



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: May 18, 2009

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

Attending: Stephanie Altman, Darby Anderson, Bill Bell, Pat Comstock, Barb Ginder, Joe Hamlet, Myrtle Klauer, Jonathan Lavin, Phyllis Mitzen, Nancy Nelson, Tara Peele, Susan Real and Cathy Weightman-Moore. **Staff:** Charles Johnson, Michael Gelder, Jan Cichowlas, Ross Grove, James Miner (Intern) and Nicole Seyller (Intern).

Welcome and Introductions

Charles Johnson opened the meeting from Chicago.

Approval of the April 27, 2009 Minutes

Stephanie Altman moved to approve the minutes, and Pat Comstock seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Department Updates

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

The Department is monitoring House Bill 1188.

Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA)

Illinois housing search website has been up and running for landlords to use. There will be a public release June 9, when the public can access the website. There has been a discussion with the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging about the possibility of linking the website with the ESP software that Area Agencies on Aging use to make an electronic inventory of resources for their areas. IHDA discovered that there are potential ways to link senior housing contained in ESP to the website, but would need an add-on to the contract with additional money.

Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA)

The governor introduced his doomsday budget at a meeting in Chicago today. IDoA will have a better understanding in the next few weeks of what impact this will have on programs and services for older adults.

The Department of Professional Regulation is working with the Department of Employment Security to estimate the number of new homecare workers needed. They have invited participation from IDoA and interested providers. This goal fits closely to the mission of the Workforce and Caregiver workgroup. This workgroup may want to identify someone to represent the group at the meetings leading up to the summit in June.

The Determination of Need (DON) study is receiving final copy edits and should be completed this week. There will be a meeting June 2, 2009 regarding feedback from final report. The meeting will be located in the Chicago Office of the IDoA from 2-4 pm.

The Taxpayer Action Board draft report will be completed on May 22. The Human Service Committee and the Medicaid Committee have been looking at IDoA's programs and services. The Human Service Committee endorsed a coordinated and client focused system across departments as part of a streamlined state budget. The Medicaid Committee recommends IDoA expand its effort to reduce unnecessary institutionalization to save additional funds. One of the goals is to bring Illinois down to the national average of institutionalization of older adults. Overall, the goals TAB has identified seem to coincide with OASAC.

IDoA will coordinate the State Plan on Aging with the Department's long-term care reform efforts. The Department staff working on the State Plan has scheduled a hearing on June 15 to follow the full OASAC meeting. IDoA is encouraging all OASAC members to come and testify to help make a coherent document incorporating long term care reform.

Old Business

Proposed Final Agenda for the Full OASAC Meeting on June 15

Committee members are in agreement with the proposed agenda that was determined at the April 27, 2009 meeting.

New Business

Charles Johnson introduced new member Mary Reed, representing a County.

Operational Protocol

Phyllis suggests moving workgroup updates to the front of the meeting so there is time to talk about overlaps between committee projects. It was suggested that co-chairs may need separate time to meet with one another. There will be discussion of this idea at the next meeting that will help determine how this could work. June 22, from 1-5 p.m., was given as a suggestion.

Workgroup Updates

Services Expansion Workgroup:

The main issue the workgroup has been dealing with medication management. The group has recently made changes that came out of the DON study related to medication management and approved the White Paper with minor changes. The group will send a paper to IDoA to have distributed to executive committee first for recommendations, then distributed to full committee in June. The group established the need to involve the Finance Workgroup to determine how this would be financed. The next meeting is scheduled July 20, 2009.

Finance Workgroup:

Continuing to work on researching state long-term care financing strategies. This research is useful because it could help pay for some of the services other workgroups are recommending. The workgroup is now focusing on how these strategies would work in Illinois and creating a list of research questions to present at the Full OASAC meeting in June.

Workforce/Caregiver Workgroup:

WORKFORCE — The group established three sub-groups that are working on two objectives each (training, wages and benefits). The goal is to come up with specific recommendations. Darby reported that wage increases that have been put in place may have had an impact on workforce retention, but results are preliminary right now. Darby will represent OASAC for the ICN Board meetings. CAREGIVER — Replicating working caregiver conference session.

Coordinated Point of Entry Workgroup

Next meeting is June 1, and plan to review draft standards that they have started to put together.

Nursing Home Conversion Workgroup

HB1188 is off the table for the time being. This Bill came out of the group's recommendation last year to increase capital rate and only provide single rooms. Group feels that it is best to push this next year when they are more prepared with answers for the legislators. Phyllis expressed that there were many miscommunications about this bill and would appreciate HCCI's continued help in the future. The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2009.

Legislative Updates

- Senate Bill 326 includes a plan for long-term care next year and is moving forward.
- House Bill 1166 is expected to pass. This involves Illinois Cares Rx.
- Rapid integration bill attached to House Bill 746, third reading in the senate.

Announcements / Further Discussion

Full OASAC meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2009, from 11:00 am. - 2:00 p.m.

Stephanie will report for the Executive Committee to the Full Committee.

Phyllis suggested that the committee preview HBO's Alzheimer's Disease videos, as they may be useful for the caregivers conference.

Jan announced funding opportunities that can be found at www.grants.gov.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.