be implemented in FY 09.

Director Johnson agreed to send the Deloitte report that was handed out at CCPAC to the executive committee.

Shelly Ebbert reported Deloitte was also retained to review the Comprehensive Care Management assessment tool. This allowed the Department and providers to participate freely. The Department is currently reviewing that report.

Workgroup Updates

Services Expansion — Carol Aronson reported the workgroup met last Monday and is in the process of redefining last year's recommendations. The workgroup's goal is not to identify new recommendations but to refine what was submitted last year. The workgroup meets on the third Monday of each month.

Finance — John Eckert reported the workgroup hasn't met recently. The workgroup is available to do presentations to other workgroups on the Primer.

Workforce/Caregiver — David Lindeman reported the workgroup continues to work on objectives. A draft is being reviewed by workgroup members.

Coordinated Point of Entry — Jonathan Lavin reported the workgroup will meet by conference call on Wednesday, July 25. The workgroup is looking forward to the two day branding retreat.

Nursing Home Conversion — Phyllis Mitzen reported the workgroup is meeting tomorrow and will be talking with two people from Nebraska's Home Care Association about nursing home conversion. Bill Dart will give an update on converting nursing home beds to supportive living or assisted living. The workgroup will try to see how that model might apply in Illinois. The workgroup will be putting the Primer on the August or September meeting agenda and hope other workgroups will do the same.

Systems Change Update — Paul Bennett reported the money management draft report has been submitted to the Department for review. Changes were made to the report and Paul is waiting for approval on those changes. The goal is to share the report at the September OASAC meeting.

Paul also reported on the inventory. A staff person had been working on the inventory for the last six months. It is almost completed with over 18,000 resources included. There are still some areas that need to be cleaned up before it is finished.

Paul is doing an analysis of the 24 focus groups and will also be submitting a preliminary report this fall.

Announcements

Elder Self Neglect — Shelly Ebbert reported on work regarding Elder Self Neglect. Lois Moorman and her group have established an advisory group on Elder Self Neglect. The Advisory group is scheduled to have recommendations completed later this year. The new program must take effect January 1.

OASAC Letter to Legislators — A letter was sent to legislators regarding the budget. The recommendations from the report that were pertinent to the budget were included in the letter. Donna and Pat made significant contributions to the wording. The letter was received well by the General Assembly.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

These minutes were approved on August 27, 2007