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## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

# Executive Committee Meeting

Date: November 26, 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  
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors  
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network  
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

#### **Absent:**

Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare  
Pat Comstock, Illinois Health Care Association  
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council on Long-Term Care

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **Approve Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes were amended to reflect that Jonathan Lavin be added to the list of members with terms expiring in November and that Jan Cichowlas was in attendance.

Flora Johnson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jonathan Lavin seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

### Department Updates

**Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)** — Enrique reported no new business.

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS)** — Kelly reported no new business.

**Illinois Department on Aging (Department)** — Deputy Gelder reported the department is preparing its FY 09 budget request. The Governor plans to introduce the budget in February. The Governor has not acted on the bill that provides a rate increase for homemakers for health insurance.

Deputy Gelder reported provider rules for All Willing and Qualified (AWAQ) have been drafted and shared with the Community Care Program Advisory Committee and the Governor's Office. A special meeting was held regarding AWAQ and the Department is considering those recommendations. The Department plans to submit the rules to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) by the end of this month.

### Old Business

**Membership** — Shelly Ebbert reported the Department continues to work on membership as terms expire and additional vacancies are created. The Department will give a full membership report at the December meeting of the full committee. AARP will be sending a recommendation for Older Adult Services Advisory Committee (OASAC). Jonathan Lavin agreed to send Shelly Ebbert a suggestion for the county vacancy.

### New Business

**OASAC's role in leading long-term care reform and transformation** — Shelly Ebbert reported this item is on the agenda as a follow up from the last OASAC meeting where the role of OASAC and the content of the report were discussed. David Lindeman offered revisions at the meeting and several members communicated with the Department following that meeting.

Kurt Deweese of the Speaker's staff had expressed concern that the Older Adult Services Act was designed to make a strong statement about the need to transform long term care in the state of Illinois. He submitted some comments that were included in the background section. He emphasized that the report is an opportunity to talk about OASAC's role in leading long term care transformation in Illinois.

Director Johnson added that a lot of what has been done and discussed so far is changes around the edges of reforming long term care. We have to get to the point of talking about nursing home conversion and what we do to change the landscape. The next big step is nursing home conversion or a reduction of nursing home beds in our state. He emphasized the importance of reviewing and updating OASAC membership to be sure we have the strongest possible group and that the interests of stakeholders do not overlook needs of seniors. We are open to ideas about how we proceed.

Phyllis Mitzen reported the Conversion workgroup is looking for direction from OASAC on where the workgroup needs to go in terms of converting and reducing nursing home beds.

Deputy Gelder encouraged the committee to provide leadership to the Department. This is the committee's opportunity to transform long term care. The committee exists to provide thoughtful consideration of options in long term care and exploration of other states experiences.

Enrique Unanue added that IDPH is a regulatory agency. The role of OASAC is to give recommendations and direction for the state. It is then up to state agencies and legislators to implement recommendations. The purpose of the Conversion Workgroup and other workgroups is to give the state agencies a plan and set of recommendations we can take and follow. IDPH needs to know what OASAC is recommending before changes are made in rulemaking concerning beds or facilities.

Jonathan Lavin expressed concern that OASAC has been trying to do a lot with volunteers only. A group of volunteers working on various items can only go so far. We need a pulled together direction so we can all work together. He suggested a consultant be hired to develop a blueprint and noted that other states engaged in long term care reform have commissioned studies to assist. Shelly Ebbert suggested a separate study could be done to do a bed needs study.

A suggestion was made that another retreat could be held where the products of the workgroups are used to create concrete foundations for long term care reform in Illinois.

Deputy Gelder summarized the general message from members is we need to move long term care reform to a more operational level. The message from the General Assembly is for us to come up with a plan. We still need to determine what we want to do and how we want to do it.

Phyllis Mitzen suggested several members get together and discuss this conversation and determine what the next steps are.

**Draft Agenda for the December 12 Meeting**— Shelly Ebbert reported Dennis Bozzi will give the executive committee report at the December meeting and can include this conversation. State agencies should provide a written report for December 12 meeting.

**2008 Meeting Schedule** — The schedule for 2008 for the full committee, executive committee and interagency committee were distributed and follow the same schedule in 2007.

## Workgroup Updates

**Services Expansion**– Carol Aronson reported the workgroup met November 19 in Decatur and had a presentation on medication management from the Decatur Health Department. Shelly Ebbert provided an update on Comprehensive Care Coordination (CCC). The workgroup has set their agenda for the next year and also discussed a joint meeting with the Coordinated Point of Entry workgroup.

**Finance** – Stephanie Altman reported the next meeting is December 3 by conference call. The *Primer*, HB 652 and mandatory Medicaid will be discussed. These issues will also be discussed on December 5 with stakeholders. Phyllis Mitzen will send information on that meeting to the Department to distribute to the executive committee.

**Workforce and Caregiver** – David Lindeman reported at the last meeting the working caregiver conference was discussed. The workgroup would like to propose that the conference be conducted as a pre conference for next year's Governor's conference.

**Coordinated Point of Entry (CPOE)** — Cathy Weightman-Moore reported the workgroup met on October 29. The next meeting is December 3. The workgroup is planning a joint meeting with Services and would also like a presentation on the Deloitte roadmap after January 1.

**Nursing Home Conversion** — Phyllis Mitzen reported the workgroup is meeting November 27 and will be talking to people from Minnesota about how they started the conversation and implemented the bed

reduction program. The workgroup has developed a series of questions to ask them. The workgroup plans to look at other states including Ohio. Nebraska's program is converting mostly to assisted living and has found adult day service is not cost effective.

### **Systems Change Update**

Paul Bennett reported the second report on Money Management is on the home and community-based services Web site. Both reports can be found at [www.hcbs.org](http://www.hcbs.org).

Paul is also working on a report on the identification of consumer long term care needs and plans to have the report available by January 1.

### **Announcements**

- On December 5, the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group will host a meeting on Mandatory Medicaid at the School of Public Health in Chicago.
- The Governor's Conference on Aging is December 12-14 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown.
- The next meeting of the OASAC is December 12. OASAC related sessions include a presentation on the Primer and a discussion of initiatives.

**These minutes were approved on January 28, 2008.**