ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FROM August 19, 2020

Present (Via Video Conferencing)- Det. Jacklyn Zickel, Kathy Taylor, Steve Karrer, Mary Tritsch, Kate Carter, Naomi Burget, Mitzi McFatrich, Kathy Greenlee, Kendra Baldridge, Ruth Rithaler, Vanessa Riebli, Dawne Stevenson, Deb Schwarz

Members Absent: Jackie Williams and Dr. Stephen Benson

Also Present: Elizabeth DaPrato

Meeting called to order 2:01pm

Agenda items:

1) Review and approval of minutes from June meeting. Due to Technical difficulty, the minutes were not ready for review and approval. Will approve June minutes along with August minutes at next meeting in September.

2) Statutes/Regulations sub-committee met twice, once alone and then again jointly with the MDT sub-committee. Both meetings covered possible proposed legislation regarding MDTs. Topics discussed at the meeting included who would convene the MDTs, the jurisdiction of each MDT (county versus regional), the list of possible members, whether participation should be mandatory, application of KORA and KOMA to MDTs, and also confidentiality of the items discussed at such meetings. Questions were asked by council members regarding possibly creating a statewide coordinator of the local MDTs. Specifically the Council discussed funding and which agency would be the home for the state wide coordinator. The two agencies discussed were the Attorney General’s Office and the Department of Children and Families. The pros and cons of each were discussed in detail. Member McFatrich discussed making sure the membership of the MDTs contained an advocacy representative from the community such as the Long Care Ombudsman or Area Agency on Aging.

Education Outreach committee was unable to have a meeting along with the MDT sub-committee.

New Business:

No specific new business was brought up. There was discussion about Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse training that will be provided by the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) in August, September, October, and November. The training will cover financial abuse as well as physical and sexual abuse. The training is being provided by the Kansas Attorney General’s Office in coordination with KLETC.

The Next meeting was set for September 14, 2020, at 2 pm and will be primarily focused on proposing legislation regarding MDTs.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Taylor, seconded by Kathy Greenlee @ 2:35.