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Older Adult Services Advisory Committee (OASAC)

Meeting Minutes (Approved August 26, 2024)

May 13, 2024, 1:00 – 3:07 P.M.

OASAC Committee Members in attendance:

Acting Director Mary Killough – Department on Aging
Deputy Director Becky Dragoo – Department on Aging
Sherry Barter Hamlin – The Voyage Senior Living
Paul Bennett – Citizen over the age of 60
Meghan Carter – Legal Council for Health Justice
Suzanne Courtheoux – Ombudsman Association- Legal Aid Chicago
Tom Culberson - Quad County Home Health, Hospice, and DME
Cindy Cunningham – Illinois Adult Day Services Association
Topaz Gunderson-Schweska – Molina Healthcare of Illinois
Lori Hendren – AARP Illinois
Kathy Honeywell – North Shore Senior Center
Linda Hubbartt – Effingham City-County Committee on Aging
John Larson– Cantata Adult Life Services
Sara Jean Lindholm– Citizen over the age of 60
Dave Lowitzki – SEIU HealthCare – Illinois and Indiana
June McKoy - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Jay Mukoyama – The Clare
David Olsen – Alzheimer Association Illinois Chapter
Sara Ratcliffe – Illinois Home Care and Hospice Council
Susan Real – East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Walter Rosenberg – Rush University Medical Center
Gustavo Saberbein – Family Caregiver
Jason Speaks – Leading Age IL
Nicole Spencer – Family Caregiver
Tom Zablocki - SEIU HealthCare – Illinois and Indiana

Ex-officio Committee Members in attendance:

Erin Rife – Department of Public Health
Lisa Gregory – Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Kelly Richards – State Long Term Care Ombudsman
Angela Simmons – Department of Veterans Affairs
Evan Ponder – Illinois Housing Development Authority
Lyle VanDeventer – Department of Human Services

Department on Aging staff in attendance:

Rhonda Armstead, Mike Berkes, Sarah Carlson, Selma D’Souza, John Eckert, Sophia Gonzalez, Jennifer Hebel, Emily Howerton, Ellen Jennings-Fairfield, Carrie Marcy, Theresa McKeon, Lee Moriarty, Sandy Pastore, Chelsey Peters, Melissa Schackel, Iris Schweier, Gloria Simmons, Liz Vogt, Roberta Vojas, Dana Wilkerson, and Lisa Zurbier.

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Guests:

Robin Morgan (HFS), Richard Juarez (Solutions for Care), and Brycie Kochuyt (Alternatives).

OASAC Committee Members not in attendance:

Tracey Colagrossi - Association of Illinois Senior Centers

Theresa Collins – Senior Services Plus Inc.

Susan Hughes – UIC Community Health Sciences School of Public Health

Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy

Kimberly Stoerger (Palermo) – Illinois Healthcare Association

Ancy Zacharia – Home Care Physicians

Welcome and Introductions:

Acting Director Mary Killough welcomed everyone to the May 2024 OASAC meeting. She was pleased to see so many familiar faces and is aware of the great work the OASAC does resolving issues and appreciates the time and efforts of the members who work on this committee.

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

John Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. David Olsen made the motion and Gustavo Saberbein seconded. All members voted in favor. He additionally asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 26th OASAC meeting. David Olsen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Susan Real seconded. There were no additions or corrections noted. The minutes were approved unanimously by members and will be posted to the Department website.

Public Comments:

Paul Bennett wanted to bring to everyone’s attention that this year marks 50 years for most of the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) across the United States, to include Age Options.

Review CCP Enrollment & CCP Medicaid Enrollment Reports

John Eckert reviewed the CCP Enrollment Report and the Medicaid Enrollment Trends Charts that were provided via email to all the members prior to the meeting. Paul Bennett suggested looking at the number of people that an AAA serves, because you’re going to see a much larger number than 129,000. Susan Real stated that over 503,000 older adults served in Illinois, 17.5% of the senior population in fiscal year 2023. John Eckert mentioned that we could highlight the great work AAA’s are doing as part of our annual report.

PACE Implementation Update:

Lisa Gregory shared that the last time she addressed this group she shared a presentation of what PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) is and where it will be located. Today will just be an update on PACE which is located in 5 service regions throughout Illinois, mostly around the Chicago area, Peoria and the Metro East area. There is a statutory requirement to begin enrollment on June 1st. Lawndale Christian Health Center and OSF Healthcare Systems have both received their agreement from federal CMS which allows them to begin marketing and enrollment activities. Esperanza Health Centers will receive their agreement in the very near future. Productive meetings have taken place with IDoA and CCU’s. We have been able to develop in draft form what a referral for a Determination of Need (DON) will look like and developing a form to go back to PACE after the DON has been performed.

Review and Discuss OASAC Member Survey:

Paul Bennet shared the detailed results of the survey. There were 22 respondents from the 30-member committee who completed the 8-question survey. The survey was sent to committee members on 3 separate occasions. The survey comments will be addressed by the OASAC Executive Committee. The OASAC Member Survey Results document was provided to committee members via email prior to the meeting.

Building the Bridge Subcommittee:

John Eckert shared that this is a subcommittee that is looking at the assistance for the 200 plus seniors that leave carceral settings every year. The goal is to look at best practices, recommendations for materials to share with the individuals, with a targeted outreach and implementation plan working with the Illinois Department of Corrections and other sister agencies.

Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter Updates:

David Olsen, the Director of the State Affairs for the Alzheimer's Association, Illinois Chapter, presented updates. The Alzheimer's Association is working with IDoA and all of the stakeholders to advance public policy and services for those living with Alzheimer's and all older adults across the state of Illinois.

Department Updates:

Legislation

Gloria Simmons presented IDoA Legislative updates on HB 4346 Aging Community Care Program and SB 2799 Self-Neglect Reports. She also provided updates on State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Initiatives HB 4427 Assisted Living Advisory Board, HB 5095 Nursing Home Discharge, SB 2715 Aging-Ombudsman Program, SB 2957 Facility Incident Reports and SB3723 Nursing Facility Residency-involuntary Transfer. The following bills of interest in the Spring of 2024 were briefed; HP 4677 Caregiver Resources Assistance, SF 0056 Insurance Medicare Enrollment Period, SB 3691 Area Agencies on Aging. Susan Real added that SB 3401 is to add a COLA to the personal needs allowance for LTC residents and skilled nursing facilities and has a House companion bill. The PowerPoint presentation was provided to the committee membership via email after the meeting. Lee Moriarty announced the new marketing initiative utilizing a mascot for the Ombudsman program utilizing the letter O and created the mascot, Buddy. The intent is to make the Buddy recognizable for advocacy.

3-Year State Plan Development (ACL)

Sandra Pastor shared that they are developing a new State Plan, therefore she will be reaching out this summer to do some stakeholder engagement through the Area Agencies on Aging in addition to the OASAC. The Area Plans are due back this week.

Aging Cares

Mike Berkes shared an update on Aging Cares, the comprehensive case management system. Phase 1 of implementation is our Care Coordination Units (CCU) as well as our different providers of our core services that starts in downstate Illinois in Planning and Service Areas (PSA) 8, 9 10 AND 11. Starting at the bottom of the state and working north, adjusting along the way. Aging Cares will house our comprehensive assessment for CCP as well as have offline and online capability when working in the field. It will also house the Person-Centered Plan of Care (PCPOC). In addition to our aging waiver services providers and the AAA's, we will also be engaging the managed care organizations (MCO's). The Pre-implementation Audit is almost completed. We are working with DoIT to run some strong vulnerability scans with our external data partners. We do not have a "go-live" date yet, but we are only a couple months away.

Emergency Senior Services FY23 Report

Mike Berkes reviewed the FY23 Report that was provided via email to all the members prior to the meeting. All of the ESS funds sit with and will continue to sit with the Care Coordination Units (CCU) for this grant. The impact for FY23 was 5600 individuals who received assistance. Average per individual \$321.75. There were 473 individuals that were given the approval with IDoA support to go above the \$500 threshold. We will have a similar analysis for FY24 once closed.

Other Issues & Recommendations:

Dave Lowitzki requested from IDoA and HFS a report about the Access Rule and how it will impact in Illinois. Also requested from HFS the new nursing home staffing roles from the federal level.

John Eckert shared that a long-term member, Lyle Vandeventer, has an announcement. Lyle Vandeventer, OASAC HFS member, shared that will be retiring July 1st. He shared his appreciation for this group and that he may be back on contract.

John Eckert shared an invitation for OASAC members to join the OASAC Executive meetings.

Motion to Adjourn:

John Eckert requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. June McKoy made a motion and David Olsen seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 P.M.