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**Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
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Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, IN
Wabash Hall Conference Rooms 4 and 5**

Attendees were able to join virtually over Zoom.

The meeting was livestreamed and is available on the FSSA Indiana YouTube channel at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@fssaindianavideos/streams>

Dr. JoAnn Burke, Commission on Aging Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. EDT.

Members in attendance: Chair Dr. JoAnn Burke, Vice Chair of Programs Dr. Katie Ehlman, Vice Chair of Partnerships Judith Schoon, Secretary Dan Mustard, James Goen, Kelli Tungate, Debra Lambert, Jennifer Lantz, Becky Anspach
Members not in attendance: Robert Bischoff, Megan Springer, Margaret Smith, Barbara Blackford

Dr. Burke asked for additions and/or corrections to the March 2023 minutes and noted the addition of Dan Mustard's report on housing supports. A quorum was present, and a motion for approval was made by Kelli Tungate and seconded by Jennifer Lantz. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Karen McKinney, Indiana Pathways for Aging and Hoosier Care Connect Director, and Shannon Effler, Director of Care Programs, both from the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP), reported on Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Reform, the Indiana Pathways for Aging (Pathways) overall quality goals, the Managed Care Implementation timeline and Onboarding overview, as well as the Readiness Review Overview. Regarding stakeholder engagement, 92% of stakeholder considerations, gathered through 600+ meetings, were fully or partially incorporated into the LTSS reform effort. Dr. Burke asked that Katherine Tavitian speak at the July meeting regarding the service coordinator's role in Pathways.

Stephanie Laskey from the Division of Aging presented information regarding the CMS regulation that applies to Medicaid waiver participants. Stephanie updated on the Settings Rule compliance project that is nearing completion. Discussion afterwards yielded questions that are likely better answered by the Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) director Cathy Robinson.



Leslie Huckleberry, Division of Aging Director, provided an update on the legislative session and how this budget session will impact the Division of Aging and some of the program services. Leslie provided information and clarification on the Dementia Care Specialist Program and ALS Hospice program, both of which are new to the Division of Aging. She also outlined the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver rate funding increase with this legislature. The General Assembly fully funded the proposed rate increases with this historic investment by the Assembly to our division.

Erin Wright, Access and Engagement Director in the Division of Aging, reported on No Wrong Door. She stated that we have a grant from the Federal Administration for Community Living looking at access to long term services and supports as part of the No Wrong Door system. In this first year of a two-year grant, mapping of how participants access services, i.e., a publicly funded service, a VA service, DMHA, is trying to be as coordinated, seamless, and integrated as possible. Work with a governance team is being done, and stakeholder engagement sessions are being scheduled, to try to gather feedback from the community about what is important to them when accessing services where there are information gaps and how we might address those gaps.

Dr. Burke provided an update on the Living Better Living Longer Collaborative. She continues to encourage the local coalitions of different kinds to stay involved in looking at how, as we roll out LTSS across the state, this impacts local communities. Federal and State governments have been involved, but now local governments are being affected. Several issues involve zoning ordinances in rural areas that need to be changed.

Judith Schoon, chair of the Shared Decision-Making committee, reported the board approved some great ideas that have come forward from previous meetings. This committee is working on ways to implement those ideas and will report to the board.

Deb Lambert, Emergency Housing Advisory Committee chair, noted that she has connected with a group that has been doing this nationally. The group is willing to share documents, policies, procedures, etc., with our committee which will likely be very helpful and timesaving. We are in the process of developing the mission and vision criteria for program participation and working toward the end goal. It is anticipated that there will be something to report in July.

Dr. Burke said that she will be looking for assistance with the Family Caregiver Advisory Committee. She has been looking into local libraries to be 'go to' places for the public to find factual information on caregiving.

Dan Mustard, chair of the Housing Support Advisory Committee, communicated that the committee is putting together a recommendation to the Commission that summarizes what they have done to this point in time. He advised that the infrastructure, such as inventory of homes and staffing, may pose serious obstacles to making something happen. As we expand into older adult services, we will probably be in direct competition with the folks on the disability services side. There is still a lot of work to do in Housing Supports.

Dan also updated regarding the Senior Center Coalition. He reported they had a recent conference in which the theme was Power of Community. Topics discussed were ageism, building collaborative leadership, and how to avoid being an interim leader. Currently, the executive director in the not-for-profit world lasts about 18 months. This isn't good for continuity of services or momentum.

Kristen LaEace, CEO, Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging (IAA), began by reminding everyone that May is Older Americans month. This month coincides with the 50th anniversary of Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). Dr. Burke attended a celebration in New Albany, where Kristen was as well, for LifeStream Services, one of our AAAs in the southern Indiana area. She mentioned that one way to celebrate older Americans is by nominating someone for a 'Golden Hoosier' award. Lt. Governor Crouch and Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) partner to gather older adult nominees that have been recognized for their outstanding volunteer efforts within their community. AAAs have their own 'Golden Hoosier' nominees as

well, and all are put forward for consideration of this award. A caregiver strategy was announced nationally, which is a bit more detailed in the packet, that supports caregivers in general, and grandparents raising grandchildren. A series of administrative actions have been taken to implement those recommendations. New regulations are coming out probably this summer that will be released for comment regarding the Older Americans Act that will affect what can be funded and how the OAA is administered with the AAA network. U.S. Aging had a Hill Visit Day at the end of April, and the national agenda and talking points are in the packet. It is very significant and should be supported because it is focused on home and community-based services for older adults and people with disabilities.

Kristen also included in the packet a state legislative update. She highlighted three categories of bills to bring attention to. One addressed a simplified SNAP application for older adults and people with disabilities with renewal on a three-year cycle. Another of those bills that was discussed last time creates a revolving loan fund for local units to help support housing infrastructure. The third bill Kristen mentioned was the state's mental health strategy. She highlighted that the behavioral health commission will be adding members including a representative of persons 55 and older. A study topic assignment on the mental health of individuals 55 years of age and older was specifically called out in the legislation.

Also, I4A had gotten a grant from Humana to support items related to housing specialists. Training was completed for AAA housing specialists which included a curriculum PowerPoint and learner guides. There were three different topics so there were three different webinars. Another thing that is coming out of the grant is a convening of housing partners in the state to develop policy recommendations. The draft is in its final stages. When it comes out, it will be distributed to stakeholders that were at the meeting, and others. The final draft will be shared with Dan's subcommittee. She suggested the Commission on Aging and the CHOICE Board memberships may need to be amended to include someone with housing expertise.

Finally, Kristen explained that the AAA network has evolved how they are going to be contracting with Managed Care Entities (MCE). An RFP was put out related to ongoing management services in the AAA network to the current Enliven manager, CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions. CICOA, who has been on the forefront of contracting nationally, decided to form a joint venture called Community Care Hub of Indiana. This is springboarding off the work that Aging and In-Home Solutions has already been doing with a community care learning collaborative, an initiative they entered with ACL last fall. It is going to be governed by CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions, so it sits outside the association. They are finalizing and a larger communication will go out to stakeholders.

Dr. Burke adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.