



Connecting Older Adults with Community-based Resources and Options

Suburban Cook County Adult Fatality Review Team

1048 Lake Street #200 Oak Park, Illinois

March 12, 2020

Open Session - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Amy Kessler, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian (by conference call)
Anne Stewart-Reed, Illinois Department on Aging
Benjamin Soriano, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office
Casey Farrell, Catholic Charities Northwest Senior Services
Denise Tomasek, Assistant State's Attorney, Cook County (via conference call)
Clarissa Palermo, Cook County State's Attorney (*Chair*) (by conference call)
Mary Killough, Gareda Homecare (via conference call)
Margaret Evans, Mount Prospect Police Department
Leanne Sloman, Suburban Access, Inc. (by conference call)
Kathryn Zahm, AgeOptions (Community Programs Manager)
Jamie Farrell, AgeOptions (Aging and Disability Rights Coordinator)
Colleen Connolly, Legal Aid Chicago (by conference call)
Roslyn Lennon, West Suburban Hospital
Trenace Rone, Catholic Charities South Suburban (via conference call)

Absent Members:

Deborah Kennedy, Equip for Equality
Ron Sachtleben, Cook County Sheriff Police Department
Natalie Benda, Addus Homecare
Cheri Seley, Kenneth Young Center
Audrey Klopp, Loyola University
Katie Walsh, Cook County Sheriff Department
Dale Smith, Tinley Park Fire Department
Jack Janozik, Tinley Park Fire Department
Beata Strama, Director of Nursing at Stickney Public Health District
Kiran Joshi, Cook County Department of Public Health
Diane Slezak, AgeOptions (CEO)

I. Call to Order

- a. Due to Chair Clarissa Palermo's physical absence today, FRT Coordinator, **Jamie Farrell** called the meeting to order at **2:32 PM**
- b. Roll Call / Introductions

II. Review of the Meeting Agenda

- a. **Jamie Farrell** moved to approve the agenda
- b. Movement seconded by Dr. Ben Soriano. Agenda was approved.

III. Review of December 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- a. **Jamie Farrell** moved to approve the minutes.
- b. Movement seconded by **Clarissa Palermo**
- c. Minutes were approved without revision.

IV. Old Business

- a. N/A

V. New Business

- a. None

VI. Jamie Farrell moved to close the open session

- a. Movement Seconded by Kathryn Zahm.
- b. The Open Session closed at **2:35 PM**

VII. Closed Executive Session

- a. Presenter: Casey Farrell, Catholic Charities Northwest Senior Services
 - i. Case Questions:
 - 1. Did alleged abuser gain financially from the deceased death?
 - 2. Was the deceased death related to abuse?
 - 3. Could the deceased death have been prevented?
 - ii. Team Recommendations
 - 1. Case Specific Follow Up
 - a. N/A
 - 2. Prevention Strategy/Efforts
 - a. APSPAs seeking assistance from the State's Attorney's Office was a recommended prevention strategy given Clarissa Palermo noted the State's Attorney's Office is able to obtain a court order that orders Law Enforcement to transport a person with mental health issues to the hospital for an evaluation. Clarissa also noted the State's Attorney's Office is also able to petition for an Order of Detention and Examination.
 - b. Margaret Evans noted efforts directed toward educating Law Enforcement Agencies and Paramedics about Adult

Protective Services would improve the coordination of services.

3. Illinois Department on Aging/Adult Protective Services Program
 - a. APS Provider Agencies (APSPAs) would benefit from developing a better understanding of how APS can coordinate with the State's Attorney's Office. Therefore, training on the role of the State's Attorney's Office directed towards APS staff would be beneficial so APSPAs are aware of opportunities to collaborate.
4. Public Services

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

- a. **Jamie Farrell** called the open meeting to order at **3:58 PM**
- b. Movement seconded.

IX. Items Requiring Follow Up

- a. Determine the best course of action in terms of educating APSPAs about the role of the State's Attorney's Office with the goal of increasing collaboration.

X. Approved 2020 Meeting Dates

- a. Thursday, June 25, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 PM
- b. Thursday, September 10, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 PM
- c. Thursday, December 10, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 PM

XI. Adjournment

- a. **Jamie Farrell** moved to adjourn the meeting
- b. Movement seconded.
- c. The meeting adjourned at **3:59 PM**