



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Retreat

Date: August 24, 2009

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

Attending: Stephanie Altman (Health & Disability Advocates), Darby Anderson (Addus HealthCare), Carol Aronson (Shawnee Alliance for Seniors), Dennis Bozzi (Life Services Network), Donna Ginther (for Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of IL), Flora Johnson (SEIU), Myrtle Klauer (IL Council on LTC), Jon Lavin (Age Options), Dave Lowitzki (SEIU), Phyllis Mitzen (member over age 60), Nancy Nelson (AARP), Susan Real (Family Caregiver/E. Central IL AAA), Cathy Weightman-Moore (Regional Ombudsman). **Staff:** Sandra Alexander (IDoA), Bill Bell (IDPH), Janice Cichowlas (IDoA), John Eckert (IDoA), Charles Johnson (Director, IDoA), Rob Kilbury (DHS)

Welcome and Introductions

Approved minutes (Stephanie Altman moved; Jon Lavin seconded) from May 18 meeting, and June 22 retreat (with the addition of John Eckert and Phyllis Mitzen in attendance, and the correction that follow-up meeting was not a continuation of the Executive Retreat)

June 22, 2009

Department Updates

- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH): Bill Bell reported preparations for seasonal flu and H1N1 flu; working on educating the public. No layoffs but vacancies are not being refilled.
- Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS): N/A
- Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA): N/A
- Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS): Rob Kilbury reported struggling with implementation of FY10 budget.
- Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA): Sandy reported new opportunity for the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to develop provider agreements to deliver home services to Veterans of all ages. IDoA will facilitate and coordinate the process, including training and quality assurance and preparing a proposal to the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA). John Eckert is the lead in the planning division on this project. Core package of services to be developed following the Cash and Counseling model. One challenge is that the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) regional centers cut across state lines. (MI, IN, MO). Starts with \$10 million nationally and more at the beginning fed fiscal year October 1, 2010. Project will start in the Chicago area and central Illinois first, with other sites to roll out later.

IDoA is \$18 million short with the State budget. Changing to daily billing should allow for cost efficiencies. Some revisions to the Service Cost Maximum (SCM) are proposed; changing from SCM per Determination of Need (DON) range to SCM per DON score. This would eliminate situations where a person is at the bottom range of the DON, but receiving the full SCM for the DON range. Rate changes implemented July 1, 2009. Expect other cost-saving measures to begin October 1, 2009.

Old Business

▪ **Work group updates at beginning/end of meeting?**

Discussion about workgroups running out of time when they are at the end of the agenda. There is a need for more time for workgroups to share together. No decision was reached. The Executive Committee just wanted to make sure that workgroups have time to report.

▪ **Distribution of Medication Management Issue White Paper**

The version sent to the Committee in advance of this meeting was not the most current. Susan Real incorporated all changes recommended by Donna Ginther in a version that was sent August 12. Nancy Nelson will distribute the new version to the Services Committee first, and then to Sandra to distribute to the Executive Committee.

New Business

▪ **Update from the Executive Committee**

Stephanie Altman reported that there was a retreat (6/22), a meeting with some of the executive members (7/13) and a 2.5 hour phone conference with Michael Gelder (Governor's office) and OASAC members (Stephanie, Pat, Phyllis).

Discussed whether workgroups should suspend their efforts in 2010 in order to develop a vision and strategy for long term care reform. It was decided that some workgroups need to finish white papers and other activities while others have completed their tasks for the time being (CPOE, Finance).

Discussed the mandate of PA 96-0248 to develop a state plan to reform the service delivery system for older adults by September 30, 2010. OASAC needs the support from Governor's office with rebalancing the funding of long-term care. It was noted that successes in other states happen when the Governor champions the plan. A planning process is also needed. Discussed whether OASAC would develop the plan or review a plan developed by IDoA staff. There was general agreement that development of the vision and strategy for reforming the service delivery system for older adults was a role of the Executive Committee. It was suggested by members of the Executive Committee that OASAC utilize a mediator to assist with the planning process, which should begin immediately. IDHS and IDPH should be involved, as well as other agencies.

Director Johnson recommended that the workgroups continue at least until we complete the yearly report to the General Assembly.

Discussion about whether or not the consumer voice is heard.

Director Johnson directed:

- 1) Continue workgroups for this calendar year.
- 2) OASAC will continue to operate (by law).

- 3) Work on the plan as required by PA 96-0248.
- 4) Incorporate existing research completed by OASAC workgroups into the State Plan, as appropriate.

Stephanie stated that the Executive Committee will come up with a plan, using the expertise of the workgroup members.

Funding for a facilitator/mediator will be explored (i.e., foundation money, \$9000 line item for OASAC, Dept of Labor resources, local law schools).

MOTION: Stephanie Altman moved that we present to the full OASAC on Sept 14th that workgroups will be suspended at end of year, and that all of the work will be incorporated in the 2010 report to the GA. Jon Lavin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Stephanie Altman moved that OASAC Executive Committee will recommend to full OASAC that the Executive Committee and OASAC enter into a planning process to develop a plan to restructure the state's service delivery system for older adults by September 30, 2010. (see mandated Departments from HB752 to be involved). Phyllis Mitzen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Update on the LTC Reform initiative** Sandy inquired for Michael Gelder as to whether the leadership of OASAC is interested in meeting periodically with Disability Services Advisory Committee and the Council on Developmental Disabilities to discuss shared goals, measures and progress. The Executive Committee expressed an interest in doing so.
- **OASAC report to the General Assembly** – The 2010 report will be streamlined to include mandates, reports of workgroups, and a reference to long term care measures (no new data to add in this year's plan). The report will reference OASACs intention to focus on the development of a State Plan (per PA 96-0248), which may incorporate many of the long term measures into that plan.
- **Draft agenda for the Older Adult Services Committee**

MOTION: Jon moved that draft agenda be accepted. Stephanie seconded.
Proposed agenda accepted unanimously.

Workgroup Updates

Coordinated Point of Entry – Jon reported that 21 standards were established and voted on by the CPOE. This completes the CPOE Workgroup effort. This document is missing the conflict of interest statement which needs to be added. Executive Committee should review the standards, send any comments to Jon by 8/31/09. If nothing significant, then it will be presented to the Full OASAC as a recommendation to the full committee.

Finance – Stephanie has decided to suspend Finance Committee meetings. She will make a disk available at the Full OASAC of the materials developed by this workgroup.

Nursing Home Conversion – Phyllis reported that the Nursing Home Conversion White Paper is an overview of what was found when researching other states about bed conversion

programs. This is the direction that the committee would like to go: Look at having a pilot program in 3 sections of the state where there would be conversion to single bed rooms which would require a financial incentive of the capital rate to decrease the number of beds. If the White Paper is approved, it would also mean approval of this pilot. Submit all comments to Phyllis and Myrtle by August 31 before any action is taken. John Eckert will send the copy by email tomorrow.

Dennis talked about a bed buying process where beds could be bought by other owners as part of the CON reform. If not bought, the beds will disappear at a certain point.

Services Expansion – The newest version of the Medication Management White Paper will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval soon.

Workforce/Caregiver – No formal recommendations regarding the workforce. Susan is working on the Alzheimer's Conference in Springfield on Nov 16 & 17. IDOA submitted an application for a respite grant.

Announcements

Val Halmaderas is going to be addressing a group at Hyatt (Chicago on Wacker) on either September 1 or 2. Darby to send information.

Dennis Bozzi is going to be taking a position as President and CEO of the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. There are two offices in New York City and Albany, and Dennis will be going back and forth between the two offices. The group wished him the best.

Adjourned, 5:12 p.m.