



Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition (PPEAC)
Meeting Minutes
August 21 2020; 8:00am – 9:00am
Location: ZOOM

Members Present: Alexander Brown (EPSO), Devin Coleman (Professional Guardian), Robert Foutz (Silver Key Vet Coord.), Sheri Gibson (Geropsychologist) Maile Gray (DRIVE SMART CO), Kristina Iodice (El Paso County DHS PIO), Courtney Loomis (Silver Key), Emy Lopez (CO Bar Association), Lynn Lowe (Denver SR Resource Manager), Melissa Marts (PPAAA), Lori McGinnis (Ombudsman), Tracy Munson (El Paso County APS), Dayton Romero (Silver Key and Chair), Chrissy Swanson (SAVA Senior Care), Chuck Szatkowski (CSPD/Secretary),

1. Subcommittee Updates:

a. Education and Outreach

- i. Sheri and Chuck will present on our Elder Shelter Program at the virtual COVA Conference on 10/26/2020 from 1030-1130.

b. Elder Shelter Program:

- i. Shelters accepted three clients in the last three months. Two clients were assessed as not qualified for acceptance, one due to aggressive behaviors.
- ii. The number of builds that can accept shelter clients is limit due to COVID-19.

- c. 501 Grant:** Melissa reported we need to establish a nonprofit prior to applying for the Next 50 grant. We need at least \$850.00 to pay the Federal application fee. Coalition members may contribute to the fund once we open a bank account.

2. New business:

- a. Devin spoke about how COVID19 visitation restrictions make it difficult guardians to maintain contact with clients.
- b. Chrissy and Sheri spoke on the increased incidents of depression among facility residents and community members due to COVID19 isolation practices.
- c. Maile reported the Older Drivers Guide is now available in Spanish. Good morning. DRIVE SMART COLORADO received a grant from the PPACG to help tackle the continued issue of unsafe driving and the rise in traffic fatalities in our region. These social media ads are currently running on YouTube, Facebook, Spotify, Instagram, and Google. They run August and September. They are the same three ads (impaired driving, motorcycle safety and distracted driving), but sent two different ways: <https://vimeo.com/442811157>

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<https://vimeo.com/442811096>

<https://vimeo.com/442811130>

<https://youtu.be/JW4P5Na7pNU> Impaired driving

https://youtu.be/n6q_q3HwfCI Motorcycle safety

https://youtu.be/wRr_9jI8yr0 Distracted driving

- d. Courtney report Silver changed the way it distributes commodities to protect staff and clients from exposure to COVID19.
- e. Tracy reported several caseworkers are still on FMLA and they have an opening for a lead caseworker.
- f. Emy reported the web link www.ColoradoResourceNetwork.com is now up and running. The information on the link goes beyond connecting people with legal services and has links to numerous resources useful to older citizens. The Bar Association works closely with the Governor's Office, the Colorado Attorney General, and Colorado Treasurer to address the issue of elder fraud.
- g. Melissa spoke PPAAA and Innovations in Aging's Age Friendly Pikes Peak initiative. The website agefriendlypikespeak.org provides links to numerous activities and services designed to keep older citizens engaged in the community.
- h. Sheri is now a member of a national MDC Advisory Board. She developed a webinar for Colorado DHS to help caseworkers understand and implement person centered and trauma informed services. She spoke on the community's shortage of Geropsychologist to meet the increased demands caused by the pandemic.
- i. Al briefed on the Sheriff's Office efforts to increase community outreach.
- j. Lynn spoke about a program called Well Connected. It is a phone and online program offering activities, education, friendly conversation, and an assortment of classes and support for older adults. <https://covia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Well-Connected-Spring-Summer-Catalog-2020.pdf>
- k. Lori spoke on efforts by the Ombudsman to increase their ability to communicate with residents during COVID19. Members asked why Ombudsmen are not considered essential personnel in facilities.

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- I. Dayton reported Silver Key is seeing an increased demand for mental health services. They expanded the guardianship program to accept private pay clients and medical powers of attorney duties.

Reminders

PPEAC Website: Please review the PPEAC website located at

<https://humanservices.elpasoco.com/adult-elder-abuse-prevention>. Please review the information for your organization to ensure that information is current and correct. Point of Contact for website information is Kristina Iodice {719.444.5533 / Kristinalodice@elpasoco.com}

Colorado Coalition for Elder Rights and Abuse Prevention (CCERAP): Please take a moment to sign-up for the CCERAP Newsletter and stay informed of training opportunities. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ccerap.org> CCERAP is now a part of the State Unit on Aging. CCERAP is recruiting steering committee members and would like to have more representation from El Paso County. Please contact Dayton at DRomero@silverkey.org if you are interested in joining CCERAP.

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