



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: April 17, 2017

Locations: Illinois Department on Aging offices:

- 160 N LaSalle, Suite N-700, Chicago;
- One Natural Resources Way, Springfield; and
- Conference call

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members:

Jean Bohnhoff, Director, Department on Aging
Terri Harkin, SEIU HealthCare
Phyllis Mitzen, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Susan Real, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, Catholic Charities

Department Representatives:

Kelly Cunningham, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Megan Spitz, Illinois Housing Development Authority
Lyle VanDeventer, Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services

Department on Aging staff:

John Eckert, Sophia Gonzalez, Lora McCurdy

Absent:

Executive Committee Members:

Department Representatives:

Debra Bryars, Department of Public Health

Introductions, call to order and approval of January 09, 2017 minutes:

Director Bohnhoff welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members introduced themselves from Springfield, Chicago and on the phone. John Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Terri Harkin made a motion; Lyle VanDeventer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Director Bohnhoff asked for a motion to approve the October 17, 2016 minutes. Susan Real noted that her name appeared under the Department Representative section instead of the Executive Committee Member section. Phyllis Mitzen made a motion to approve the minutes; Cathy Weightman-Moore seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously with the name correction for and will be posted on the Department website.

Discuss Membership & Executive Committee:

Sophia Gonzalez provided an update on the new 2017 Members and the current vacancies. Members were asked to submit recommendations for these vacancies by emailing the Department. There was also a discussion regarding adding members to OASAC Executive Committee as several previous members have left OASAC. The group provided some suggestions of who the Department should add to the Executive Committee. It was noted that once the Department confirms the interest of these individuals, Phillis Mitzen agreed to reach out to them and discuss the Committee's role.

Bridge Program & Other Deflection Initiatives:

John Eckert shared that the Department will be reconvening the Bridge/Deflection group soon to continue its efforts. Additionally, he talked about exploring the duplication of the CRIS Healthy Aging Bridge model, in which the contracts for this CCU are with specific hospitals. The topic of hospital readmission prevention was also discussed as an incentive for hospitals to consider expansion of the Bridge program. It was noted that the new working relationship with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association has been beneficial.

It was also shared that the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program will be sun setting and referrals will continue to be taken through June 30th. The Department will be looking at initiating a post-MFP program with the CCUs but it will not be implemented until later this summer. It was also discussed by Members that referrals for MFP come from different entities and whether the processes for linking NF residents with the proper state Department/Division would be maintained once MFP ends. It was noted that the MFP referral website will remain open but it is still to be determined how new non-MFP referrals would be addressed by each Department/Division.

Members discussed the revised Choices for Care policy and the importance of trying to keep people from having unnecessary hospital readmissions and NF placement when home and community-based services are more suitable. It was also discussed that follow-up visits for short-term rehab placements after discharge to NFs remain an area that needs improvement.

Update on Automated Medication Dispenser (AMD) Initiatives:

Lora McCurdy shared that the Department has been working on revising the administrative rules for AMD. She noted that the original rules did not attract any providers who could meet the specifications as originally written. McCurdy shared that on March 24th, the Department filed the changes to the administrative rules to adjust provider AMD specifications. The next steps are for a 45-day comment period with JCAR, updating policy and preparing for trainings in late summer. Following discussion, it was agreed that the proposed rules be sent out to the full OASAC membership after the meeting.

Review/Approve Agenda for May 22, 2017 Full OASAC meeting:

Members reviewed the draft agenda for the next Full OASAC meeting scheduled for May 22nd. No additions or changes were made. John Eckert asked for a motion to approve the May 22, 2017 Full OASAC Agenda. Cathy Weightman-Moore made a motion, Susan Real seconded. All members voted in favor; the agenda was approved without additions or changes.

Other Issues & Announcements:

Phyllis Mitzen shared that Sharon Post has resigned from Health and Medicine effective the end of July. Lora McCurdy shared that the Department is in process of scheduling Public Hearings on CRP. The details are currently unknown but will be posted in the Illinois Register. Additional information will be shared with OASAC as it becomes available.

Motion to Adjourn

John Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lyle VanDeventer made a motion, Cathy Weightman-Moore seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.