



## **Older Adult Services Advisory Committee**

### **Rebalancing and HCBS Priority Areas CY 2026**

- **Data-driven Program Development and Information Technology** – Help identify updates, modifications, and potential integration points for current and future business applications used by the Aging Network through collaboration with the Community Care Program Advisory Council's (CCPAC) Technology Subcommittee and the State Plan on Aging's (SPoA) Data Systems and Monitoring Workgroup. Provide input on how IDoA can use data analysis to drive programmatic analysis, systems improvement, and decision making. Monitor the implementation of business application revisions and new business applications through updates.
- **Age-Friendly Communities and Dementia-Friendly Communities** – Learn more about and work with the Aging Network on the expansion of these models in the State. Collaborate with the SPoA as they work toward implementing strategies to achieve objectives that decrease social isolation and loneliness; promote health and wellness; increase inclusion, safety, and awareness; increase awareness of Adult Protective Services (APS) programs; and access to community settings. Collaborate with the Multi-Sector Plan on Aging (MPA) as they work toward Illinois becoming an Age-Friendly State; creating livable and connected communities such as transportation that meets the needs of individuals in their community, social connection and community engagement.
- **Family Caregivers** – Address the needs and resources necessary to assist both paid and unpaid Family Caregivers who support older adults. Coordinate with the SPoA's activities to increase public awareness and knowledge of caregiver needs, as well as resources and services available throughout the State to promote increased caregiver engagement in person-centered, trauma informed, and evidence-based programs and services. Coordinate with MPA activities to invest in caregivers by increasing caregiver outreach and awareness; advancing partnerships, collaboration, and engagement; strengthening services and support for caregivers; improving financial and workplace security for caregivers; expanding data, research, and evidence-based practices; and ensuring recruitment and retention strategies support a robust paid caregiver workforce that is qualified and supported.
- **Healthy Aging/Prevention and Addressing Social Isolation** – Continue to identify and research best practices and work with IDoA to disseminate educational materials and quality webinar training to the Aging Network. Receive ongoing IDoA IL Care Connections grant updates and CCU and AAA outreach and referral activities for assisting older adults with obtaining tablets with technical assistance to address Social Isolation. Coordinate with the SPoA and MPA on strategies for increasing the visibility of the Aging Network, including EngAGE Central: The Illinois Aging Resource Center. Coordinate with the SPoA and AAAs to monitor the impact of nutrition programs and track innovative approaches that may be models for areas with limited participation.
- **Housing** – Work with the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) and other State Agencies on the continued development and maintenance of affordable and acceptable housing options. From within the Aging Network, identify entities to become partners with the Statewide Referral Network (SRN) to ensure older adults are educated about and enrolled for housing opportunities. Collaborate with the MPAs Livable Community activities to allow older adults to age in the community by

ensuring housing stability and security; economic security and financial health; safe, livable, accessible, and affordable housing opportunities; estate planning resources; and freedom from fraud, neglect, exploitation, and elder abuse.

- Federal Level Changes Impacting Rebalancing– Identify and track new and existing federal initiatives that impact service delivery, funding, and access to services.
- Medicaid and Managed Care – Engage with HFS on learning how Medicaid match impacts CCP funding; work with DHS and HFS to explore the development of a streamlined application process across benefit programs (in conjunction with the MPA); work with HFS to improve the coordination and communication of older adult transitions between MCO and regular Medicaid; monitor the impact of HR1 on the older adult population; monitor the transition from MMAI to FIDE SNP to ensure older adults aren’t disproportionately impacted; receive and discuss information on the impact of waiver and CCP services in Nursing Facility deflections and admissions.
- Persons who are Elderly Waiver Services – Report on the development of the Rate Study being conducted for all Community Care Program (CCP) services and Care Coordination Unit (CCU) services. APS services are also included in the Rate Study. Monitor and report on the approval and implementation of rate changes approved in recent Waiver amendments and the renewal of the Waiver.
- Money Follows the Person (MFP) 2.0 – Work with HFS and DHS to develop and implement the re-launch of MFP in the State. Collaborate with other State Agency MFP programs when there are opportunities for crossover.
- Colbert and Williams Consent Decrees – Receive updates on Implementation Plan activities, deflections, and reintegration efforts by participating on internal State Agency calls. Align Money Follows the Person (MFP) initiatives and workflows to transition older adults out of institutional settings into appropriate community settings.
- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) – Work with HFS on the implementation of P.A. 102-0043 to include assisting with assessments for eligible individuals at the four current sites and with further expansion. PACE provides comprehensive medical and social services to certain frail community-dwelling elderly individuals. CCUs will be the point of entry for all PACE as participants must have a DON level of care determination. Reimbursement for the program is through a Medicare and Medicaid per month capitated rate.
- OASAC Subcommittees and Education –
  - Workforce Stabilization – continue participation with the Workforce Stabilization workgroup. Report on State Interdepartmental workgroup activities. Collaborate with the SPoA and MPA workgroups as appropriate.
  - Learn about OASAC Member’s Organizations – Continue to invite Members to present on their organization’s mission and initiatives during OASAC meetings.
  - Convene new Subcommittees as areas are identified.
    - A potential new subcommittee/workgroup to consider is Medication Safety.

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