



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: July 15, 2013

Location: Illinois Department on Aging, 160 N LaSalle, Ste N-700, Chicago,
One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, and conference call

In attendance:

Executive Committee Members:

Stephanie Altman, Health and Disability Advocates
Carol Aronson, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors
Phyllis Mitzen, Citizen member over age 60
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Catholic Charities
Dave Lowitski, Trade or Union Member
Darby Anderson, Addus HealthCare

Department Representatives:

Bill Bell, IL Dept Public Health
Rob Kilbury, IL Dept of Human Services
Ben Noven, IL Housing Development Authority
John K. Holton, IL Dept on Aging

IL Department on Aging staff:

Sandra Alexander
Andy Austin
Janice Cichowlas
Carole Schwartz

Guests:

Kristen Pavle, HMPRG

Absent:

Executive Committee Members:

Myrtle Klauer, Illinois Council on Long-Term Care
Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of Illinois
Terri Harkin, Trade or Union Member
Susan Real, Family Caregiver
David Vinkler, AARP

Welcome and Introduction

Cathy Weightman-Moore moved to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2013 Executive meeting. Phyllis Mitzen seconded. Minutes were approved.

MLTSS Report Update and Next Steps for OASAC

- Director Holton reported that IDOA will be disseminating the MLTSS Report this week, and that it also will be a key document that will be discussed during the IDOA management retreat. Director Holton mentioned that there was a Resolution signed by Governor Quinn that urges the Department to strengthen the role of family caregivers. IDOA will prepare a response indicating what we are doing and our plans for the future. IDoA staff is meeting with reporters from the Belleville News Democrat to discuss our new role with Adult Protective Services.
- The Committee discussed the MLTSS Report and next steps for OASAC. Several members of OASAC have access to list serves and will distribute the report to their networks once the Department releases it. Next steps: 1) IDoA will share the report with the Governor's office interagency group on managed care. 2) OASAC will form a work group that will be tasked with identifying strategies to increase stakeholder input, not only on managed care, but also as a process to obtain input on a number of other state initiatives 3) It was also suggested that OASAC members continue to serve on the various stakeholder groups to ensure that Aging/Disability issues are addressed and to report back to the larger OASAC meeting on critical issues. 4) OASAC recommend that IDoA add new member(s) to the committee who can provide expertise on managed care issues. 5) It was suggested that UIC be invited back to OASAC at the November meeting to provide an opportunity for OASAC to have input into quality assurance for managed care.
- The group discussed that the healthcare exchanges and Medicare open enrollment - both start on October 1st. Both of these issues will impact older adults. SHIP/Helpline training is being done. OASAC asked for a brief update on how IDoA is preparing for this at the next meeting, with a presentation on SHIP/Options Counseling/ADRC for November.
- The year end OASAC report will summarize the progress made on the 3-year Plan developed by OASAC in 2010. Subsequently, OASAC will set goals on an annual basis at the beginning of the year to ensure that we are responding the rapid pace of change and opportunities at the State level. It was suggested that the January Executive Committee could be used to establish goals for the year.

State Updates

Department on Aging

Sandra Alexander

- IDOA is working with DRS to expand Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver services to the 60+ population.
- IDOA will be applying for an ACL dementia funding opportunity to create a dementia capable home and community based system and to implement the evidence based Savvy Caregiver program in 8 PSAs throughout Illinois.
- ICP-2 expansion is rolling out in Rockford and Central Illinois. Participants have 60 days to sign up and if they don't sign up, they will be automatically enrolled. IDoA provided training to CCUs in Rockford and Central Illinois. IDoA is reviewing a funding opportunity to expand the LTCOP role to persons in the community who are receiving managed care.

Department of Public Health

Bill Bell

IDPH is still working with various State Agencies and several other interest groups on finalizing the rules to implement the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities Act. Mr. Bell also reported on the continuing increase of Home Health and Home Services agencies. Home Service agencies are growing steadily since the licensure law was passed a couple of years ago. Since these operations were already in existence at the time of the licensing legislation, agencies were grandfathered in and given a license based on the application and attestation that they were meeting the regulations. IDPH is now conducting surveys on these agencies based on the 3 year survey cycle. Many of the agencies are small operations and many are not fully functional. IDPH is stepping up enforcement action on these agencies. Home Health agencies are also increasing, but at a slower pace and home health requires nursing services plus one other type of service (nurse aide, rehab, etc).

Illinois Housing & Development Authority

Ben Noven

- Section 811 Special Demonstration Project: IHDA is still waiting on the cooperative agreement to come back from HUD. This is expected sometime in early August.
- There will be various steps that need to be taken once we get the cooperative agreement back. Best case scenario, we are looking at the first of the Section 811 units to be ready towards the end of December/early January.
- Those eligible include MFP enrollees, consent decree class members, and individuals coming out of SODCs. All referrals will go through the Statewide Referral Network (SRN).
- The Section 811 Special Demonstration Project Award is expected to help somewhere in the neighborhood of 825 individuals; the subsidies will only apply to existing, pre-designated units.
- They are project based vouchers.
- There is an age restriction; individuals must be 61 years of age or under.
- IHDA will be the one selecting which units will be receiving the assistance.
- Allocations to individuals will happen on a first come, first serve basis and based on where the need is. This "need factor" will be determined by using a data-driven process to help IHDA select which units will receive assistance; the process is currently under development.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm