

Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition (PPEAC)
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2017 @ 08:00 AM to 09:00 AM
Location: Silver Key Senior Services, 1625 S. Murray Bl.

Members Present: Det. Charles “Chuck” Szatkowski (CSPD/CAA), Randy May (Mount St. Francis), Chrissy Swanson (SAVA – Colonial Columns), Magistrate Frances R. Johnson (Probate Court Magistrate), Dr. Sheri Gibson (PACE), Dr. Jackie Gimmett (Forensic & Clinical Psychologist), Lynn Perry (Attorney), Lisa Blattner (Blattner Law Firm- Attorney), Maile Gray (Drive Smart Colorado), Amanda McDermith (PPUW), Brittany Johnson (CSPD/VAU), Andrew Bunn (El Paso County APS), Tracy Munson (El Paso County APS), Dayton Romero (Silver Key), Lori Stewart (Sunny Vista), Joseph Sanchez (Tessa), Kristina Iodice (El Paso County DHS), LaTessa Kearney (The Independence Center), Nicole Faucher (The Independence Center), Russell Romero (Trusted Guardianship Services), Lori Furstenberg (Trusted Guardianship Services),

- 1) **Introductions:** Received updates on organizations and welcomed new members.
 - a) Tracy Munson reported that facility & host home investigations are increasing. Tracy mentioned that APS is providing more workshop opportunities and would be doing more mandatory reporting presentations at Assisted and Skilled Nursing Facilities.
 - b) Maile Gray discussed training opportunities through Drive Smart Colorado - where drivers learn to adjust their car (i.e., mirrors, seat, etc.) to make driving safer.
 - c) Dayton Romero informed group of new Silver Key Case manager who will have a focus on Elder Abuse.
- 2) **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a) Dr. Gibson reported that she was invited to USC Forensic Center to be a part of a national expert panel to discuss the introduction of education toward elder abuse. She stated she would bring report back.
 - b) Randy May reported there have been 8 placements since we started the Emergency Guardianship program. Chuck requested demographics, summaries of the cases, and the outcome of each case to publish results. Randy and Chuck will discuss how to deidentify the information of the individuals who were placed, in addition to, the information wanted in demographics, summaries, and outcome.
- 3) **Committee Officers:** Not discussed
- 4) **Projects for 2017**
 - a) **Emergency Guardians:** Randy May contacted Lynn Vanatta Perry. Lynn reported Steve Ezell, another attorney, is also very interested in this project and spoke to Magistrate Johnson. Magistrate Johnson connected Lynn and Steve so they could combine forces. Steve and Lynn met a couple of times to start putting together a protocol and structure for the emergency guardianship. They met with representatives at the Pike Peak Community Foundation. The Foundation reps were very nice and saw the benefits to the community but wanted Steve and Lynn to have more of an entity before they would be able to think about funding --

- it's always the money, isn't it. Steve and Lynn talked more about becoming an entity and have approached Lisa Blattner, an energetic young attorney. She is willing to be the coordinator. They will be talking with professionals who are willing to serve as emergency guardian for free until we get some money.

- b) **Expanding the number of facilities that offer emergency housing:** Randy May handed out revised Placement Referral Process instructions with updated list of facilities. Discussion of Assisted Living Facilities participating continued- Assisted Living Facilities are needed as a resource/option for those in the emergency guardianship program. There are no Assisted Living Facilities involved.
 - c) **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15, 2017:** Tracy Munson volunteered to lead the committee for a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event. Chuck suggested that Dayton inquire with Silver Key Transportation to provide transportation to/from event for attendees.
- 5) **PPEAC Website:** Please review the PPEAC website located at <http://dhs.elpasoco.com/Pages/AdultElderAbuse.aspx>
- a) Point of Contact for website information is Kristina Iodice {719.444.5533 / Kristinalodice@elpasoco.com}
 - b) PPEAC information will be updated to reflect current
 - c) Dayton Romero volunteered to send Kristen Iodice Emergency Placement Referral Process so it could be added to PPEAC website.
 - d) Please review the information for your organization to ensure that information is current and correct.
 - e) CCERAP information and past trainings to be posted with PPEAC minutes on website.

Colorado Coalition for Elder Rights and Abuse Prevention: 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>

Next Meeting: March 17, 2017 8:00 am to 9:00 am at Silver Key Senior Services, 1625 S Murray Bl.