



Connecting Older Adults with Community-based Resources and Options

Suburban Cook County Adult Fatality Review Team

1048 Lake Street #200 Oak Park, Illinois

September 11, 2020

Open Session - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Amy Kessler, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian
Anne Stewart-Reed, Illinois Department on Aging
Audrey Klopp, Loyola University
Benjamin Soriano, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office
Cheri Seley, Kenneth Young Center
Clarissa Palermo, Cook County State's Attorney (*Chair*)
Colleen Connolly, Legal Aid Chicago
Dale Smith, Tinley Park Fire Department
Denise Tomasek, Assistant State's Attorney
Diane Slezak, AgeOptions (CEO)
John Janozik, Tinley Park Fire Department
Jamie Farrell, AgeOptions (Aging and Disability Rights Coordinator)
Katie Walsh, Cook County Sheriff Department
Kathryn Zahm, AgeOptions (Community Programs Manager)
Leanne Sloman, Suburban Access, Inc.
Margaret Evans, Mount Prospect Police Department
Mary Killough, Gareda Homecare
Natalie Benda, Addus Homecare
Ron Sachtleben, Cook County Sheriff Police Department
Roslyn Lennon, West Suburban Hospital
Trenace Rone, Catholic Charities South Suburban

Guests:

Claire Sorensen, Forensic Pathology Fellow
Cicely Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging
Muhammed Ahmed, Illinois Department on Aging

Absent Members:

Beata Strama, Director of Nursing at Stickney Public Health District

I. Call to Order

- a. **Jamie Farrell** called the meeting to order at **2:33 PM**
- b. Roll Call / Introductions

II. Review of the Meeting Agenda

- a. **Roslyn Lenon** moved to approve the agenda
- b. Movement seconded by **Audrey Klopp**. Agenda was approved.

III. Review of June 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- a. **Colleen Connolly** moved to approve the minutes.
- b. Movement seconded by **John Janozik**.
- c. Minutes were approved without revision.

IV. Old Business

- a. During the last FRT meeting, Jamie Farrell shared new elder justice legislation pending in Congress. The two bills include the Promoting Alzheimer's Awareness to Prevent Elder Abuse Act and the Senior Abuse Training and Office Prevention (STOP) Act (please refer to the June FRT meeting minutes for descriptions of the two bills)
 - i. Update #1: On August 6th, the Promoting Alzheimer's Awareness to Prevent Elder Abuse Act passed the Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent and was received by the House of Representatives on August 14th where it is currently being held.
 - ii. Update #2: As it relates to the STOP Act, this bill was introduced to the House of Representatives and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 8th. Therefore, there hasn't been much movement. Jamie Farrell will provide additional updates at the next FRT meeting in December 2020.

V. New Business

- a. None

VI. Jamie Farrell moved to close the open session

- a. Movement Seconded by **Cheri Seley**
- b. The Open Session closed at **2:43 pm**

VII. Closed Executive Session

- a. Presenter: Trenace Rone, Catholic Charities South Suburban 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. Deborah Kennedy shared via email that “the hospital's failure to communicate with the guardian is something that could be raised with the hospital's risk management person as it impeded a criminal investigation.”
 2. Prevention Strategy/Efforts
 - a. APSPAs should collaborate with Care Coordination Units (CCUs) to determine the types of services victims are receiving even if determination of need (DON) assessments were conducted by a CCU that is located outside of the APSPAs service area.
 - b. Colleen Connolly shared via email that “the investigation would have benefited from clarity on who exactly was the lawyer’s client. Often the POA agent thinks of the attorney that drafted the estate documents as “her” lawyer, but no ethical lawyer should consider the agent as the client. The documents should be drafted at the directive of the principle (in this case the AV).”
 3. Illinois Department on Aging/Adult Protective Services Program
 - a. APSCWs should be assessing whether other forms of abuse, including financial exploitation, are being experienced by an alleged victim even if other forms of abuse aren’t reported at intake.
 4. Public Services
 5. FRT Recommendations Update
 - a. This information was shared via email with FRT members on September 17, 2020.

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

- a. **Jamie Farrell** called the open meeting to order at **4:01**.
- b. Movement seconded by **Kathryn Zahm**.

IX. Items Requiring Follow Up

X. Approved 2020 Meeting Dates

- a. Thursday, December 10, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 PM

XI. Adjournment

- a. **Jamie Farrell** moved to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Movement seconded by **Cheri Seley**.
- c. The meeting adjourned at **4:02**.