

Meeting Minutes  
09/15/16  
O'Connor Senior Center

I. **Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

In attendance: Joseph Winberry, Vivian Shipe, Darrell Griffin, Rachael Searcy, Willie Santana, John Huff, Ernie Hoskins, Dottie Lyvers, Rhea Ennist, Veronica Andrews, Christie Sheffield, Jan Coe, Misty Goodwin, Linda Johnson, Vincent Nejedlo, Elaine Wilson, Brad Hall, Deborah Spencer, Tim Howell.

II. **Mission Statement**

Joseph offered template, "Knoxville's Elder Abuse CCR works collaboratively towards real systems change in our community."

Willie offered that this was too broad. Conversation about statement followed. More discussion in next meeting.

III. **Rules**

1. Maintain a systems change focus rather than just case study or prevention focus.
2. As a group we are not able to lobby for legislative change but may pass our suggestions onto another group or organization who do lobby.
3. Our focus must be outreach (i.e. elder abuse is a problem...*and this is what is being done about it*) rather than just public awareness (i.e. elder abuse is a problem).
4. It is okay to ask questions.
5. Show respect for everyone despite our differences.
6. Maintain confidentiality of clients/victims.

IV. **Dates and Times of Meetings**

The group decided that our meetings would be on the first Thursday of each month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the O'Connor Senior Center. Our next meeting will be October 6.

V. **Next Steps**

We talked about the need for group input and that our meeting can be as successful as we decide it to be. Our next meeting will be focused on an assessment of suggestions from kickoff.