



State of Illinois
Illinois Department on Aging

Older Adult Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2014 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Locations:

Illinois Department on Aging Conference Room, 160 N. LaSalle St., 7th floor, Chicago

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield (Rock River Video Conference Room – 2nd Floor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Kim Cox (proxy for Darby Anderson) – Addus HealthCare

Carol Aronson – Shawnee Alliance for Seniors

Jennifer Belkov – Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Illinois Chapter

Jean Bohnhoff – Effingham County Committee on Aging

Dr. Thomas Cornwell – HomeCare Physicians

Cindy Cunningham – Illinois Adult Day Service Association

Mike Hughes – Lifescape Community Services

Susan Hughes – Community Health Sciences School of Public Health

Myrtle Klauer – Illinois Council on Long Term Care

Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy

Jon Lavin – AgeOptions

Jay Lewkowitz – Oakton Place

Phyllis Mitzen – Center for Long Term Care Reform

Susan Real – Caregiver -East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Leslie J. Green (proxy for Jason Speaks) – Leading Age Illinois

Cathy Weightman-Moore – Long Term Care Ombudsman

Ancy Zacharia – HomeCare Physicians

Committee Members not in attendance:

Jonathan Becker – Senior Services Plus

June Benedick – Parish Nurse

Andy Chusid – Health Care Council of Illinois

Frederick Bernstein – Community Health & Emergency Services, Inc.

Frank Daigh – Citizen Member over the age of 60

Robyn Golden – Rush University Medical Center

Jan Grimes – Illinois HomeCare and Hospice Council

Terri Harkin – SEIU Health Care – IL and Indiana

Dave Lowitzki – SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana

Patricia O’Dea-Evans – A Silver Connection

Samantha Olds – Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans

David Vinkler – AARP Illinois Legislative Office

Ex-officio – non-voting Committee Members in attendance:

John K. Holton, Director – Illinois Department on Aging
Lora McCurdy (Theresa Eagleson) – Illinois Department Healthcare and Family Services
Mari Money – Illinois Finance Authority
Ben Noven – Illinois Housing Development Authority
Sally Petrone – Illinois Department on Aging - Ombudsman
Doree Vetter – Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Ex-officio – nonvoting Committee Members not in attendance:

Toni Colon – Illinois Department of Public Health
Michael Gelder – Illinois Governor’s office
Gail Hedges – Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
Robert Kilbury – Illinois Department of Human Services

Illinois Department on Aging staff:

Sandra Alexander
Sonia Bhagwakar
Sophia Gonzalez
Mary Mayes
Nyle Robinson
Carol Schwartz

Guests:

Bill Bell – IHLA
Lucinda Hughes – ICC Ministry, Inc.
Peter Eckert – Illinois Public Health Institute
Alicia Urven – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service
Kitty Watson – Illinois Treasurers Office
Kathy – Physician Assistant

Welcome and Introduction Sandra Alexander welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approve minutes

Thomas Cornwell moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2014 meeting. Cathy Weightman-Moore second. Minutes approved.

Membership Introduction and Updates – Sandra introduced the new members of OASAC, Mike Hughes – Nutrition Representative replacing Melissa Obrien; Jay Lewkowitz – Nursing Home Representative replacing Eli Pick.

Executive Meeting Update and Discussion

Phyllis reviewed the OASAC Priorities for 2014-2015 and Recommended Stakeholder Engagement Process document created by the Executive Committee during the January meeting. The importance of stakeholder engagement and stakeholder input on long term support services was discussed. The Executive meeting in April focused on finding ways to increase consumer input during the policymaking process. Community Catalyst Report was referenced to as a good source that provides the essential elements of consumer engagement. Phyllis advised the OASAC members to review the document and advise committee of any comments (document to be sent to attendees by IDoA). Phyllis reported having discussions with IDoA staff regarding systems in place for consumer input and IDoA has systems in place. IDoA staff also informed Phyllis that they are open to discussions to improve stakeholder

engagement. Phyllis stated that in addition to having stakeholder input, it is also important to use the input received from stakeholders during implementation on new initiatives.

Balancing Incentive Program Presentation/Discussion

Lora McCurdy from Healthcare Family Service (HFS) provided a presentation of the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) and responded to questions from OASAC. Illinois is one of 19 BIP states that received enhanced federal match (2%) to further rebalance long term care delivery toward home and community-based services. In exchange for the FMAP, Illinois will implement 3 structural changes: No Wrong Door; Uniform Assessment Tool; and Conflict Free Case Management. Illinois began drawing money beginning July 1, 2013 and is projected to receive \$90.3M in enhanced match through September 2015. Illinois is also required to shift their community LTSS spending to 50% by 2015, it was stated that Illinois is currently at about 40%.

No Wrong Door

Illinois will improve coordination point of entry process and expects to eliminate the duplication of assessments (currently completed by multiple agencies) and expand the Senior HelpLine.

Uniform Assessment Tool

Illinois has drafted a UAT Level 1 (initial screen) and is in the process of developing a UAT Level 2 (proposals are currently being received from vendors). The UAT levels 1 and 2 will replace the DON (which has been used for over 30 years). UAT will be available online and through the Senior HelpLine.

Conflict Free Case Management

Illinois is currently consulting with sister agencies to evaluate where conflicts exist and will establish firewalls and appropriate safeguards to separate case management and program eligibility from direct service provision.

Lora McCurdy discussed the involvement of stakeholder input on BIP initiative. As of August 2013, the Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) has been assisting HFS in planning stakeholder meetings and soliciting feedback from associations that represent providers and consumers. The development of the UAT level 1 draft was shared with stakeholders in November, feedback was obtained (via survey) and changes were made based on the feedback obtained. One of the OASAC members stated that HFS and IPHI were doing a great job in obtaining stakeholder input and using the input received. It was also mentioned that stakeholder input is mandated by the feds for new initiatives, but not much direction or expectations are provided, which makes it difficult to implement.

Announcements

Sandra Alexander announced that the Automated Medication Dispenser (AMD) RFP for vendors is posted on the Department's website.

Director Holton reminded everyone that May is Older Americans month. He highlighted a refocus on the 1115 Waiver application (which will be submitted in June) and informed OASAC that negotiations will start after submission. He urged everyone to become involved in the implementation process of the 1115 Waiver by participating in the 5 workgroups that will be formed by the Governor's Office of Health Innovation and Transformation (GOHIT). These workgroups will help define the implementation of the 1115 Waiver. Information regarding how to obtain more information on the 1115 Waiver Application and the 5 Workgroups topics will be sent to attendees by IDoA.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.