

ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2021

Present (Via Video Conferencing)- Steve Karrer, Deb Schwarz, Kathy Taylor, Mary Tritsch, Kathy Greenlee, , Fran Oleen, Ruth Ritthaler, Jacklyn Zickel, Dr. Stephen Benson, Payton Meader, Dawne Stevenson, Jackie Williams, Barbara Conant.

Members Absent: Kendra Baldrige.

Others Present: Sarah Shipman, Elizabeth DaPrato, Liz Long, Steve Gieber, Jean Krahn, and Detective Jamie Anderson

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

Agenda items:

- 1) Review and approval of minutes from May 12, 2021, meeting. Ruth Ritthaler moved to approve minutes and Kathy Taylor provided a second. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2) Liz Long, policy analyst of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities made a presentation. She discussed the council, their future plans to combat abuse, neglect, and exploitation of disabled adults. Liz talked about the processes she has shared with KDADS, and hopes to also share with DCF. Manage Care organizations and waivers were discussed, and Liz explained how waivers work. She also discussed supported decision making and how it differs from guardianship. She was assisted by Steve Gieber, Executive Director of the Council.
- 3) Jean Krahn the Executive Director of the Kansas Guardianship Program spoke about guardianship and conservatorships in Kansas. She discussed the both voluntary and involuntary guardianships. She also specifically discussed when the Guardianship Program becomes involved. She also discussed possible conflicts between guardians and wards.
- 4) No reports were provided from the MDT, Statutes and Regulations, or the Education, Outreach and Awareness sub-committees.
- 5) Updates were provided by Chairman Karrer on the Magnets and Bookmark project, as well as the search for a statewide MDT coordinator. On the bookmarks and magnets, the final proofs are in the process of being approved by the AG's office and then Chairman Karrer will get in touch with Johnson County prosecutor Marissa Bell to obtain the printing of such. Mary Tritsch stated they would donate \$5,000 instead of the original \$2,500. The OAG is in the process of posting the position of MDT coordinator.
- 6) Ruth Ritthaler volunteered to be vice chair of the Statutes and Regulations sub-committee, Deb Schwarz volunteered to be the MDT vice chair, and Payton Meader will be the chair and Barb Conant vice chair of the Education and Outreach sub-committee.

Next Meeting: Elizabeth DaPrato will send out Doodle poll for the next meeting. Kathy Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Jackie Zickel. All in favor, no opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26pm.