

Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention

Steering Committee – Meeting of June 4, 2012

Attendees:	By telephone:
Jessica Maurer	Kathy Keneborus
Melissa Morrill	Patty Kimball
Judy Shaw	
David Bernier	
Sgt. Patrick Hood	
Deanna Mullins	

The Committee discussed the general structure of the group noting that it is intended to include the chairs of any working groups. That way the chairs of the working groups can report back to the Steering Committee which in turn can report to the larger council. The consensus was that the purpose of the steering committee is to identify barriers as well as approaches to overcoming those barriers and then make recommendations to the Council for consideration and action.

Jess noted that there appears to be a fair amount of energy around financial exploitation as well as information sharing, outreach, and education. Accordingly, a working group focusing on best practices in battling financial exploitation has been formed as well as an information sharing working group.

After discussion, the committee agreed to the following goals:

1. Develop an asset map in order to identify holes in available resources.
2. Present results of asset map to the Council in order to identify ways to leverage the resources of Council members to fill any holes.
3. Facilitate communication among steering committee members through the creation of a listserv (Yahoo Group)
4. Develop or expand upon website to facilitate information sharing
5. Participate in a case study to be presented by a financial institution in an effort to identify barriers and seek solutions. A case study will be presented at the next meeting on July 12th.
6. Develop “cue cards” initially for financial institution personnel to facilitate referral and reporting which can be adapted for other professions and disciplines
7. Convene a short term working group to review current elder abuse laws and make recommendations to the Council for possible proposals for the 126th Legislative Session

The committee decided that it would meet the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12th at 1:00 at Spectrum Generations in Augusta at which the case study will be presented and samples of “cue cards” providing resource information will be provided for discussion.