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Older Adult Services Advisory Committee (OASAC)

Meeting Minutes (Approved November 14, 2024)

August 26, 2024, 1:00 – 3:08 P.M.

OASAC Committee Members in attendance:

Acting Director Mary Killough, CHAIR – Department on Aging
Lisa Gregory, VICE CHAIR – Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Paul Bennett – Citizen over the age of 60
Meghan Carter – Legal Counsel for Health Justice
Tracey Colagrossi - Association of Illinois Senior Centers
Theresa Collins – Senior Services Plus Inc.
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
Susan Hughes – UIC Community Health Sciences School of Public Health
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
Ancy Zacharia – Home Care Physicians
Ex-Officio Committee Members in attendance:
Evan Ponder – Illinois Housing Development Authority
Garland Burt – Department of Human Services

OASAC Committee Members not in attendance:

Sherry Barter Hamlin – The Voyage Senior Living
Suzanne Courtheoux – Ombudsman Association- Legal Aid Chicago
Michael Koronkowski – UIC College of Pharmacy
Kimberly Stoerger (Palermo) – Illinois Healthcare Association
Ex-officio Members not in attendance:
Christopher Meister – Illinois Finance Authority
Erin Rife – Department of Public Health
Kelly Richards – State Long Term Care Ombudsman
Angela Simmons – Department of Veterans Affairs

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IDoA and HFS staff in attendance:

Sarah Carlson, John Eckert, Monica Farquhar (HFS), Joe Gardner, Sophia Gonzalez, Jennifer Hebel, Emily Howerton, Ellen Jennings-Fairfield, Carrie Marcy, Albert McKinney, Lee Moriarty, Robin Morgan (HFS), Sandy Pastore, Brian Pastor, Chelsey Peters, Kelly Rice, Melissa Schackel, Iris Schweier, Gloria Simmons, Beth Skeeters, Roberta Vojas, and Lisa Zuurbier.

Guests:

Amy Brennan (Age Options), Bailey Huffman (Coordinated Care Alliance), Kristen Johnson (Alternatives), Amber Knox (Alternatives), Lawrence Wagner (Legal Aid Chicago).

Welcome and Introductions:

John Eckert announced that Webex has the capability of capturing the names of all those attending today's 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.

Director Mary Killough welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the August 2024 OASAC meeting. She discussed having a very full agenda today but would like to bring up later the new Executive Order and the Multi-Sector Plan initiative. John Eckert announced Garland Burt will be the OASAC interim replacement for DHS Division of Rehabilitation Services until the position for Lyle Vandeventer is filled.

Call to Order & Approve minutes from the Full OASAC meeting on May 13, 2024:

John Eckert asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Theresa Collins made the motion and David Olsen seconded. All members voted in favor. He additionally asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13th, OASAC meeting. David Olsen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Paul Bennett 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:

None.

Review CCP Enrollment & CCP Medicaid Enrollment Reports

John Eckert presented the CCP Enrollment Report and the Medicaid Enrollment Trends Charts that were provided via email to all the members prior to the meeting. There was a discussion about the confusion with transitions off managed care (MCO) and back to the Community Care Program (CCP). Would like to see this topic as an agenda item at a future meeting.

AARP Updates:

Lori Hendren presented the AARP updates that were provided via email to all the members prior to the meeting. She announced that AARP has offices in Chicago and Springfield, but that they do community work across the state. AARP is pleased to have joined the Multi-Sector Plan on Aging, as it's a big priority and thank the Illinois Department on Aging and all the groups who've worked to make it possible. Pathways to Care was an AARP commissioned study across the state last year, focusing on the needs of family caregivers and further understanding Illinoisians specific needs. There is a need for a one stop shop when you are in a point of crisis. The Caregiver Portal will be that one stop shop and full implementation is planned for 2027. Lori Hendren posted the following links in the meeting chat:

- Pathways to Care report: <https://www.aarp.org/pri/topics/ltss/family-caregiving/experiences-with-long-term-care.html>

- Full study report: <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/topics/ltss/family-caregiving/pathways-to-care-experiences-with-long-term-services-and-supports-in-illinois.doi.10.26419-2fppi.00226.001.pdf>
- State of IL caregiver info: <https://www.aarp.org/pri/topics/ltss/family-caregiving/valuing-the-invaluable-2015-update/>

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 and then come forward with some recommendations that would be brought to the whole committee for feedback. The OASAC Member Survey Results document was provided to committee members via email prior to the meeting.

Review & Approve CY 2025 Rebalancing and HCBS Priority Areas:

John Eckert discussed that this was approved back in February, but there needed to be changes for the annual report to the state fiscal year and not the calendar year. Requested a motion to approve the change. David Olsen motion to approve as presented, seconded by Jason Speaks, none opposed and the motion was approved.

Multi-Sector Plan on Aging:

Mary Killough announced that many may already be aware that Governor Pritzker signed an Executive Order to create a multi-sector planning process for aging. This planning process is a look at aging in Illinois and to come up with a plan and report to address the fact that by 2030, 25% of Illinoisians will be over the age of 60. Looking at ways we can expand our planning process to address the multitude of needs that will bring to the state. In this executive order, the Governor created a role for a Chief Planner who will facilitate several groups. The first in an inter-agency group to address issues and impacts some of which including housing, caregiving and transportation. The second group will come together as a council made of up of various groups and individuals to bring forth their expertise on these issues. The goal is to bring the information and present a plan to the General Assembly by December 2025 that would outline a plan that will align resources. We did received funding to bring on the Chief Planner which will be a contract position. This is the first chief role for the IDoA.

3-Year State Plan Planning:

Sandy Pastor, the Home and Community Based Services Division Manager at the Illinois Department on Aging, presented the FY2026-2028 Illinois State Plan on Aging Roundtable Discussion, that was provided via email to all the members prior to the meeting. The goal of the State Plan on Aging is to integrate overarching findings and goals from the regional area plans to create a comprehensive actionable statewide plan with data driven performance measures that moves Illinois forward in better supporting older people and family caregivers. The draft state plan will be written by the end of this year and then out for comments and feedback.

Other Issues & Recommendations:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

John Eckert requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Olsen made a motion and Dr. June McKoy seconded. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 P.M.