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Older Adult Services Advisory Committee (OASAC)

Meeting Minutes (Approved February 24, 2025)

November 18, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. (2:33)

OASAC Committee Members in attendance

Acting Director Mary Killough, CHAIR – Department on Aging
Lisa Gregory, VICE CHAIR – Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Sherry Barter Hamlin – The Voyage Senior Living
Paul Bennett – Citizen over the age of 60
Meghan Carter – Legal Counsel for Health Justice
Theresa Collins – Senior Services Plus Inc.
Suzanne Courtheoux – Ombudsman Association- Legal Aid Chicago
Cindy Cunningham – Illinois Adult Day Services Association
Topaz Gunderson-Schweska – Molina Healthcare of Illinois
Kathy Honeywell – North Shore Senior Center
John Larson– Cantata Adult Life Services
June McKoy - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Jay Mukoyama – The Clare
David Olsen – Alzheimer Association Illinois Chapter
Walter Rosenberg – Rush University Medical Center
Gustavo Saberbein – Family Caregiver
Nicole Spencer – Family Caregiver
Kimberly Stoerger (Palermo) – Illinois Healthcare Association
Tom Zablocki - SEIU HealthCare – Illinois and Indiana
Ex-Officio Committee Members in attendance:
Evan Ponder – Illinois Housing Development Authority
Garland Burt – Department of Human Services
Kelly Richards – State Long Term Care Ombudsman

OASAC Committee Members not in attendance

Tracey Colagrossi - Association of Illinois Senior Centers
Lori Hendren – AARP Illinois
Linda Hubbartt – Effingham City-County Committee on Aging
Susan Hughes – UIC Community Health Sciences School of Public Health
Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy (resigned)
Sara Jean Lindholm– Citizen over the age of 60 (resigned)
Dave Lowitzki – SEIU HealthCare – Illinois and Indiana
Sara Ratcliffe – Illinois Home Care and Hospice Council
Susan Real – East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Jason Speaks – Leading Age IL
Ancy Zacharia – Home Care Physicians
Ex-officio Members not in attendance:
Erin Rife, VICE CHAIR – Department of Public Health
Christopher Meister – Illinois Finance Authority
Angela Simmons – Department of Veterans Affairs

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IDoA and State staff in attendance

Lori Brannan, Sarah Carlson, Joe Danner, John Eckert, Monica Farquhar (HFS), Joe Gardner, Antoinette Golden (IDES), Sophia Gonzalez, Jennifer Hebel, Justin Heggy, Sally, Lisnek, Binaya Lohani, Carrie Marcy, Cynthia Mester (HFS), Lee Moriarty, Robin Morgan (HFS), Sandy Pastore, Melissa Schackel, Iris Schweier, Gloria Simmons, Beth Skeeters, Liz Vogt, Roberta Vojas, Dana Wilkerson, and Lisa Zuurbier.

Guests

Bailey Huffman (Coordinated Care Alliance), Dana Franceschini (UIC), Kristen Johnson (Alternatives), Amber Knox (Alternatives), Becca Reinstorf (Pana Hospital).

Welcome and Introductions

Acting Director Killough welcomed the committee members and guests. John Eckert announced that Webex has the capability of capturing the names of all those attending today's virtual meeting, therefore we will not need to do an individual roll call. In addition, those who joined by dial-in only are only identified by their phone number, therefore requested to either come off mute and announce yourself or email beth.a.skeeters@illinois.gov and provide her with your phone number. This will enable us to rename the Webex tile with your name in lieu of your phone number.



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Call to Order & Approve minutes from the Full OASAC meeting on August 26, 2024

John Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. David Olsen made the motion and Theresa Collins seconded. All members voted in favor. He additionally asked for a motion to review and approve the minutes from the August 26th, OASAC meeting. A correction is noted from the chat to correct Garland Burt's name in the minutes. David Olsen made the motion to approve the minutes and Kathy Honeywell seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by members and will be posted to the Department website.



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Public Comments

None.

Enhanced Choices for Care: A Coordinated Care Alliance (CCA) Demonstration Program Presentation, presented by Bailey Huffman and Dana Franceschini

Bailey Huffman began by thanking IDoA for funding and supporting this opportunity to lift up this pilot project, especially John Eckert. Bailey Huffman, MSW, is the Executive Director for the Coordinated Care Alliance and her email address is bhuffman@coordinatedcarealliance.org. Dana Franceschini is a consultant for CCA, currently a UIC doctoral candidate working towards a PhD in social work, with extensive experience working with Aging Care Connections, formerly within their Transitional Care Program and can be reached at

dfranc31@uic.edu. The presentation was sent out to all committee members and guests prior to the meeting and is available in the attached document here:



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OASAC Member Presentation – Illinois Healthcare Association (IHCA), presented by Kimberly Stoerger

Kim Stoerger, MSW, is the Regulatory Director for the Illinois Healthcare Association. The association represents over 400 long term care (LTC) facilities across the state of Illinois. IHCA is the only LTC association that does the full spectrum of care. We analyze and track state and federal regulations. We have a national charter as American Healthcare Associations who are able to access what other states do for comparisons, which is especially beneficial when negotiating legislation policies. The presentation was sent out to all committee members and guests prior to the meeting and is available in the attached document here:



11.18.2024 IHCA
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OASAC Vacancies, Term Renewals and adding New Members to the Executive Committee, John Eckert

John Eckert presented a spreadsheet showing there are currently 4 committee member vacancies (nurse, pharmacist, citizen aged 60, and director's hospice program) as well as 4 ex-officio/non-voting positions (GOV, DHS, DCEO, and DOI). He discussed the difficulty in filling the Parish Nurse position on the committee and that legislation has changed the position to a long-term care facility nurse or similar setting. He asked Sherry Barter-Hamlin to reach out to nurses in one of her CCRS sites and encouraged the group to put an interested nurse in contact with us. The pharmacist position is also open as Mike Koronkowski is going to take a vacation from OASAC and try to provide a name of someone interested in filling this position. We have a citizen over age 60 position open as well as the director's hospice program position. If anyone has an active family member or colleague who would be interested in serving on OASAC, please let us know.

There are 12 term renewals that are expiring this month. We will be emailing correspondence to those whose terms are expiring with a request to reply whether they want to continue on OASAC or not. OASAC members whose terms are expiring are Theresa Collins, Katherine Honeywell, Linda Hubbartt, Paul Bennett, Walter Rosenberg, Sara Ratcliffe, Jae Mukoyama, Sherry Barter-Hamlin, Gustavo Saberbein, Meghan Carter, Suzanne Courtheoux, and Ancy Zacharia.

We are also requesting new recruits for the Executive Committee. The OASAC Executive Committee meets the month prior to the regular/full OASAC meeting, to discuss and strategize as well as prepare the agenda topics for the following month's meeting. Dr June McKoy posted in the chat that she would like to join the Executive Committee.

OASAC 2024 Training Requirement Status Update, John Eckert

John Eckert briefed that we have been informed that the annual training required for boards and commissions has increased from 3 to 5 courses. The links to the training and the methods of completion have been emailed out to the OASAC members with notification of completion is required by December 31, 2024. Noted that Cindy Cunningham identified that she did not receive the training requirements email. John also discussed the new requirement for Alzheimer's & Dementia training, but it was clarified after the meeting that this legislative

1. Ethics Training Program for State Employees and Appointees 2024
 2. Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Training 2024
 3. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Training 2024
 4. Security Awareness 2024 (new requirement)
 5. LGBTQIA+ Equity and Inclusion 2024 (new requirement)
- ** Open Meetings Act (OMA) training is a **one-time** online requirement for State of Illinois Board and Commission Members, offered by the Office of the Attorney General.

Building the Bridge Initiative Subcommittee Final Report, John Eckert

John Eckert discussed the final report of the Building the Bridge Initiative Subcommittee Report. The report attached below was sent out to all committee members and guests prior to the meeting. The initiative was started by Governor Pritzker having the goal initiative where he challenged leaders of all state agencies to look at an innovative program where they could assist someone we serve. We looked at trying to serve older adults coming out of long term carceral settings and it turned out that there are just under 200 a year that are over age 60. The former IDoA Director, John Holton, presented 5 recommendations. The subcommittee met four times, looked at a lot of information, did a lot of work and got good feedback. We believe we did our due diligence and numerous individuals participated in whole or in part as available. The final subcommittee meeting was on November 18, 2024.



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Proposed 2025 OASAC Meeting Schedule

John Eckert presented the proposed 2025 schedule that was sent out to all committee members and guests prior to the meeting. A discussion was had on the in-person meeting to take place on August 25, 2025. asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. John Eckert asked for a motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. David Olsen made the motion to approve the schedule as presented. Sherry Barter Hamlin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, none opposed.



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Other Issues & Recommendations:

Discussion on amending the bylaws to include virtual meetings post pandemic.

Sarah Carlson announced she is leaving IDoA next week and will moving to CMS in the Bureau of Administrative Hearings.

Sandy Pastore gave a brief update on the 12 State Plan Roundtable Regional meetings. There were 9 in-person meetings and 3 virtual meetings. ACL has provided a new 30 page format for the State Plan on Aging. It has previously been 100+ pages.

At our next meeting we will begin working on the OASAC Report for calendar year 2024 due by the end of the month.

Motion to Adjourn:

David Olsen made a motion to adjourn. Disconnections occurred and an official adjournment was not completed.