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## Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

# Executive Committee Meeting

Date: April 7 2008

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  
Phyllis Mitzen, citizen member over the age of 60  
Susan Real, family caregiver  
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

#### **Department staff:**

Michael Gelder  
Shelly Ebbert  
Ross Grove  
Jan Cichowlas  
Paul Bennett  
Christina Banker  
Debbie White - intern

#### **Guests:**

Jeremy Schroeder, SEIU Local 880  
Jennifer McDermott, AARP

#### **Absent:**

Bill Bell, Illinois Department of Public Health  
Dennis Bozzi, Life Services Network  
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council for Long Term Care  
Dave Vinkler, AARP

**SUMMARY:****Welcome and Introduction**

Director Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Comstock moved to approve the minutes, Flora Johnson seconded.

The February Executive Committee minutes were approved as is with no revisions.

**Department Updates**

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services** — Kelly Cunningham reported HFS continues to work on the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Operational Protocol. The various agencies are submitting their separate pieces and HFS will be compiling and submitting to CMS within the week.

**Illinois Department on Aging** — Shelly Ebbert reported the IDOA continues to work on the Operational Protocol for MFP. The Department has projected 1,318 MFP transitions for seniors.

Michael Gelder reported that IDOA is beginning budget discussions. The House heard the Department's budget request in late March and the Senate Appropriation hearings will be in late April.

Michael Gelder reported that he as well as others from the executive committee including Jonathan Lavin and Phyllis Mitzen attended the joint American Society on Aging and National Council on Aging held in Washington DC during the last week of March. Michael participated in a presentation given on the Long Term Care reform system in Illinois. Another presentation focused on the Chicago Emergency Preparedness plan, which brings the community, corporations and the government together to ensure that the aging population is educated on what to do in the event of a city wide emergency and the vast array of public and private resources are prepared to identify isolated older adults and help them cope or get them appropriate help in case of an emergency.

Jon Lavin noted that there was an announcement at the conference that the initiative presented by Frank Burns (Administration on Aging) at the Governor's Conference last December has been approved by the NASUA, IHA and AOA, which will ensure that Congress will hear one cohesive message. The initiative is comprised of three components: Evidence Based Prevention, Nursing Home Diversion Modernization, and Aging and Disability Resource Centers. IDOA is one of only a few states with active initiatives in all three initiatives.

Michael Gelder reported on a new initiative with several partners to develop a model for integration of home care with clinical services. Under the current system, home and community services and clinical services are separated which often leads to waste and inefficiency. The Health and Medicine Research Group has facilitated a working group of medical providers, home care agencies, and researchers for 18 months that has agreed on two approaches: 1) Affiliate with one or several existing Medicare Advantage Plans that would contract its risk to a California medical group practice that specializes in serving dual eligibles, which would in turn contract with and train local medical providers to aggressively manage high risk patients with chronic diseases. This model would require a Medicaid capitation rate for the dual eligibles and would integrate CCP services to improve the communication between these disparate systems of care. We will be looking more closely at a California system that is pursuing this option. 2) Implement a model of care coordination that would link the CCC assessment with the medical providers. This would allow for better communication with the medical providers by allowing them to access the client's information more quickly. This option places more authority with the care manager and raises the expectations with the medical system. The working group will examine a model program that has been successful in Wisconsin.

**Old Business**

**Benchmarks** — Shelly Ebbert summarized the discussion on benchmarks from the last executive Committee meeting. The benchmarks need to reflect both what is mandated and what is necessary for the transformation

of long term care in Illinois. She noted that since we hope to present the benchmarks and have a discussion at the June OASAC meeting, we need to keep refining the benchmarks, background, and data. She noted that the Interagency Committee (IDPH, HFS, IDOA) had discussed the benchmarks as well. Since the first two are directly related to Money Follows the Person, we will postpone their discussion until after the Operational Protocol is completed. The group then discussed the benchmark document and reviewed which could be eliminated or revised.

It was decided that the wording of the first benchmark should be changed to “Expenditures for Home and Community Based Services will increase from 30% in 2007 to **a minimum of 37%** of overall Medicaid Long Term Care Spending in 2011.” Benchmarks 6 and 7 could be eliminated as they are a means to an end. The third and the 8<sup>th</sup> benchmarks will both be further investigated and revised following a review of the Outcomes committee findings and studies of what is available from other states.

**Workgroup Structure** — Shelly Ebbert restated with the committee that their recommendation was not to change the workgroup structure this year. Stephanie Altman and Pat Comstock confirmed with each other that they will be meeting to discuss what needs to be done regarding the Finance workgroup.

### **New Business**

**Use of OASAC membership emails** — The issue was raised from staff whether a policy is needed to define the use of the OASAC email list to circulate information or materials of interest. Since there has not been a problem with the volume or content of emails, the group recommended that the current procedure will be kept, and that any official OASAC business or related materials be sent from Leann. This will ensure that members will take notice of the importance of the email. It was decided that OASAC will not move to a listserv at this time, or define what members may request to have sent to the Committee.

**Procedure for formal action at OASAC meetings** — Director Johnson noted that Red Tape Cutters was discussed at the last full committee meeting and some members questioned the process of voting on an item that was not on the agenda. OASAC is bound by the terms of the Open Meeting Act and therefore cannot take any action on any issue that is not on the meeting agenda. A protocol needs to be established when calling a membership vote. ***Director Johnson asked the Manual Workgroup (S. Altman, J. Lavin) to convene and review the issue, the Open Meetings Act, and Robert’s Rules of Order then make recommendations to the Executive Committee.***

**2009 OASAC Report Timeline** — Shelly Ebbert presented a draft of the 2008 timeline for the development of the 2009 report. The committee discussed the relationship of the development of benchmarks to the development of the 2009 report. Once the benchmarks are approved, should they be presented to the workgroups to review and make recommendations? There was consensus that the 2009 plan would reflect the benchmarks and that each workgroup would identify actions related to the benchmarks. Director Johnson suggested that the committee approve the benchmarks no later than June or July, but be flexible if there is additional information that is needed.

### **Workgroup Updates**

**Services Expansion** — Caron Aronson reported the workgroup met in March. A presentation was given on the status of Self Neglect as it pertains to diminished capacity and Elder Abuse. The next meeting will be held April 21, 2008. There will be a panel presentation on the coordination of social and medical services.

**Finance** — Pat Comstock and Stephanie Altman will be meeting this week.

**Workforce/Caregiver** — The workgroup last met in February. Their immediate issue is to get everything planned for the Working Caregiver event that is schedule for December of 2008.

**Coordinated Point of Entry** — The workgroup last met on March 6, 2008. The workgroup is focused on getting the survey tested. Next meeting is scheduled for early May. Jonathan Lavin will be looking for suggestions on whom to include for the test.

**Nursing Home Conversion** — The workgroup last met on March 23. They have been working on a document that the Executive Committee has previously requested. The document will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting. They have been investigating the true meaning of nursing home conversion. 5 subgroups were formed to explore different options. A plan will be presented at the end of summer.

### **Systems Change Update**

Paul Bennett reported the grant ended at the end of March. The next report that will be presented will focus on mapping resources from the ESP database. This will highlight areas where there are gaps in services. These maps will be used for planning purposes.

### **Announcements**

Jonathan Lavin announced that the ADRC will be providing CCU training for servicing people with disabilities. He is looking for advice on what communities to include. Stephanie Altman will forward him some contacts.

Phyllis Mitzen announced the Monday April 14 is the first of a three part series on Long Term Care reform sponsored by the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, and encouraged Executive Committee members to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held April 28, 2008.

These minutes were approved April 28, 2008.