

Meeting Minutes  
01/05/17  
SCHAS Renaissance Terrace

I. **Attendance**

In attendance: Joseph Winberry, Bari Gerbig, Heather Majka, Vivian Shipe, Misty Goodwin, Veronica Andrews, Cortney Copeland, Lauren Stuart, Tim Howell, Tatia Harris, Deborah Spencer, John Huff, Darrell Griffin, Amy Purcell, Shelley Clemons, Rachael Searcy, Katrise Thompson, Susan Long, Aaron Bradley, and April Tomlin.

II. **Tour of Facility**

Tim Howell with Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc. gave the CCR a tour of Renaissance Terrace and discussed their history, services, and staffing.

The tour of the assisted living facility provided a segue into discussing the CCR goal of increasing housing options for older adults with medical needs in Knoxville-Knox County. Tim shared that Blue Cross Blue Shield has designated suspected elder abuse as a critical incident under their program, a move that the two other major health care providers under TennCare will likely follow.

Tim raised the need of a doctor sign-off as a barrier for moving older victims temporarily into assisted living. This is a topic the CCR will look into with more detail after the March meeting.

III. **Update on Elder Abuse Grant**

Joseph provided the following update on the Elder Abuse Grant:

Prosecutor's Workshop

- Prosecutors Andrea Kline and Willie Santana attended a 3.5 day conference in Phoenix in November 2016.
- They networked and heard best practices from other communities and from speakers.

Law Enforcement Training

- Team taught by law enforcement, prosecution, APS, and Helen Ross McNabb.
- Slated to begin in March. Official dates not released yet.
- Will continue through most of 2017, may go into 2018.
- 877 law enforcement officers in city and county expected to be trained.

Direct Services for Victims

- We completed a survey last year with input from older adults and elder care professionals.
- Still seeking final approval from OVW.
- Likely will be case manager that begins in the spring.
- Position will likely have a targeted focus of physical and sexual abuse.

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### Judicial Workshop

- Not many details released yet.
- Likely to occur in September 2017.
- Will work with General Allen and courts as we get closer.

### CCR Meetings

- Working on our high impact goals for most of 2017.
- Once most of law enforcement training is behind us, we will dive more into system-change of partner organizations using materials provided by the grant technical service provider, National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL).

### Victim Service Training

- Team taught by Adult Protective Services and Helen Ross McNabb Center.
- This is training for people who are working directly with older victims of abuse within the courts, advocates or social workers at the Family Justice Center (including law enforcement), etc.
- This will likely occur in 2018.

### Advanced Law Enforcement Training

- This will be for about 100 law enforcement personnel.
- Subject(s) will be dependent on what law enforcement needs.
- Financial abuse has been named as a possible topic. Strangulation as well.
- Likely to occur in summer 2018.

## IV. **Update on Education**

Joseph reminded that one of the projects to come out of the kickoff feedback impact analysis was the plan to create a one hour training that could be deliverable to any audience in Knox County. The one hour training will look at identifying elder abuse, reporting elder abuse, and connecting older victims with resources. The resource and demographic information will be customized for the audience—Knox County residents.

A committee will be meeting several times in the next few months to create a rough draft. Members include Vivian Shipe, Rick Fung, Teresa Lawson, Chris Parrott, Dottie Lyvers, George Shields, and Joseph Winberry.

The committee will provide a rough draft to the Elder Abuse CCR in March.

## V. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Elder Abuse CCR will be Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 from 2-3:30 p.m. at O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street.

Paul Helton, Assistant General Counsel with the Tennessee Department of Human Services, will present on what Adult Protective Services can and cannot do. There will be an opportunity for questions. We are looking into options for recording the presentation for future use.