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Older Adult Services Advisor Committee (OASAC) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 08, 2024 (approved 10.21.2024)

Online Meeting Information

WebEx Meeting – copy/paste to your web browser: <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m8d6a3cc1f9e662467a39a82c2dac0300>

Dial in Phone Number: (312) 535-8110

Meeting number (access code): 2633 693 1378#, then press # again.

Meeting password: 97PxJ3BESDG

OASAC Executive Committee Members in Attendance

Sherry Barter-Hamlin, The Voyage Senior Living
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
Gustavo Saberbein, Family Caregiver

Department Representatives in Attendance

Lisa Gregory, HFS
Robin Morgan, HFS
Erin Rife, IDPH

Department on Aging Staff in Attendance

Mary Killough, Mike Berkes, Sarah Carlson, Selma D'Souza, John Eckert, Sophia Gonzalez, Jennifer Hebel, Carrie Marcy, Brian Pastor, Sandy Pastore, Chelsey Peters, Iris Schweier, Beth Skeeters, and Liz Vogt

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Introductions

Acting Director Mary Killough welcomed members. John Eckert called for a motion to call the meeting to order. David Olsen made the motion and Mike Koronkowski seconded.

Approval of the Executive Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2024

Tabled, as the minutes have not been yet been drafted for approval.

Public Comments

None

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Review & Approve CY 2025 Rebalancing & Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Priority Areas

In reviewing the state statute, it states our reports and activities are based on the state fiscal year. This is exactly the one approved in February with the addition of the Building the Bridge Initiative Subcommittee to assist older adults leaving carceral settings and updated the go-live dates for the new Aging Cares system. John Eckert asked for a motion to approve as submitted. Gustavo Saberbein made a motion to approve the rebalancing as submitted, seconded by David Olsen and all approved.

Review & Discuss OASAC Member Survey Comments

The survey received 22 responses out of the 30 members. The survey questions and responses were presented and discussed. Overall, how satisfied are you with your role, as defined by OASAC, 13 of the 20 who responded were satisfied. Discussion on how the meetings can be structured to solicit input, feedback and advice from the members to the Department staff. Introducing legislative rules or policy to the group to provide opportunity for feedback. David Olsen suggested that the organizations on OASAC could bring topics or issues that are of general interest that would initiate and lead some discussion that would be beneficial to the whole group and feed into the Department. Also, an opportunity for the OASAC membership and the Executive Committee to provide input on the topics for the agenda. Director Killough would like to provide an opportunity for the Department to reach out to the membership regarding a specific topic and solicit feedback, thoughts, and ideas on Department initiatives. Mike Berkes suggested highlighting some peer to peer sharing on successes involving universities and programs that share positive outcomes. Sherry Barter-Hamlin suggested that new members are provided an orientation, to understand their roles and responsibilities, why they were chosen to serve, and what is expected serving in this capacity. John Eckert suggested an orientation packet.

Discuss/Review/Approve Agenda for the August 26, 2024, Full OASAC Meeting

Reviewed the draft agenda and requested input from members if they had more topics to add. Sandy Pastore gave a little overview of the agenda item 3-year state plan agenda item. The 3 statewide initiatives are; increase visibility of services, quality assurance, and creating the visibility for caregiver services. John Eckert noted a correction to the draft agenda in that the date for the next Full OASAC meeting is November 21st. After discussion, John Eckert asked for a motion to approve. Gustavo Saberbein made a motion to approve as presented and David Olsen seconded the motion. John Eckert called for a vote to approve the agenda. All approved and the agenda was approved.

Other issues & Recommendations

John Eckert gave an update regarding legislative issues through budgeting for results. Asked if we wanted to change anything in the OASAC statute. We requested that we be contacted sooner next year. We had requested permission to have the OASAC statute amended to collapse the township municipality positions into one voting member and switching the Parish nurse to a nurse that represents the provider network, which would reduce the voting membership from 32 to 31. We are waiting to hear back.

John Eckert has reached out to the Division of Rehabilitations Services for a replacement for Lyle Vandeventer upon his retirement on June 30th.

Sandy Pastore announced there is a new dementia friendly community in Eureka, Illinois. There are now 37 dementia friendly communities in Illinois.

The next OASAC Executive Committee Meeting is October 21st.

Mike Koronkowski asked if there was anyone information nationally on the Older Americans Act and Reauthorization? The Older Americans Act that guides everything we do is supposed to be updated in 2024. Sandy Pastore stated the reauthorization is happening and the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) are working on advocacy. If you are looking to advocate, suggest connecting with I4A. John Eckert noted that Susan Real is the OASAC AAA representative and is currently away at a conference, but we could reach out for an update at our next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

John Eckert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Linda Hubbartt. John Eckert called for a vote on the motion to adjourn. All approved and the meeting was adjourned.