

MAINE COUNCIL FOR
ELDER ABUSE
PREVENTION

Meeting Notes
September 7, 2018

Attendees: Judith Shaw-Maine Office of Securities, Patrick Hood-ME State Police, Jill Randall-Legal Services for the Elderly, Polly Campbell- DHHS SAFE Program, Kelley Glidden- Safe Voices, Nichole Bilodeau and David Gordon Laurendeau-Maine Bureau of Financial Institutions, Kimberly Snow-Muskie School of Public Service, Erin Salvo- Adult Protective Services, Cara Courchesne-Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (phone), Jane Margesson- AARP- Maine(phone).

Welcome/New Members (Judy Shaw)

Kimberly Snow from the Muskie School of Public Service.

Minutes of 7/6/18 were accepted with changes.

Presentation Highlights: (Judith Shaw, Office of Securities)

Judy provided an update on the SeniorSafe program. She explained that the training was launched in February 2014 for banks and credit unions and was developed after stakeholders met to understand gaps and to help facilitate reports of elder financial exploitation. The training was provided to the North American Securities Administrators Association for broker/dealers and investment advisors. In Maine over 700 bank and credit union employees have been trained and there have been over 70 reports to the Office of Securities. 155 broker/dealers and investment advisors have been trained. The Federal SeniorSafe Act was passed in May 2018.

Committee Reports:

Education and Awareness Committee (Jill Randall):

A written report was distributed electronically. The committee is planning the Elder Abuse Roundtable event on October 25th in Bangor at the Spectacular Events Center. Registration should open late next week.

Mandated Reporter Work Group (Erin Salvo):

PowerPoint has been developed and posted on APS website. The work group is continuing to work on future online trainings.

Financial Exploitation Work Group (Judy Shaw):

No updates but a meeting will be scheduled soon.

Essay Contest Work Group (Jill Randall):

Work has not yet begun for upcoming year. Council members support continuing the project with GFWC Maine.

Multijurisdictional Work Group (Judy Shaw)

No updates- waiting on someone from Walmart so the work group can see policies of a large chain.

Community Partner Update:

- Jane Margesson noted AARP is hosting shredding events in October in Belfast, Mexico, Auburn and Norway.
- Cara Courchesne-Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault noted that sexual support advocates have completed training on supporting elders which has quadrupled their capacity to support seniors.
- Erin Salvo noted that Adult Protective Services is transitioning from an old electronic system to a new one which should provide better access to data trends.
- Jill Randall noted LSE has begun a new elder abuse screening project.
- Kimberly Snow noted that the Muskie School of Public Service is currently working on a study on open APS investigations and health care claims compared to non-abused population. She is hoping to be finished at the end of the year.
- Kelly Glidden noted that October is domestic violence awareness month and Safe Voices has candlelight vigil events on October 1. There are also statewide events through Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2018

Reminders:

Elder Abuse Roundtable: October 25, 2018
Spectacular Events Center
395 Griffin Road, Bangor

Submitted by: Jill Randall, Legal Services for the Elderly