



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

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

Date: October 25, 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
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Kelly Cunningham for Theresa Eagleson, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of Illinois
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
Dave Vinkler, AARP
Susan Real, family caregiver
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
Dave Lowitzki, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana

Absent:

Bill Bell, Illinois Department of Public Health

Welcome and Introduction

Approve minutes

Jonathan Lavin moved to approve the minutes from July 26. Flora Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved.

Phyllis Mitzen will provide the executive committee report at the next meeting of the full committee in November.

Implementation of Plan – Sandra Alexander reported the state agencies met last month and identified 5 priority areas that they will work on in the coming year.

1. Advocate through the legislative liaisons that the House and Senate Appropriations Committees hear the LTC budget as a whole from the relevant state agencies.
2. Increase knowledge about the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, analyze the opportunities of the Act and the impact on home and community based services.
3. Increase knowledge about the Aging & Disability Resource Centers grants recently awarded to the State, and develop strategies to ensure that options counseling is provided to individuals of all ages and abilities across the LTC continuum.
4. Explore ways to improve the transition process of individuals between medical, hospital and long term care systems and settings through Money Follows the Person, Rapid Reintegration, as well as other care transition model programs.
5. Increase our knowledge about the provisions of SB 326, and work collectively to address those that that overlap across Departments (e.g., PASSR, DON, etc...).

There are other objectives that are also critical that may be in progress by other agencies independently, however, these are the projects the group felt all of the departments could work on and advance forward.

The various committees and overlapping topics were discussed. Paul Stepusin acknowledged there is overlap. This is the reason for the importance of the coordination among the sister agencies. As other issues and recommendations cross over we want to be sure to include those ideas in our common objectives we work on with other state agencies to be sure issues do not get lost.

As mentioned at the last meeting, future OASAC meetings will be used to provide education on topics and other committees to stay informed.

2011 OASAC Report to the General Assembly – Sandra Alexander reported the document has been streamlined and a summary of accomplishments is included. The objectives mentioned previously are included.

Members discussed the use of the term 'long term care.' It is being used in some cases to describe the entire continuum and in other cases it refers to home and community based services.

Draft Agenda for November full committee meeting –The Services Expansion workgroup has been operating as a CCPAC ad hoc committee. They will provide an update on their work at the next meeting. They have been focusing on coordination between CCP and home health and have drafted a recommendations for CCPAC to approve. The Services Expansion workgroup has other goals and would like to move group back to OASAC, however, the goal of the Services Workgroup is broader than the CCP and may also involve care transitions.

It was suggested that additional workgroups could be formed to address the objectives determined by the state agencies. Workgroups should be driven by a plan. It was agreed that Carol Aronson and Susan Real will present to the full OASAC on their work under CCPAC regarding home health. The January Executive Committee meeting will be used to discuss workgroups.

Jonathan Lavin moved to approve the agenda with updates. Pat Comstock seconded. All were in favor.

Department Reports

Illinois Department of Public Health – no report

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services – no report

Illinois Department of Human Services – Rob Kilbury reported the agency is working with Centers for Independent Living and the Governor's office and stakeholders to develop a system related to MFP. DHS is also working to deal with expected increase in case loads.

Illinois Housing Development Authority – no report

Illinois Department on Aging – Sandra Alexander reported on funding from the Administration on Aging for three grants. The Department received funding for the MIPAA grant, options counseling and evidence based care transitions.

The Department also applied for another grant to pay for automation of client forms manager and the Choices for Care tool and web based training that has to be linked to the evidence based care transition model already funded. We expect to find out in late December if funds will be awarded.

Announcements

Michael Gelder announced the third meeting on the healthcare bill will be held November 16 in Springfield. The focus is on Medicaid enrollment. Information can be found at <http://www2.illinois.gov/healthcarereform/Pages/default.aspx>.

Meeting adjourned 3:10 pm.