



Meeting Notes

3/1/2024

Attendees: Jill Randall-LSE, Nicole Marchesi-Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Kimberly Snow-Researcher at Muskie School, Alicia Hunter-DHHS-OCFS, Jane Margesson-AARP, Andrew Booth-Bath PD, Nichole Bilodeau-Bureau of Financial Institutions, Ashley Pomeroy-Maine Federal Credit Union, Andrew McCormack-Assistant Attorney General, Jesse Devine-ME Office of Securities, Angela Hamlin-LSE, Anna Dullea-Caring Unlimited, Danielle Malcolm- LTCOP, Hillary Waterman-New Hope Mid-Coast, Erica Golden-LTCOP, Judy Shaw.

Approved leadership of council:

Co-chairs: Chief Andrew Booth, Bath PD, and Jill Randall, Helpline & Medicare Advocacy Services Director, Legal Services for Maine Elders

Secretary: Nicole Marchesi, Project Manager, The Maine Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Education and Awareness Committee: Chris Wolff, Co-Chair, and Jill Randall, Co-Chair

Meeting notes approved.

Presentations:

Angela Hamlin- Co-Chair, Greater Augusta Elder Abuse Task Force

- The task force is a way to look for resources and connections.
- All meetings on zoom, meet once a month.
- Membership consists of APS, social agencies, resident coordinators, bankers, LTCOP, legal services, homeless shelters, mental health providers.
- An educational speaker joins to share information about services.
- The goal is to educate the community. In the past, placemats displaying local resources have been provided through Meals on Wheels.
- The benefit of joining the task force is to connect and network about resources.

Danielle Malcolm, Co-Chair, Tri-County Elder Abuse Task Force

- Covers Franklin, Oxford, and Androscoggin counties.
- Meets once a month via zoom.
- The task force is in a rebuilding stage for membership. They recently sent out a survey to understand what dates and times work best for the meetings.
- In 2023, there was a lot of turnover in positions.

- No representation from financial or law enforcement.

Anna Duella, York County Elder Abuse Task Force

- Public health intern from UNE working on a project on wellness and aging in Kennebunkport.
- 12 members make the core of the task force.
- 4 board members.
- Membership consists of financial, law enforcement, DV and public health.
- Once a month meeting.
- The goal is for outreach, education and raising awareness.
- Grant recently awarded called the Educational Road Show.
 - 6-7 events at community centers
 - Conduct short presentations on elder abuse
 - Partnered with food organization to build meal bags for community members
- Last year, awarded a grant for police officers to have pocket amplifiers.
- 16th year of hosting annual conference.
- Projects on elder well being
 - “wishing well”
 - To qualify over the age of 60
 - York County resident
 - Submit own wish “bucket list item”

Overview of Committees and Work Groups:

Education and Awareness Committee (Jill Randall):

- Circulated committee report.
- Planning Roundtable event: Virtual event (May 7th and May 9th)
- Focused on Elder Abuse Summit and Roundtable to provide education across the state. If interested in joining the Education and Awareness, reach out to Jill Randall.

Elder Abuse Essay Contest (Jill Randall):

- The council has partnered with GFWC Maine for the elder abuse essay contest which invites graduating high school students to submit an essay based on the question: “What is elder abuse and why does it matter to you?”
- Task Forces across the state select county winners, then a statewide winner is selected.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22am

Submitted by Nicole Marchesi

Project Manager

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