



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

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

Date: May 24, 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
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare
Bill Bell, Illinois Department of Public Health
Bill Dart for Theresa Eagleson, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Michael Gelder, Governor's Office
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
Kirk Riva, Life Services Network
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Catholic Charities Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Department staff:

Charles Johnson
Sandra Alexander
Janice Cichowlas
Ross Grove
John Eckert
Leann Dolan

Guests:

Kristin Pavle, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Joe Whitmyre, Addus HealthCare
Andrew Walter, Rush Medical Center
Barb Ginder, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Denise Gaines, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana

Absent:

Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors

Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of Illinois
Susan Real, family caregiver

Welcome and Introduction

Approve March 22, 2010 Executive Committee meeting minutes

Cathy Weightman-Moore moved to approve the minutes. Flora Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved.

Motion to Approve Draft Report

The draft report, Plan to Restructure the State of Illinois Service Delivery System for Older Adults, was distributed prior to the meeting. Stephanie Altman moved to approve the draft report. Nancy Nelson seconded. All were in favor.

Members went through the report, suggesting areas that need clarification and making suggested changes, discussed the report and clarified language throughout the report before sending to the full committee for the June 14 meeting.

Myrtle Klauer moved to approve the draft document with corrections and contingent points to be added that will be reviewed again by the executive committee prior to being sent to the full committee. Darby Anderson seconded. All were in favor.

Sandra will make changes and the revised document will be sent to the executive committee. Any comments should be sent to Sandra by June 1.

Workgroup Next Steps

Director Johnson reminded members OASAC still exists as an advisory body to the department as deemed in the legislation creating the committee. There is still work to be done and we need help to implement changes. There are opportunities for the OASAC with the new healthcare legislation.

Sandra added workgroups continue to be suspended. It has been suggested workgroups exist on an ad hoc basis as needed for limited time focusing on a very specific issue. After the report has been approved, focus can shift to formulate a plan for OASAC. The June OASAC meeting of the full committee will focus on the plan. The September meeting of the full committee will focus on going forward. The June meeting of the executive committee is canceled.

Proposed Agenda for Full Committee Meeting

The executive committee report will be given by Myrtle Klauer. The status of the workgroups will be included in the report. The Executive Committee moved, seconded, and approved the proposed agenda.

State Agency Reports

Illinois Department of Public Health

Illinois Department of Public Health – Bill Bell reported SB 326 creates sweeping change under the Nursing Home Care Act and addresses some issues OASAC has discussed. It has passed the General Assembly but has not been signed by the Governor. The legislation deals with prescreening, staffing, certification of psychiatric/behavioral units, informed consents, rescreening after 90 days, 6 months and yearly, increased surveyors, new language on identified offenders, psychotropic meds, and more.

IDPH has been approached by the Advancing Excellence in Nursing Homes Campaign. They would like to do a pilot program on disparities in nursing homes in the Chicago area. They received a grant from the federal government to conduct the program.

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services - Barb Ginder reported HFS will also be working on SB 326 and will be developing preadmission screening rules and is also putting together a workgroup to look at reimbursement of nursing facilities and psychotropic medications prior approval process and transitions programs.

Illinois Department of Human Services – Rob Kilbury reported DHS is waiting to see the final budget.

Illinois Department on Aging – Sandra Alexander provided a legislative update. Several bills have been signed into law. HB 4910 amends the composition of OASAC creating 30 positions instead of 32. One member will represent county, municipality and township. HB 4909 eliminates advisory councils that are duplicative of what the Department is already doing. HB 5223 prohibits the Department and other agencies under contract with the Department from making referrals or disseminating information on unlicensed board and care homes unless they receive a copy of the assisted living license. HB 5499 repeals provisions concerning the older adult volunteer demonstration program.

The meeting adjourned 4:10.