



**State of Illinois**  
Illinois Department on Aging

**Older Adult Services Advisory Committee  
Executive Committee Meeting**

**Date: March 22, 2010**

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

**In attendance:**

**Executive Committee Members:**

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates  
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors  
Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of Illinois  
Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Eagleson, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Charles Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging  
Flora Johnson, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana  
Rob Kilbury, Illinois Department of Human Services  
Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council for Long Term Care  
Jonathan Lavin, Age Options, Inc  
Phyllis Mitzen, citizen member over the age of 60  
Nancy Nelson, AARP  
Susan Real, family caregiver  
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

**Department staff:**

Charles Johnson  
Sandra Alexander  
Janice Cichowlas  
Leann Dolan

**Guests:**

Bob Mollica, facilitator  
Dave Lowitzki, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana  
Jennifer Chan, Illinois Housing Development Authority  
Sam Mordka, Illinois Housing Development Authority  
Kristin Pavle, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group  
Jan Costello, Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council  
Thomas R. Prohaska, University of Illinois at Chicago, Center for Research on Health and Aging  
Jennifer Rice, Health and Disability Advocates

**Absent:**

Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare  
Bill Bell, Illinois Department of Public Health  
Michael Gelder, Governor's Office  
Kirk Riva, Life Services Network

**Welcome and Introduction**

Sandra Alexander welcomed members to the meeting.

**Approve February 22, 2010 Executive Committee meeting minutes**

Flora Johnson moved to approve the executive committee minutes of February 22. Myrtle Klauer seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Survey Results**

The results of the online survey which was completed by the executive committee members and selected guests was discussed. Several handouts were distributed prior to the meeting. Members discussed how to interpret the rankings as the survey ranked issues in terms of importance and also feasibility. Survey results show the five most important items as the following:

1. Finance and funding
2. Transitions & integration between medical and long term care systems and settings
3. Access to the long term care system thought comprehensive preadmission screening/options counseling
4. Service allocation equity and the service package
5. Caregiver support

The remaining items would be discussed at the end of the retreat, including affordable housing; quality assurance; conversion of nursing home capacity, use of technology, and financial accountability across systems.

Members suggested some other items to be considered during the retreat including the federal Medicaid waiver which has an emphasis on quality. Federal healthcare reform may also impact our decisions. The nursing home task force continues to meet as well. Members should be aware of these issues as decisions are made at the retreat.

Members discussed the structure of the retreat and the retreat agenda. Members agreed the retreat should be spent discussing the topics as whole instead of breaking up into small groups. Members also agreed that while housing is an important topic, it may be better to discuss it at the end of the retreat with the other topics. Jennifer Chan will work with the Housing Task Force to see how best for OASAC to address housing without duplicating other efforts.

Members discussed the process of the retreat and the outcomes. A vision and implementation plan will be developed for each item. The retreat will focus on five main topics: funding, transitions, access, caregiver support, service allocation. The remaining will be included in a broad implementation plan and steps to move forward in the next

three years. Those topics will include housing, financial accountability, technology, quality assurance, conversion and website access

Members agreed to discuss three topics the first day, two the second. The facilitator will insure the conversation is focused and time will be allowed for each item. The agenda will be revised to reflect these changes and distributed prior to the retreat.

The retreat will also allow time for visitors' comments. Visitors are welcome to attend and observe the retreat but their participation will be limited to a particular time on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.