



Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: October 22, 2007

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

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Committee Members:

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association
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
Enrique Unanue, Illinois Department of Public Health
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Department staff:

Michael Gelder
Shelly Ebbert
Ross Grove
Leann Dolan
Jan Cichowlas
Paul Bennett

Guests:

Jeremy Schroeder, SEIU Local 880
Joe Hamlet, Illinois Department of Human Services
Marianne Brennan, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Donna Ginther

Absent:

Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council on Long Term Care

SUMMARY:

Director Johnson welcomed members to the meeting. Participants introduced themselves. The September Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved with Pat Comstock moving for approval and Flora Johnson seconding.

Approve August Executive Committee Minutes

Phyllis Mitzen moved to approve the minutes. Flora Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved.

Department Updates

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) — Enrique Unanue reported IDPH is in the process of completing regulatory language for the background check legislation and will let the Department on Aging review it once completed. It is expected to be completed in a couple of weeks.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) — Kelly Cunningham reported on the Disease Management Program, Your Healthcare Plus, through Enhanced Care Initiative, which is in twelve long term care facilities in the Chicago area. The program is continuing outreach and is expanding to suburban Cook and downstate areas.

Effective October 1, 2007, IDHFS began requiring prior approval for long term care, non emergency transportation through First Transit. There were some initial concerns regarding the phone lines and other normal delays and things are now running smoothly.

There are 84 Supportive Living Facilities (SLFs) that are operational with another 63 in approved status.

Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) — Deputy Gelder reported HB 652 was passed and signed and becomes effective June 1, 2008. IDoA is in the process of incorporating some of those expectations into new rules for All Willing and Qualified (AWAQ). The rules will be filed subsequent to final review by the general counsel.

IDoA has a new FY 08 appropriation that will be posted on the IDoA Web site. IDoA is starting discussions with the Office of Management and Budget for the FY 09 budget.

New Business

Membership — Deputy Gelder provided an update on membership for the Older Adult Services Advisory Committee (OASAC). Terms will expire in November for eight members; Dennis Bozzi, Joyce Gusewelle, Jonathan Lavin, Patricia O’Dea-Evans, Flora Johnson, Steve Rothschild, Carmen Velasquez, and Cheryl Woodson.

A letter will be sent to the appropriate agency or association inviting them to appoint someone able to meet the attendance requirement set forth in the Operations Manual.

The OASAC has two new members. Melanie Chavin is representing the Alzheimer’s Association replacing Jonathan Lackland. Ancy Zacharia is representing advance practice nurses.

The OASAC still has vacancies in the areas of county, municipality, hospital, over sixty and nursing home or assisted living facility. The director also has the ability to appoint an unlimited number of representatives for caregivers or citizen members over the age of sixty.

David Lindeman will be leaving the OASAC at the end of this calendar year and will be moving to California. That will create a vacancy in January.

AARP will have a new representative. Bob Gallo, AARP State Director, will be appointing a new representative to replace Donna Ginther who is attending this meeting as a guest.

If there are any suggestions to fill the vacancies, please send the information to IDoA. We are interested in fulfilling the mandates in the act.

Review Mandates Section of Report — Shelly Ebbert reported that IDoA continues to work on the report to the General Assembly with the goal of handing out the completed report at the Governor's Conference on Aging in December. The state agencies have been working on the mandates section of the report. This section had been completely updated and will be sent out to members to review. Please send any suggestions or questions back to the Department on Aging.

Draft Agenda for the November 8 Meeting — Deputy Gelder reported a draft agenda was distributed to members prior to the meeting for comment. The meeting date was changed from November 5 to November 8 and the time of the meeting has been changed to 9am - 12:30 pm. The meeting will be by video conference with sites Springfield and Chicago. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review the OASAC report to the General Assembly. We would like to take time to review the presentations from the last meeting. There will be a presentation on Money Follows the Person (MFP). Times on agenda may be adjusted but these are the items wanted on agenda.

Money Follows the Person, Role of OASAC — Kelly Cunningham reported IDHFS anticipates a service design committee specific to each population covered by the grant. IDHFS is also looking at creating committees on outreach and education, evaluation and quality management, housing and transportation, and another committee of IDHFS staff on the development of criteria to help transition candidates to be identified. IDHFS is developing the basic committee structure and will be seeking OASAC members to play a role in these committees through the Operational Protocol that is expected to be submitted in March. Federal CMS has to approve the Operational Protocol before any enhanced match can be approved.

Workgroup updates

Services Expansion — Carol Aronson reported the Services workgroup met on October 15 and spent time developing a plan for the next year, setting up a meeting schedule and identifying topics for in depth information. The workgroup will be meeting in November and will have a presentation on medication management, an update on Comprehensive Care Coordination, information on the status of HB 652 and relevant changes to the Community Care Program (CCP).

The workgroup's next meeting is November 19. Carol requested the department send rules on HB 652 before they are filed with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). Deputy Gelder agreed to send the proposed rules to OASAC.

Finance — Stephanie Altman reported the workgroup will meet on December 3 by conference call. The *Primer* was posted on IDoA's website. The workgroup would like to present the findings of the *Primer* to each workgroup and will be contacting the chairs to set up a time to present.

Workforce and Caregiver — Darby Anderson reported a bill passed that concerns providing insurance to home care aides of the Community Care Program. This is one of the workgroup's major issues. The Governor has not yet signed the bill. The bill has an immediate effective date and passed unanimously in the house and with one no vote in the senate. This bill could create a vehicle to add insurance for other workers and could expand passed home care aides.

Coordinated Point of Entry — Jonathan Lavin reported the workgroup's next meeting is by conference call on Monday.

Nursing Home Conversion — Phyllis Mitzen reported the workgroup was scheduled to meet tomorrow but has rescheduled for November 27.

Deputy Gelder reminded members the department is interested in suggestions and recommendations from the workgroup's on replacing any workgroup chair vacancy. Director Johnson must appoint the chairs of the workgroups. Workgroup chairs must also be voting members of the OASAC.

Systems Change Update

Paul Bennett reported Money Management will be discussed at the next OASAC meeting.

Work continues on analyzing the focus groups and gaps in services.

Last week, a brief overview of the inventory was presented to the Services workgroup.

The data collection for the inventory was completed a couple of months ago. The University of Illinois at Chicago built upon the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) data and filled in data from those areas not using the ESP software. Each AAA that did not have ESP received a copy of it with a copy of their data and were charged with cleaning up their data. Local AAAs have a better handle on their location resources. Paul told members they can request additional reports regarding gaps in services from the data.

Members discussed the inventory database. Paul agreed to send to members an example of what type of report can be run from the data. The AAAs are discussing the inventory at their association meeting tomorrow.

Announcements

Shelly Ebbert announced the Nutrition Summit is scheduled for October 31 in Decatur in conjunction with the Senior Center Conference.

These minutes were approved on November 26, 2007.