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Older Adult Services Advisor Committee (OASAC) Executive Committee Meeting

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Online Meeting Information

WebEx Meeting – copy/paste to your web browser: <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mc6811fafccd5794d036ef645e612d52d>

Dial in Phone Number: (312) 535-8110

Meeting number (access code): **2631 876 9619** #, then press # again

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OASAC Executive Committee Members in Attendance

Becky Dragoo, Interim Director, Department on Aging
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
Mike Koronkowski, UIC College of Pharmacy
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
Robin Morgan, HFS
Erin Rife, IDPH
Lyle VanDeventer, DHS/DRS

Department on Aging Staff in Attendance

Mike Berkes, Sarah Carlson, Sophia Gonzalez, Jennifer Hebel, Brian Pastor, Sandy Pastore, Chelsey Peters, Iris Schweier, Beth Skeeters, and Liz Vogt

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Introductions

Becky Dragoo called for a motion to call the meeting to order. Mike Koronkowski made the motion and David Wilson seconded. Interim Director Becky Dragoo welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated how excited IDoA is for the potential that 2024 holds. The IDoA team looks forward to working with the Executive Committee members as well as the Full (OASAC) Committee.

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Approval of the Executive Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2023

Becky Dragoo asked for a motion to review and approve the October 16, 2023, Executive Committee meeting minutes. David Olsen made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mike Koronkowski seconded. No additions or corrections. All approved with none opposed. The minutes were approved unanimously and will be posted on the OASAC webpage on the IDoA website.

Public Comments

Paul Bennett asked if the plan was known for what the Governor's Office is planning in terms of selecting a permanent director for IDoA. He had heard that an external firm had been hired for the search. Interim Director Becky Dragoo, confirmed that a firm is conducting the search and that a representative was on the last Council on Aging call discussing that the firm was interviewing identified candidates.

Rebalancing of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Priority Areas CY 2024

Reviewed and discussed the following priority areas: Colbert & Williams Consent Decrees, Data-driven Program Development & Information Technology, Dementia-Friendly Communities, Federal Level Changes Impacting Rebalancing, Healthy Aging/Prevention & Addressing Social Isolation, Managed Care, Money Follow the Person (MFP) 2.0, OASAC Subcommittees & Education (Workforce Stabilization, Learn about OASAC Member's Organizations and other new Subcommittees as areas are identified), Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and Persons who are Elderly Waiver Services.

OASAC CY 2023 Report to the General Assembly

Large multi-year OASAC Report submitted to the General Assembly. Currently working the draft of the OASAC CY 2023 Report. This is a look back report that will be submitted very quickly in the new year.

Survey for Feedback on Increasing OASAC Participation

Mike Berkes introduced this agenda item that Paul Bennet had brought up at the end of 2023 about increasing participation in these meeting. John Eckert has proposed working a survey with questions about what our engagement look like and are there some new strategies that can be put in place to increase participation, to ensure that these meetings and our time together is used wisely. We will talk about this more in February. Paul Bennett has a draft survey that could be adapted very easily for OASAC utilizing Survey Monkey.

Department Updates

CMS Approved Elderly Waiver Amendments, Mike Berkes noted that coming out of the summer legislative session we saw a rate movement for In-Home Service, Adult Day Services Transportation as well as Adult Day Service. We received waiver approval in the summer from federal CMS to expand Emergency Home Response Services to global positioning (GPS) pendants and Fall Detection. The data driven decisions driven by CERA reporting. The new service start date is set for February 1st. Another shift with the waiver that was approved to allow for Legally Responsible Individuals to serve as Home Care Aids (HCA).

Ongoing Policy Updates, Liz Vogt noted that when new legislation is effective or changes come from federal sources, we frequently have to update Department policies to make sure that we are in line with the rules that the General Assembly has passed, or the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or our federal partners. Most recently you may have seen policy updates pertaining to the increased rates in the waiver and the EHRS enhancements. Requested feedback on the

Department's Partner Portal, what resources would be helpful, and ideas for organizing it. There was a demonstration of the Department's Partner Portal that showcased all of the resources currently available and how to navigate the site. Susan Real asked if there will be anything beyond the CCP that would live on the Partner Portal. Sandy Pastore stated the goal is to have the Older American Services Portal have access to the policies and forms without the need to go back and forth, hoping for this to come to fruition within the next 6 months. Gustavo Saberbein provided positive feedback as someone who uses the Partner Portal 2-3 times per day; that the new policy format as demonstrated today will be a great way to go, providing a reference rather than flagging the legacy policies.

3 Year State Plan Development (ACL), Sandy Pastore noted that this is the year we are preparing for IDoA's new 3 Year State Plan. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) are currently composing their 3-year plans, which will drive the IDoA's 3-year State Plan. There are 3 initiatives for each of the AAA's to plan around; increasing visibility, increase accountability and increasing visibility of caregiver services. These initiatives came from the Caregiver Roundtables across the entire state. Public hearings will be held in January of next year, we will begin writing the plan in the fall, and the draft is due to ACL in March of 2025 and the final plan will be completed in September/October of 2025. Liz Vogt stated that some of the stakeholder groups are working on comments to submit to IDoA regarding items they would like to see included in the new plan.

Review/Approve Agenda for Full OASAC Meeting on February 26, 2024

Reviewed the draft agenda and requested input from members if they had more topics to add. After discussion, Mike Berkes asked for a motion to approve. David Olsen made a motion to approve as presented and Gustavo Saberbein seconded the motion. Becky Dragoo called for a vote to approve the agenda. All approved and the agenda was approved.

Other issues & Recommendations

Sandy Pastore asked if David Olsen had presented to OASAC the statistics and information from the Alzheimer's Association. David Olsen stated he had not had the opportunity to present on that topic. The information is the first time the group has done work to get county level data nationwide. If there is an interest, he would be happy to present or share a quick update at a future meeting.

Mike Koronkowski stated the funding cycle for 5 more years of funding for Geriatric Workforce Enhancements are being renewed now. We'll know within the next 3-5 months if we have 1, 2 or 3 GWE in Illinois. The GWE would love to continue to work with IDoA with education and training programs for staff training as well as providers. 20-30% of the grant has to be driven towards dementia clients and caregivers.

Motion to Adjourn

Mike Berkes asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Koronkowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by David Olsen. Becky Dragoo called for a vote on the motion to adjourn. All approved and the meeting was adjourned.