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Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2025 (*approved 4.7.2025*)

Online Meeting Information

Webex Meeting – copy/paste meeting URL to your web browser:

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Dial in Phone Number: (312) 535-8110

Meeting number (access code): 2865 596 6738#, then press # again.

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OASAC Executive Committee Members in Attendance

Sherry Barter-Hamlin, The Voyage Senior Living
Paul Bennett, Citizen member over the age of 60
Topaz Gunderson-Schweska, Molina Managed Care
Linda Hubbartt, Senior Services of Effingham City County
David Olsen, Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter
Susan Real, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Gustavo Saberbein, Family Caregiver

Department Representatives in Attendance

Lisa Gregory, HFS
Erin Rife, IDPH
Erik Hanson DHS

Department on Aging Staff in Attendance

Mary Killough, John Eckert, Sophia Gonzalez, Iris Huber, Carrie Marcy, Brian Pastor, Sandy Pastore, Beth Skeeters, and Liz Vogt.

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Introductions

Acting Director Mary Killough welcomed members to the first meeting of the new year. John Eckert introduced the new Executive Committee Member, Erik Hanson, who is replacing Lyle VanDeventer who had been a member for many years and recently retired. Erik Hanson stated that he is from the Illinois Department of Human Services and has been with the Division of Rehabilitation Services since 2010. He has also had many roles as a counselor in the field to include the Field Office Supervisor and the Field Operations Bureau Chief until stepping down and then taking on the position held by Lyle VanDeventer as the Home Services Waiver Manager and the Liaison with the Illinois Department on Aging Currently working with HFS to consolidate the Persons with Disabilities, TBI and HIV Waivers, with a newly adjusted target date of July 2026. Looking forward to being an active member of this committee.

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Review & Approval of the Executive Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2024

John Eckert asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 21st meeting minutes, hearing none, called for a motion to approve. David Olsen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Paul Bennett, all approved and the motion carried.

Public Comments

None

2024 Draft OASAC Report to the General Assembly

John Eckert briefed that the report will be ready for the final review by the end of the week. We will circulate to all the voting and ex officio members for review, comments, and suggestion. John gave an overview of the report using the report's table of contents to outline the information included. Paul Bennett asked for clarification on the person in charge of Colbert Williams is from DHS or the Governor's Office. It was confirmed that Chief, Allie Johnson Tolbert is under DHS but has a dual role and reports directly to the Governor's Office.

2025 Draft OASAC Rebalancing and HCBS Initiatives

John Eckert reviewed the draft document that is essentially an updated version of the 2024 report. New additions for 2025 are family caregivers and housing. It is pretty thorough and follows our mandate. There will be ample time to review, comment and submit additions before we vote on the document formally at the February 24th meeting. Discussion on how we are doing actually reaching the older adult population and suggestion for adding this topic to a future agenda this year.

Discuss & Approve Agenda Items for OASAC Full Meeting on February 24, 2025

John discussed that we have completed the term renewals for members whose term ended in 2024. Also discussed the amount of training that has increased from over the course of the last 15 years from 2 to 5 annual training requirement.

Reviewed the draft agenda and requested input from members if they had more topics to add. Director Killough requested to add a Multi-sector Plan Update to the agenda. Clarification was provided on the topic of the member presentation by SEIU. This is a member update presentation on what they do as an organization as a member of OASAC. Director Killough requested to add an Aging Cares update, the Caregiver Portal and the Governor's Budget to the agenda. Discussion about adding Legislation Initiatives to the agenda and clarified that this would not only be the IDoA updates but for the OASAC members to identify any legislation they are working on, any issues that we believe would be impacting services. Director Killough discussed adding the Adult Protective Services Program to a future agenda especially since it impacts older adults.

Approve Agenda for the OASAC Full Meeting on February 24, 2025

John Eckert reviewed the additions to the draft agenda. David Olsen moved to approve the agenda as presented with changes included. Linda Hubbart seconded. All approved.

Motion to Adjourn

John Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Gustavo Saberbein. John Eckert called for a vote on the motion to adjourn. All approved and the meeting was adjourned.