

MAINE COUNCIL FOR
ELDER ABUSE
PREVENTION

July 11, 2014

9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner ME

Attendees:

Judy Shaw, Lynne Caswell, Amanda Asfahal, Melissa Morrill, Lyn Carter, Cynthia Grovo, Pam Marshall, Don Harden, Ted Stauffer, Judith Stauffer, Betty Balderston, Holly Stover, Jaye Martin, Patrick Hood, Kathleen Willette

Introductions, Welcome New Members, Approve Minutes

- Welcome new members:
 - Don Harden of Catholic Charities and Me Council on Aging
 - Judith Stauffer, currently retired in Maine with 30+ years experience with APS in Florida
 - Ted Stauffer, currently retired in Maine with 11 years as a professional Guardian
- Minutes from 4/25/14 approved.

Update from the Law Enforcement Officer working group

- A summary of the RADAR card program was presented and approval requested for the RADAR card.
- The LEO group will pursue additional co-brand from within the profession, potentially the Sherriff's Association or the ME Chief's Association, or the ME State Police.
- The RADAR card was approved, with the following edits:
 - If possible, obtaining an additional co-brand from within the profession
 - Modify the header to the APS section to read: If you suspect that the person IS incapacitated or dependent and is in danger of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation:
 - Modify the header to the Office of Securities section to read: If you suspect that the person is NOT incapacitated or dependent and there appears to be financial exploitation:
 - Add an initial question to the "Ask" section on the back: "What is your daily routine?"
- Printing costs
 - Estimates: Initial run of 5,000 on heavy cardstock with laminate at roughly \$450.00
 - Lynne Caswell will provide Holly Stover with a short summary of what the RADAR card is, who it is going to, and how it will be used. Holly will pursue funding through her office.
- Training
 - Seth Blodgett and Ricker Hamilton will be doing a 2 hour block on elder abuse at the Chief's Road Show in the fall. Will work with them to try and include the RADAR training materials.

Policy Committee Restructuring

- The Council approved the suspension of the Policy Committee. The items on the Policy Committee work plan will be handled in the following ways:
 - *Background Check Program:* Lynne Caswell and Jess Maurer both participate in this group. They will report back to MCEAP with future MCEAP involvement to be determined on an ad hoc basis.
 - *Identify barriers through interactions with key professionals and agencies:* The key professionals and agencies were identified by MCEAP previously. The full Council will take the lead on this with the Executive Committee, supported by Kathleen Willette, to plan, coordinate, and facilitate conversations. The September meeting will provide the first such conversation.

- *Work on multi-jurisdictional scams and crimes:* The Council will seize on the momentum that is surrounding this topic and will create a new working group to address it. The working group will meet to assess the issue and identify key players and barriers and identify a range of solutions for MCEAP's consideration. The first meeting will be devoted to identifying people outside the Council who need to participate to make sure the right people are at the table. Potential members include: Will Lund, Linda Conti, Leanne Robbin, US Attorney, FBI, ICE, US Postal Inspector, Homeland Security, and Susan Collins. Judy Shaw will chair this new working group. If members are interested in joining, please email Judy directly. Kathleen Willette and Betty Balderston volunteered to join.
- *Maine Council on Aging Partnership:* Jess Maurer is the co-chair, and Lynne Caswell, Jaye Martin, and Elizabeth Ward-Saxl are serving as representatives of MCEAP. Cross communication is already happening.
- *Supporting work to develop and enhance emergency and transitional housing for victims:* The ME Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse has a working group on homelessness and housing. This group is trying to address this specific issue. Lynne Caswell is joining that group and will communicate back to MCEAP.
- *Increase awareness of the Maine Bar regarding competency issues:* ABA Commission on law and Aging is rolling out a program to educate bar members on issues relating to competency. Maine has requested to be considered as a pilot state. Lindsay Laxon will be going in August and will report to MCEAP as this develops.

Update from the Maine Council on Aging

- The Public Safety Working Group has met twice so far. No concrete tasks have been identified to be directed back to MCEAP.
- If the Multijurisdictional working group has a focus on how to inform the public about scams and frauds, there will be significant overlap. However, this working group is currently not focused on a systems response.
- Meeting minutes will be posted on the website for the Maine Council on Aging.

Update from the Education and Awareness Committee

- The group did not meet for its regular monthly meeting for July, but will meet on July 29th to review the Summit Survey results in greater detail. Generally speaking, the dissatisfaction with the facility was expected and easily fixed.
- Proposed: Summit 2015: May 15, 2014 at the Civic Center in the North Wing
 - This date was approved.
 - A "save the date" will be posted on the website asap
- Based on summit feedback, the Committee proposed that MCEAP host an informal networking gathering in the fall. This meeting will focus on discussions/roundtables; case studies. Would provide a great opportunity to get topics for the future Summits. This event will be cost-neutral. This idea was approved and the education and awareness committee will add this event to the work plan.
- New focus on:
 - Stock PowerPoint presentation to be used by Council members on the issue of elder abuse and what the Council is/does.
 - Recommendation for guidelines regarding what to post on the MCEAP website. What content should we post and how do we handle requests to post on our site.

New Business and Discussion of Community Best Practice

- November meeting: MCEAP leadership restructuring. If you are interested in holding a leadership position and wonder what that role entails, please contact the person currently holding that role. MCEAP leadership roles:
 - Council Chair
 - Council Secretary
 - Chairs of Standing Committees

- STOP Grant: Holly Stover & Lynne Caswell
 - Annual funding source from the VAWA, very broad scope of advocates can apply- including LEO, victim's services, PRIA, etc. Contact Tracy Poulin at tracy.poulin@maine.gov if you are interested or have questions.
 - Could be a strategy for funding the Summit in years to come after the OADS grant term is expired.

Next Meeting: September 5th, 2014