

ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2020

Present - Dr. Stephen Benson, Det. Jacklyn Zickel, Kathy Taylor, Steve Anderson in lieu of Jackie Williams, Steve Karrer, Mary Tritsch, Kate Carter, Naomi Burgett, and Mitzi McFatrigh

Attending via Phone – Kathy Greenlee

Members Absent: Ruth Rithaler, Vanessa Rieble, Chrisy Khatib, and Dawne Stevenson

Also Present: Sarah Shipman, Office of the Attorney General, legal counsel for the Council

Meeting called to order 1:08pm

Agenda and meeting minutes handed out. Steve Karrer announces the KDHE, KDADS, and DCF representatives have all been called into emergency COVID-19 meetings and cannot attend. Also, Ruth Rithaler and Vanesa Riebli are also not able to attend due to COVID-19 related matters.

Dr Benson had a question about KOMA/KORA. Sarah Shipman is the new attorney in replacement of Craig Pschang and answered his question. As a council we cannot talk about the activities of the council outside of the council. It is permissible to send information to the chairman for discussion at the next council meeting that then could be shared with the group.

Agenda items:

- 1) Review and approval of minutes from December meeting. No additions or corrections were requested, Kathy Taylor moved to approve minutes, Mary Tritsch seconded the motion. It was noted that all documents pertaining to the council are retained with the AG's office per records retention. Minutes unanimously approved.
- 2) Statutes/Regulations sub-committee met, they reviewed statutes related to MDT's from other states. The group is taking the opportunity to review in depth 7 to 8 state statutes and will follow up by contacting representatives in each state in regards to how the statute has or has not worked within that state. Georgia, Florida, Arizona, and several others had MDT statutes that the sub-committee reviewed. It was asked if there was anything the Council as a whole wanted the Statute committee to address. Kathy Greenlee wanted the committee to review whether changes had to be made through statute or if it could be done through regulations. Steve Anderson stated that when contacting other states, it may be beneficial to reach out to MFCU to see if their contacts within Medicaid had any ideas to share. Dr. Benson stated he found an MDT in Houston, TX and he reached out to them. The director just called him back on his way to the meeting today, but their team has medical, legal, banks and works with their APS equivalent. It was discussed on how changes needed to be made in the ability to share files from social services and medical professionals with Law Enforcement along with assuring the records stay secure.

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

- 3) Steve talked about a checklist that has been used in the past to give law enforcement that identifies certain things to look for in elder abuse investigations. Ed Klump was mentioned as a point of contact for referencing potential information for the check lists.
- 4) Department of Justice initiative on nursing homes. Jackie Williams was to discuss but will be moved to the next meeting.

#### New Business:

- The Council discussed COVID-19 and its effect on elderly and dependent adults.
  - o Steve Anderson discussed issues with Medicaid investigations during this time. Fairly low priority cases will wait, the rest they will take certain precautions to protect themselves etc. Office wide policies will go out to limit exposures.
  - o Mitzi indicated her agency was receiving phone calls from family members who are being denied access to facilities etc.
  - o Det Zickel talked about Overland Park exposure, and the department evaluating what to do to as well limit exposure.
  - o OJA announced that each judicial district will allow the judge to make the decision to stay open or close to limit exposure . A bill will be heard Monday that will address speedy trials.
  - o It was discussed that with the State of emergency issued by the Governor, the influx of price gouging has set in. Scammers are also taking advantage of the situation. Dr Benson asked if there were any specific types of Fraud going around because of COVID-19. It was noted the AG had issued separate press releases on Kansas price gouging and COVID 19 scams.

Mitzi will send out doodle poll for next meeting agenda. Next meeting time/date will be attempted for late April early May.

Motion to adjourn by Mitzi, seconded by Kathy Taylor @ 2:14.