

ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM May 12, 2021

Present (Via Video Conferencing)- Steve Karrer, Deb Schwarz, Kathy Taylor, Mary Tritsch, Vanessa Riebli, Kate Carter, Ruth Ritthaler, Barb Conant, Kathy Greenlee, and Jackie Zickel

Members Absent: Dawne Stevenson, Dr. Stephen Benson, Jackie Williams, Kendra Baldrige

Others Present: Sarah Shipman, Guest Fran Oleen

Meeting called to order at 3:01 P.M. via video conferencing

Chairman Karrer read an Open Meetings Information notice to everyone participating. Public Notice was issued via the Kansas Attorney General's website.

Introduction of Barb Conant, who is replacing Mitzi Fitzpatrick, due to retirement. Barb is a lobbyist for Kansans for Better Care and has many years of experience in the concerns related to elder and dependent adult abuse.

Agenda items:

- 1) Review and approval of minutes from February 25, 2021 meeting. Kate Carter moved to approve minutes and Vanessa Riebli provided a second. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2) No report was provided from the MDT sub-committee. Vanessa Riebli indicated she cannot continue as chairman of the MDT sub-committee due to requirements of her current position in the Johnson County District Attorney's Office, so Chairman Karrer made a motion to appoint Jacklyn Zickel as the MDT sub-committee chairman. Vanessa Riebli seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
1. Education, Outreach and Awareness subcommittee - Kate Carter gave an update and discussed their plans for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15). They will be producing informational magnets and bookmarks to distribute statewide, but are still in the drafting stages. The Attorney General has requested the subcommittee provide a proof of the magnet and bookmark, for final approval before ordering. AARP, the Johnson County District Attorney's Office, and the Overland Park Police Officers Foundation have agreed to make financial contributions to the project. The bookmarks and magnets are to be distributed through state agencies and through libraries. Kate Carter made a motion, to manufacture and distribute 1000 bookmarks and 1000 magnets, Subject to approval of the proof by the AG's Office. The motion was amended to 5000 of each. Kate withdrew her motion. A motion was made by Chairman Karrer that we as a council approve Vanessa Riebli to operate on our behalf to accomplish, on our behalf, up to 10,000 magnets and/or bookmarks, funded in part by the Johnson County

District Attorney's Office, AARP, and the Overland Park Police Officers Foundation, with the final caveat being that the final proofs be approved by the AG's office through the appropriate channels. In addition, we give Vanessa Riebli the ability to facilitate the payment for the magnets and bookmarks, including allowing AARP and the Kansas Bankers Association to submit payment to the vendor. The motion was seconded by Kate Carter and approved unanimously.

1. Chairman Karrer provided an update regarding HB 2114, the Council's proposed MDT legislation. HB 2114 was passed, which includes approximate \$97,000 for a state coordinator. Steve will be working towards filling that position in the near future. Deb Swartz spoke about the changes that were made and impact DCF. They are going to condense exploitation and fiduciary abuse to one category (rather than two). Several appeals were lost due to the clear and convincing evidence being for exploitation and not fiduciary abuse (or vice versa). In the abuse category, there are subcategories and they removed some verbiage, to clean up abuse definitions. Mandated reporters are now categorized, to make it easier for people to look up and see who is a mandated reporter (rather than one large list). They had the nursing home industry added to the list of CDDO, so if a person outside the facility comes into the facility and perpetrates, it will be investigated by DCF, not KDADS. In addition, they changed the ability for reporters to obtain the findings of the investigation, which can cause many problems. Now they will say if the report was screened in or screened out, but no further information is released unless there is a Release of Information Form submitted and approved. Kansas Senior Care Task Force (2014) is made up of 24 members and their focus is provision of care for KS seniors who are in a wide variety of vulnerable positions. - Out of the Medicaid division, they requested an increase in penalty if there is physical abuse in a facility and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Kathy Greenlee requested we put guardianships on our next meeting agenda and invite someone to speak with our group on the topic.
2. Steve G and Liz Long reached out to Steve related to the MDT Bill, they wanted to be part of the MDT, when there are certain cases related to Kansas Disability Rights Organization. They would like to come and speak with the council about how they can work with us.
3. Mary Tritsch June 15, at 1330 the AG is going to do a town hall meeting with AARP, talking about issues on Fraud and abuse.
4. Discussed WEAAD Johnson Co training DCF- APS..

Next Meeting: A Doodle poll will be sent out for the next meeting, for late July or early August

Mary Tritsch moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Kathy Taylor. All in favor, no opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.