

ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM February 25, 2021

Present (Via Video Conferencing)- Steve Karrer, Jackie Williams, Deb Schwarz, Kathy Taylor, Mary Tritsch, Kathy Greenlee, Kendra Baldrige, Kate Carter, Ruth Ritthaler

Members Absent: Dawne Stevenson, Vanessa Riebli, Jacklyn Zickel, Dr. Stephen Benson

Others Present: Sarah Shipman, Elizabeth DaPrato

Meeting called to order at 3:10 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.

Agenda items:

- 1) Review and approval of minutes from January 7, 2021, meeting. Kathy Greenlee moved to approve minutes and Kathy Taylor provided a second. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2) No report was provided from the MDT or Statutes and Regulations sub-committees. 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. No new chairman was appointed.
- 3) Education, Outreach and Awareness subcommittee - Kate Carter gave an update, meeting is being scheduled and is in the works for planning on discussing topics such a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15), producing informational magnets, possibilities of a PSA, maybe a video made available online for different groups to observe and show at their meetings etc. Chairman Karrer inquired if Kate thought that implementing things prior to World Elder Abuse day would be possible. Jackie Williams asked about funding for those projects, and Kate said it was on their list of discussions. Kathy Greenlee brought up the free things such as putting information on each agency website to promote World Elder Abuse Day, and Kathy talked about a proclamation that was made possibly during a previous administration, but she wasn't certain that it identified only Elders. Mary Tritsch indicated that there may have been a Governors Proclamation done before.
- 4) Chairman Karrer provided an update regarding the Council's proposed MDT legislation. It was passed through the House Child and Seniors committee. Steve Karrer testified for the AG's office, Chrisy Khatib testified for DCF, and several members of the Council and non-members provided written testimonies as well. It passed the floor of the house 121-0, it is currently with the committee on Public Health/Welfare in the Senate.

There was no new business.

Next Meeting: Elizabeth DaPrato will send out Doodle poll for the next meeting. First two weeks of May was recommended.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:44pm.