



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee  
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: January 12, 2015 (approved: April 20, 2015)  
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:**

Carol Aronson (phone), Shawnee Alliance for Seniors  
Terri Harkin, SEIU Health Care  
Phyllis Mitzen (phone), Citizens member over age 60  
Cathy Weightman-Moore, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Catholic Charities

**Department Representatives:**

Kelly Cunningham (phone) for Theresa Eagleson, IL Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services  
Ben Noven, IL Housing Development Authority

**IL Department on Aging staff:**

Sandra Alexander  
Sophia Gonzalez  
Mary Mayes

**Absent:**

**Executive Committee Members:**

Darby Anderson, Community Care Program Homemaker Services, Addus HealthCare  
Debra Bryars, IL Department of Public Health  
Linda Gonulsen, IL Department of Human Services  
Myrtle Klauer, IL Council on Long-Term Care  
Samantha Olds, Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans  
Susan Real, Family Caregiver, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

**Welcome and Introduction**

Sandra Alexander

Phyllis Mitzen moved to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2014, Executive meeting.  
Carol Aronson second. Minutes were approved.

**PA-Consumer Directed Workgroup Update**

Phyllis Mitzen/Sandra Alexander

The PA Workgroup has met to review and discuss issues around the application of the Personal Assistant (PA)/Self -Directed HCBS model and have been working on creating several recommendations to the State. The PA workgroup reviewed fundamental principles under the Developmentally Disabled, DORS, IDoA with choice and Cash and Counseling existing models. The OASAC PA Workgroup provided an oral presentation on the group's recommendations to the Full OASAC Meeting on November 17, 2014. Several concerns were raised by the group regarding the fundamental principles of Training and Oversight and there were several questions regarding Background Checks. The OASAC workgroup met on December 15 to discuss the

concerns and questions that arose during Full OASAC meeting and to finalize the recommendations to the State. The OASAC PA Workgroup scheduled a second meeting to continue and finalize the discussion on the OASAC member comments for December 18, 2014, that was to be canceled due to not having a quorum. During this OASAC Executive meeting, it was suggested that the OASAC PA Workgroup meet one last time before submitting the recommendations to the Full OASAC on February 23, 2015. New information regarding DRS training requirements was received from one of the Executive members. The DRS program requires mandatory orientation for new employees, mandatory annual training current employees and offers additional voluntary training. Information regarding DRS training requirements will be updated on the OASAC PA Workgroup grid.

### **OASAC Report**

Sandra Alexander

The OASAC 2015 Report was submitted to the General Assembly electronically in mid-December and we are still waiting for verification from ISL. The OASAC 2015 Report will be posted on the website.

### **Agenda for Full OASAC**

Sandra Alexander

Full Committee Agenda for the Full OASAC Meeting on February 23, 2015, was approved by OASAC Executive members with one suggestion. During this time of transitions occurring, it was suggested that it would be a good idea to invite a representative from the new Governor's office. This person could inform OASAC of the priorities that the new Governor's office will have in regards to the older adults' services and system-restructuring initiatives. OASAC members would have the opportunity to explain to the representative the purpose of OASAC and the work that OASAC completed.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm**