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ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2022, at 1 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 1303 hours, by Council Chair Steve Karrer. Counsel was out during the meeting, no public in attendance.

Members Present:

Council Chair Steve Karrer
Chrisy Khatib
Barb Conant
Dawne Stephenson
Kathy Greenlee
Kathy Taylor
Mary Tritsch
Travis Williams
Jacklyn Zickel

- II. **Discussion of Minutes of April 20, 2022 meeting** - Council Chair Karrer will get the meeting minutes together and send them out for approval.
- III. **Annual Report** - The Annual Report was sent to the Attorney General and was accepted. Mary Tritsch asked if the Annual Report should include the names of all those who testified. Council Chair Karrer explained it is often difficult to identify all who testified in person, versus those who testified in writing. He did not include other groups, for fear of leaving someone out or misstating how testimony was given. Mary Tritsch felt there should be more recognition of other groups

who supported the Bill. Kathy Greenlee pointed out it would show the Council was working as it was designed and the Council was working with other groups, who all have similar goals and worked well together. Kathy Greenlee suggested it would be worth the change, to show the new Attorney General our worth. Council Chair Karrer will amend the report to be voted on in December.

- IV. **Report of Statutes and Regulations Subcommittee** - The Subcommittee had not had a meeting. They have a goal to meet by December to discuss future legislation; but, due to the change Attorney General and not knowing of any proposed legislation, it may not be necessary to meet. Any proposed changes to statute or anything which could affect elder or dependent adults would be appropriate for discussion. Barb Conant stated the KS Advocates for Better Care are bringing “Charlie’s Bill”, which is in judicial council now, for review. Barb would like our group to review the Bill. HB 2004, last year, but has not been reintroduced yet. There should be a status update by mid-November.
- V. **Report of MDT Subcommittee** - The MDT Subcommittee did not meet. Chrisy Khatib asked how we might start priming for the new MDTs and using the two existing FAST teams. Council Chair Karrer stated one of the first things to be decided is how to structure the new MDTs. There will be a pilot program and we would like to strategically select where to start and how we go about getting it started. Perhaps the MDT subcommittee can draft a tool kit and get things going. The DOJ has all of the information available to get things started. Georgia has a Statewide Coordinator, so they may be a good source of information on what is working and what is not, as far as their MDTs. The MDT subcommittee should meet prior to the December meeting. (For clarification, a FAST Team is an MDT, since there was some confusion after the statute was enacted)

- VI. **Report of Education, Outreach, and Awareness Subcommittee** - The subcommittee had not had a meeting. The Attorney General has appointed Rachel Chilson-Holcomb, from Consumer Protection Division, as Outreach Director.
- VII. **Discussion on Distribution of Magnets and Bookmarks** - The Johnson County District Attorney's Office has received a large sum of bookmarks and magnets, for distribution. Chrisy Khatib suggested we partner with Meals on Wheels, for distribution. Barb Conant said Kansas For Better Care would take some, Mary Tritsch said AARP would take some, Kathy Taylor said the Kansas Bankers Association would take some for their Spring conference. Barb will reach out to the State Library of Kansas to see if we can distribute them through the local libraries. It was suggested the Area Agencies on Aging should be able to get them distributed statewide. An additional suggestion was for distribution at senior service centers.
- VIII. **Update on Membership** - The Statewide Coordinator position is still open and interviews have been conducted, but a good fit has yet to be found. If there is someone you know would be a good fit, please let Council Chair Karrer know and tell the candidate to apply. Kathy Greenlee suggested considering the position as a part-time position.
- IX. **New Business**
- A. Chrisy Khatib reported Kansas Adult Protective Services was fortunate enough to receive federal funds and dedicated \$180,000 to a scam prevention campaign and Public Service Announcement. The scam prevention PSA will be going out online soon and is currently available on the DCF website. The theme is "Stop, Verify, Report". The PSA will be going out in print and on television. Chrisy will check with their Public Information Officer, to see if they are able to share the link. APS contracted with a forensic accounting firm

and are able to assist with forensic accounting on cases. Also, there is a need for those who can act as Guardians for people who are being discharged from the hospital, since there is a shortage. Lastly, APS has started the Adult Decision Making Collaborative, with several stakeholders involved, and will be diving into the world of capacity.

- B. Thank you to all that attended the April meeting and the discussion from KU. Is there anyone we can have at the December meeting? Perhaps we can have a presentation on elder scams. If you think of something to add, please let Steve know.

- X. The next meeting will be the first or second week of December.

- XI. Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Taylor, and seconded by Chrisy Khatib. The meeting was adjourned at 1358 hours.