



Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition (PPEAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2020; 8:00am – 9:00am
Location: ZOOM

Members Present: Victoria Allen-Sanchez (CSFD), Alexander Brown (EPSO), Devin Coleman (Professional Guardian), Robert Foutz (Silver Key Vet Coord.), Maile Gray (DRIVE SMART CO), Kristina Iodice (El Paso County DHS PIO), Jill Laramie-Moran (Teller County APS), Monica Lichtenberger (Phoenix Strategies), Courtney Loomis (Silver Key), Emy Lopez (CO Bar Association), Lynn Lowe (Denver SR Resource Manager), Ann McKenzie (Silver Key), Melissa Marts (PPAAA), Tracy Munson (El Paso County APS), Jennifer Roberts (UCCS), Dayton Romero (Silver Key and Chair), Carrie Schillinger (Independence Center), Chrissy Swanson (SAVA Senior Care), Chuck Szatkowski (CSPD/Secretary),

1. Subcommittee Updates:

a. Education and Outreach

- i. Chuck reported facilities are starting to request in-person trainings for staff.

b. Elder Shelter Program:

- i. Shelters accepted four clients since COVID-19 restrictions started.
- ii. We have eight LTC facilities due to the closing of Laurel Manor.

c. 501(3c) Formation: Melissa reported the application would be submitted to the federal government in the next two week. Chuck sent an email to member explaining how they may contribute money if the wish to.

2. New business:

- a. Devin has accept more pro-bono clients from APS but he is at his limit.
- b. Chrissy introduced Jodi Waterhouse and spoke on Coast-IT: **COAST-IT – Connecting Older Adults to Students Through Interprofessional Telecare. Brief Explanation of the Project:** Older adults have been significantly impacted by social isolation during COVID-19. At the same time, health professional students in their first 1-2 years of training have lost opportunities to have interactions with patients. The team at the CU Anschutz Senior's Clinic is planning a social isolation outreach project where students (from a CU Anschutz pharmacy, Nurse Practitioner or medical school) will pair with a resident who they will have weekly to every other week phone calls with throughout the next semester (and possibly beyond) to provide support to the resident and to help students improve their communication skills with older adults. For many of these students, older adults will be their patient population, so working on

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communication skills is extremely important. The students will be available to start making calls mid-September.

Good candidates for the project:

1. Residents who have had significant mental or physical health effects from the social isolation that has occurred due to COVID-19 or other recent social changes.
2. Residents who would enjoy interacting with a student regularly and volunteer to be a part of the project. The resident should know they are going to be contacted and be willing/wanting to participate. Please do not refer until you have discussed this with the residents themselves.
3. Residents without cognitive impairment who could participate in regular (up to weekly) phone calls with a student over the next 3-4 months (fall semester)
4. Residents who would enjoy extended conversations with a student.
5. Residents who can operate a telephone independently (no hearing impairment that would prohibit their ability to use the phone)
 - c. Maile reported DRIVE SMART will close its doors on 12/31/2020. They still have Older Drivers guides to distribute if you want any.
 - d. Ann reported Silver continues to serve clients by modifying how clients receive meals and commodities. Meals on wheels delivers one hot meal and four frozen meals rather than a hot meal a day. Connections meals are “grab and go” rather than dine-in. Food pantry items are packaged for pickup or delivery rather than shopping for themselves.
 - e. Tracy reported on the need for more guardians, especially for clients with mental health issues. She said APS receives an average of 21 referrals per day. APS has opening for caseworkers and the job posting should be out the week of September 21st.
 - f. Lynn reported they are concerned about the safety of people who face eviction during the cold months once COVID-19 eviction restrictions are lifted.
 - g. Jennifer reported UCCS has graduate students interesting in volunteering to work with seniors. You may contact Jennifer at jrober22@uccs.edu if you have an opportunity for a student.
 - h. Kristina reported DHS is still experiencing a large volume of walk-in clients. They encourage people to apply for benefits on-line.

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- i. Melissa reported the PPAAA would be available to assist with Medicare open enrollment in mid-October.
- j. Robert reported Silver Key is looking for volunteers 55 years old or older willing to work with VETS.
- k. Jill reported Teller County APS conducts face-to-face visits with clients by wear PPE. They have also experienced an increase in referrals.
- l. Monica reported Phoenix Strategies offers elder care mediation. She provided the attached flyer on the 15th Annual Conflict Resolution Conference October 15, 2020.
- m. Carrie reported the Independence Center is open by appointment.
- n. Dayton reported Silver is accepting food donations for the Bountiful Bags for Thanksgiving.
- o. Coalition approved joining the Elder Justice Networks Locator Map. Please see the minutes from 02/20/2020 for more information.

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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