

Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition (PPEAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2017 @ 08:00 AM to 09:00 AM
Location: Silver Key Senior Services, 1625 S. Murray Bl.

Members Present: Det. Charles “Chuck” Szatkowski (CSPD/CAA), Randy May (Mount St. Francis), Chrissy Swanson (SAVA – Colonial Columns), Magistrate Frances R. Johnson (Probate Court Magistrate), Aida Lopez (PPUW), , Brian Pilger (Supervisor El Paso County APS), Barb Caudle (Alzheimer’s Association), Mari Dennis (CSPD/VAU), Brittany Johnson (CSPD/VAU), Tracy Munson (El Paso County APS), Christina Oldfield (Memorial Hospital FNE), Megan Lechner (Memorial Hospital, FNE), Dayton, Romero (Silver Key), Lori Stewart (Sunny Vista), Joseph Sanchez (Tessa), Scott Bartlett (PPAAA Ombudsman), Elizabeth Peralta (SAVA, Terrace Gardens), Kristina Iodice (El Paso County DHS), LaTasha Kearney (The Independence Center), Russell Romero (Trusted Guardianship Services), Lori Furstenberg (Trusted Guardianship Services).

- 1) **Introductions:** Received updates on organizations and welcomed new members.
- 2) **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a) CSPD staff has conducted 17 presentations on mistreatment of at-risk adults and mandatory reporting since our last meeting. The presentations included two at UCCS and one in Rocky Ford to APS staff, Community Centered Board staff, and law enforcement from the counties in southeast Colorado.
 - b) Randy May reported there have been 8 placements since we started the program. Chuck requested demographics, summaries of the cases, and the outcome of each case in order to publish results. Randy handed out the revised Placement Referral Process instructions and intake form (both are attached to the minutes).
- 3) **Committee Officers:** Chuck explained he had become the chairperson by default and there had been no formal decision by the group on who should chair the meeting. He also said we need to appoint a vice-chair and secretary. The group decided to keep Chuck as the chairperson. Barb Caudle said she would consider becoming the vice-chair and Dayton Romero volunteered to be the secretary.
- 4) **Projects for 2017**
 - a) **Emergency Guardians:** Randy May contacted Lynn Vanatta Perry. Lynn reported Steve Ezell, another attorney, is also very interested in this project and spoke to Magistrate Johnson. Magistrate Johnson connected Lynn and Steve so they could collaborate. Steve and Lynn met a couple of times to start putting together a protocol and structure for the emergency guardianship. They met with representatives at the Pikes Peak Community Foundation. The Foundation reps were very nice and saw the benefits to the community but wanted Steve and Lynn to have more of an entity before they would be able to think about funding. Steve and Lynn spoke more about becoming an entity and have approached a third attorney, Lisa Blattner, who is willing to be the coordinator. They will be talking with professionals who are willing to serve as emergency guardian for free until we find more funding.

- b) **Expanding the number of facilities that offer emergency housing:** Lori Stewart said Sunny Vista would like to provide emergency housing. Elizabeth Peralta, from the new NHA for Terrace Gardens, will see about them joining the program.
 - c) **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15, 2017:** Tracy Munson volunteered to lead the committee for a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event. Scott Bartlett volunteered to assist, and Chrissy Swanson offered to contact Debi at the Senior Center to see if they would be interested in partnering for an event.
 - d) **Response to Invitation to attend the meeting:** 57 people were invited off of the old membership roster. Those who did not respond or attend were removed from the roster. Our current membership stands at 49. Members permitted the sharing of membership roster amongst PPEAC members.
- 5) **PPEAC Website:** Please review the PPEAC website located at <http://dhs.elpasoco.com/Pages/AdultElderAbuse.aspx>
- a) Point of Contact for website information is Kristina Iodice {719.444.5533 / Kristinalodice@elpasoco.com}
 - b) PPEAC information will be updated to reflect current
 - c) Please review the information for your organization to ensure that information is current and correct.

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Next Meeting: February 17, 2017 8:00 am to 9:00 am at Silver Key Senior Services, 1625 S Murray Bl.