



Connecting Older Adults with Community-based Resources and Options

**AgeOptions Fatality Review Board Team
Thursday, August 11th, 2016
Open Session – Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Clarissa Palermo – Cook County State’s Attorney (Chair)
Sharon Foy – Stickney Public Health District (Co-Chair)
Chief James Episcopo – Brookfield Police Department
Jon Hofacker – AgeOptions
Dr. Benjamin Soriano – Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office
Sara Stein, AgeOptions
Diane Slezak, AgeOptions
Samantha Schoonover – Suburban Access, Inc.
Cheryl Seley – Kenneth Young Center
Diane Slezak – AgeOptions
Rob Sachtleben – Cook County Sheriff Department
Katie Walsh – Cook County Sheriff Department
Dr. John Gates – Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office
Dr. Kiran Joshi – Cook County Department of Public Health
Roslyn Lennon – Vanguard West Suburban Hospital
Dr. Karen Babos – AgeOptions Board Member
Bianca Ingwersen, Oak Park Township Senior Services (*Presenter*)
Robert Mapes, AgeOptions (*Guest*)

Absent:

Holly Zielke – Illinois Department on Aging

Meeting Minutes:

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Co-Chair Sharon Foy called the meeting to order at 2:37pm.
 - b. Roll Call/Introductions

- II. Review of the Meeting Agenda**
 - a. Karen Babos moved to approve the agenda
 - b. Cheryl Seley seconded the movement. Agenda was approved

III. Review of June 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes

- a. Jon Hofacker moved to approve the minutes.
- b. Karen Babos seconded the movement.
- c. Minutes were approved without changes.

IV. Organizational Items

- a. Jon Hofacker introduced the new members
 - i. Dr. Karen Babos (Geriatrician and AgeOptions Board Member)
 - ii. Paul Bennett (Next Level Health)
 - iii. Sergeant Ron Sachtleben (Criminalistics Unit Supervisor Cook County Sheriff's Dept.)
 - 1. City of Chicago – Fatality Review Team Transition
 - a. The new team will roll out later this year and only impacts the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.
 - b. Dr. Gates & Dr. Soriano will remain on the Suburban Cook County Team
 - iv. Jon Hofacker revisited a continued need of new cases for future meetings.
 - v. Case Criteria: Community Setting in Suburban Cook County (No LTC), Older Adult 60 + / 18 – 59 w/Disability Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation
- b. Jon Hofacker reviewed HB 4552
 - i. The passage of HB 4552 means that the 2017 Meeting Schedule has been reduced from 6 meetings per year to a minimum of 4 annual meetings. A new schedule has been purposed below on the agenda. Please review and recommend any revisions.

V. Old Business

- a. Diane Slezak updated the group on the current progress with hospitals taking photographic evidence of abuse when people are in the hospital
 - i. It appears as though some hospitals do not take photos while others have policies that do not allow them to share their photos with Adult Protective Services investigators or law enforcement
 - ii. There was a question on if there was guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the Joint Commission on allowing photos to be taken to document abuse. Roz Lennon will check on the regulations.
 - iii. The team may push this issue forward with the Illinois Hospital Association and address a uniformed policy on taking photographs in the hospital.

VI. New Business

- a. Jon Hofacker will attend a session this August at the NAPSA Conference in Philadelphia on the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention (NCFRP). He will present the work of our Cook County team and learn more about the progress of other teams at the national level.

VII. Chair Clarissa Palermo moved to close the open session.

- a. Jon Hofacker seconded the movement.
- b. The Open Session closed at 2:51pm.

VIII. Call to Order (Re-Open the Meeting)

- a. Chair Clarissa Palermo called the open meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

IX. Membership

- a. Chair Clarissa Palermo made a motion to invite the Cook County Public Guardian to the Fatality Review Team.
- b. The motion was seconded by Karen Babos.
- c. Motion approved.

X. Review of Future Meeting Dates

2016

- Thursday, October 13th, 2016 at 2:30pm
- Thursday, December 8th, 2016 at 2:30pm

2017

- Thursday, March 9th, 2017 at 2:30pm
- Thursday, June 8th, 2017 at 2:30pm
- Thursday, September 7th 2017 at 2:30pm
- Thursday, November 9th 2017 at 2:30pm

XI. Adjournment

- a. Chair Clarissa Palermo moved to adjourn the meeting
- b. Sarah Stein seconded the movement.
- c. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.