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Older Adult Services Advisory Committee

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 14, 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 416 1118#, then press # again.

Meeting password Jz3JPvSCJ82

OASAC Executive Committee Members in Attendance

Adam Bursua— University of Illinois - Chicago

Paul Bennett, Citizen member over the age of 60

Topaz Gunderson-Schweska, Molina Managed Care

David Olsen, Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter

Susan Real, East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Gustavo Saberbein, Family Caregiver

Ex-Officio Committee Members in attendance:

Mary Killough, CHAIR – Director, Department on Aging

Lisa Gregory, VICE CHAIR – Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Corbin McGhee – Department of Insurance

Erin Rife – Department of Public Health

State Staff in Attendance

IDoA: John Eckert, Fabian Eghiabumhe, Sophia Gonzalez, Derek Hedges, Iris Huber, Albert McKinney, Carrie Marcy, Sandy Pastore, T'Kira Siler-Wilkerson, and Beth Skeeters.

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order & Introductions

John Eckert welcomed members to the meeting and asked for a motion to call the meeting to order.

David Olsen made the motion, seconded by Paul Bennett. John Eckert called for a vote on the motion, all approved and the meeting was called to order.

Review & Approval of the Executive Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2025

John Eckert announced that the minutes from the April meeting are not completed yet and will be available for the October meeting.

Public Comments

None

Respect for yesterday. Support for today. Planning for tomorrow.

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Review Draft OASAC Bylaws Document

John Eckert facilitated a discussion on the status of the OASAC Operations Manual with some of the provided feedback, the status of the internal draft, and now using a bylaws format. Currently working towards getting it ready to run it through our Legal department.

Review Status of OASAC CY 25 Rebalancing & HCBS Priority Areas Document

John Eckert presented the review and status of the OASAC CY 25 Rebalancing & HCBS Priority Areas Document: Colbert-Williams, working on approving an implementation plan and submitted a report for the plaintiff's attorney to review, making sure that the state has the capacity to meet the need for the increasing population of people that will be potentially utilizing long term care in specifically Cook County. It also looked at the Community Care Program and projected 4% growth over the next several years. Continue to work on the data driven piece. Susan Real discussed the continued growth in dementia friendly communities in Illinois with the support of RUSH. John Eckert discussed that we continue to work on family, paid and non-paid caregivers, as we've been charged over the next several years to work on site for family to access. Changes and adjustments for federal programs. Director Killough doesn't see immediate impacts, but we need to plan and advocate, especially for our populations. We continue to address social isolation through Illinois Care Connections Grants. Housing remains a priority and the new Multi-Sector Plan on Aging lead, Michele Hoersch indicated housing a real area of interest of hers and we need to connect her with Evan as our representative from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. We continue to work in the Managed care organizations; approximately 55k in CCP Medicaid MCO's, 55k CCP fee for service, and 20k that are non-Medicaid in our program. Continuing to ensure the client's needs are being met. Money Follows the Person scheduled to start approximately October with 4 CCU's in 10-12 counties in a handful of nursing facilities, using federal dollars to pay for the full-time transition coordinator. The Transition Coordinator will go into the nursing facilities and identify clients who don't want to stay in the nursing facility and can move back out into the community with services and support. The Multi-Sector Plan on Aging. Subcommittees; continue to work with RUSH Center for Excellence on Aging, developing curriculum development with FMAP funds for the direct care workforce across state agencies. Continue to discuss the PACE program and expand in the coming years. Continued work on the Elderly Waiver, with FMAP funds, the waiver renewal, amendments and the In-Home Service Provider rate increases.

Discuss & Approve Agenda Items for OASAC Full Meeting on August 25, 2025

John Eckert discussed the agenda draft for the August 25th meeting. No content corrections were identified or requested beyond the conflict with the meeting date. Director Killough identified that the August 25th meeting date will have to be changed due to a conflict with the HCBS Advancing States Conference. We will work to provide an alternative date within the next couple days.

Motion to Adjourn

Director Killough encouraged attendance at the conference in Peoria, October 15-16.

Susan Real announced that today, July 14th, 60 years ago the Older Americans Act was signed. So our framework began on July 14, 1965. Happy Birthday to the Older Americans Act!

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.