

10/13/23 Safety & Security Subcommittee meeting

Attendees:

- **Sandy Karsten**
- **Catherine Vannier**
- Kelli Barton
- Traci Berry
- Nicole Brueggeman
- Carrie Couch
- Marcia Davis
- Nicole Gatlin
- Camey Garthoeffner
- Nicole Jones
- Kristi Luebbering
- Jordanna McLeod
- Bob Muenz
- Rick Murray
- Laura Newland
- Jamie Padgett
- Bill Puett
- Amelia Reighard
- Kimberley Sprenger
- Kim Stock
- Harvey Tettlebaum
- Janice Thomas
- Mindy Ulstad

DHSS Adult Protective Services Multidisciplinary Team Project Overview (Camey Garthoeffner)

- Started with 2 MDTs in state, since May, now have 3 and 19 counties pursuing MDTs in their counties
- Typically starts with prosecutors office, victims advocates (they often facilitate meetings)
- Challenges with getting data on prosecution of ANE cases—prosecutors seem reluctant to prosecute ANE cases, but need data for funding of MDTs across the state

VOYCE (Janice Thomas)

1. Initiative funded by Missouri Foundation for Health (2-year MFH grant): restructuring and strengthening the elder abuse system
 - a. Improve lives by increasing access to services and partnerships
 - b. Interviews: purpose is not to revisit abuse, but to learn about experience with “the system”—wherever they touch it (APS, police, etc.)
 - c. Hold stakeholder summits: build comradery and consensus
 - d. Researching other states and best practices

- e. Create strategic plan to improve elder abuse system—hope to get commitment from stakeholders to change policies or whatever is necessary so system is more responsive to survivors
- 2. Coalition for Justice for Elder and Disabled adults (CJEDA)—used to be Missouri elder justice coalition, but there’s another MEJC and no mention of disabled adults in name
 - a. Convener of groups seeking to prevent abuse and support justice

Mindy Ulstad how MPA, MFH VOYCE Grant, and Elder Justice Coalition Grant work together

- See handout

Marcia Davis, Public Safety

- Assessing current public safety response in MO
 - How nursing homes, LTC facilities are being surveyed, but hospitals are not—missed opportunity?
 - Rules are all punitive based—always asking what’s going wrong instead of looking at what’s going right
 - Barriers to having a successful public safety response:
 - Not high priority for prosecutors
 - Law enforcement often have civil matter mindset
 - Special investigators with department do not have Post authority—requires them to take to local jurisdictions for assistance
 - Takes time, which hampers timeliness of investigations
 - Classification of crime—misdemeanor
 - Recommend that penalties be harsher?
 - Nationwide: doesn’t really work, and no special victim status except in cases of assault
 - Came from Harvey Tettlebaum
 - Catherine Vannier: disagrees and requests research
 - Improve offender accountability
- Will flesh out by December meeting
- Data on penalties will be included in recommendations

Carrie Couch, Financial Safety

- Working through recommendations
- Screening questions and best practices for stakeholders who interact with older adults
 - Possible recommendation related to RADAR card and expansion and applicability to other agencies / stakeholders
- Policy changes / legislation
 - David and Tim are looking at statutes
 - Overlapping issues—want to make sure not duplicating efforts→want collaboration with other working groups
- Powers of attorney
 - Difficulty in finding presentation on powers of attorney

- Catherine shared MOPS CE in November
- Would like presentation for entire subcommittee
- Exploring issues related to AI and machine learning
 - Recommendation can be made—not specific / no resolution, but it's an issue that needs to be developed
- Firehose effect—lots of information everywhere→clearinghouse / library to be housed within existing agency
- Next meeting in November

Jordanna McLeod, Education and Awareness

- Uploading notes in Box folder
- Lot of information already exists—need to better coordinate information and how to get it to folks who need it
- Need to educate all first responders about resources
- Regulations around predatory loans
- Focused a lot of financial security at last meeting
- Next meeting will focus on physical safety, mandated report education
- Recommendation template for work groups to organize recommendations

Janice Thomas, Survivor Advocacy

- People not reporting: afraid to report? Don't know how to report?
- Guardian probate and prosecutors
 - Assessments: are there common definitions that are shared?
 - how do they share information?
- Safety assessment for need—does it exist?
 - Common document to be used across disciplines / organizations
- Resources for family caregivers
 - Housing, food, etc.
 - What supports are needed?
 - What supports are available?
- Need to dig a little deeper into some of the areas to determine what's available now and make recommendations from there
- Recommendations should be focused on survivors

December meeting:

- Recommendations from chairs prior to meeting, including any data—week in advance?
 - Catherine will send calendar reminder to chairs
- Meeting will be discussion of recommendations
- Need to produce actional recommendations

Consumer Financial Protection webinar—TX gave presentation and mentioned that they don't need subpoena power because they have been granted authority to get any information necessary to investigate or provide services to victim of abuse

- Eliminates time in investigation
- Marcia will reach out to Janice to get more information

Senior Report, Kimberley Sprenger:

- [Home / Missouri Senior Report](#)
- Based on Kids Count, which allows states to compare themselves to each other
- Distinctions:
 - MO has chosen to provide information about senior population down to age 55
 - Data provided at county and regional levels—drop down menu allows user to look at the way different organizations view MO regions
- MO senior report first in nation—no funding or resources to maintain Missouri
- Information fed up to federal repository that reports out on all states BUT not done to age 55 and MO includes much more robust repository of data
- Gathered from a variety of state agencies—provided free of charge
- Some ability to trend data—goes back to 2017 on dashboards, but information is available prior to that by state agencies
- Center for Health Policy has produced report with little to no funding—requested small grant from MFH to move dashboard into a more permanent spot to make sure data is updated consistently and that the indicators are reviewed and refreshed on a regular ongoing basis
- Neighborhood and Social/Community tabs: Elder Abuse indicators
 - Information at least from 2017
 - State agencies would likely have earlier data
 - Data comes from APS call center
- University does not do own analysis/collection
- Data definitions show where data is pulled from