

Meeting Minutes
02/02/17
O'Connor Senior Center

I. **Attendance**

In attendance: Joseph Winberry, Shelley Clemmons, Susan Long, Theresa Lawson, Katrise Thompson, Megan Abraham, Cortney Copeland, Lauren Stewart, Renee Williams, Rachael Searcy, Mary Anna, April Tomlin, Heather Majka, Jackie Mayo, Dottie Lyvers, Melinda Bryant, Rhea Ennist, Christie Sheffield, Brad Hall, Paul Moseley, Karen Partridge, Paul Helton, Margaret Chuinard, Linda Johnson, George Shields, Rick Fung, Elaine Wilson, Bari Gerbig, Vivian Shipe, Deborah Spencer, Rosie Noriega, and Judith Pelot.

II. **Adult Protective Services Presentation**

Paul Helton, Assistant General Counsel for the Tennessee Department of Human Services, presented on what Adult Protective Services can and cannot do under state law. APS has different challenges than Child Protective Services in assisting and taking custody of vulnerable adults. He shared several resources with the group including:

- [Adult Protective Services website](#)
- [Adult Protective Services Policy Manual](#)
- [Department of Health Abuse Registry](#) – Best to search using social security number

III. **Update on Education**

Joseph shared that a subcommittee has been creating a one hour training on elder abuse customized to Knox County demographics and resources. This training is designed for any general audience. The presentation is broken into three main sections: how to identify elder abuse, how to report it, and how to respond to it. The subcommittee has met several times throughout January and February and will request feedback from the full CCR in March.

Subcommittee members include: Vivian Shipe, Rick Fung, Teresa Lawson, Chris Parrott, Dottie Lyvers, George Shields, and Joseph Winberry.

IV. **Changing Meeting Days**

KPD training will be on Thursdays from mid-March to July. The CCR voted without objection to move affected meeting dates to the first Tuesday of the month. The CCR will still meet from 2-3:30 p.m. at the O'Connor Senior Center unless Joseph tells us otherwise. The CCR will revisit the meeting schedule in June.

The Elder Abuse CCR Meeting Schedule through June 2017:

- Thursday, March 2nd
- Tuesday, April 4th
- Tuesday, May 2nd
- Tuesday, June 6th

V. **Mission & Vision Statements**

Here is what we have received on mission and vision statements. If you have any other ideas, please submit those to Joseph before the next meeting. We will vote on our mission and vision statements at the March meeting.

<p>Mission Statement</p>	<p>The Knoxville-Knox County Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response pool our information, our resources, our expertise, and our power to respond to elder abuse in a way that provides outreach to the public, safety and compassion for victims, and accountability for offenders.</p>
<p>Vision Statement</p>	<p>We accomplish our mission by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating & sharing a 1 hour training on identifying, reporting, and responding to elder abuse in our community • Exploring options for free or low cost emergency and long term housing for older victims with medical needs • Developing or promoting existing databases on elder abuse resources and information • Supporting Adult Protective Services as our resources and rules allow • Encouraging partners to perform review of their procedures to improve services for older victims

VI. **Community Updates**

Susan Long with CAC Office on Aging shared about the Pancake Fest happening at O’Connor Senior Center on Friday, March 3rd from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is an annual event attended by hundreds with celebrity guest chefs including Mayors Rogero and Burchett, other local officials, and the state commissioner on aging. If you would like to register for the event or to learn more about the marketing opportunities, please contact Sue Massingill at 865-523-1135.

Lauren Stewart with Helen Ross McNabb Center discussed their new women’s domestic violence shelter. There will now be 32 beds, an increase from 18 beds. To learn more about the shelter and their services, please contact 865-637-8000

Deborah Spencer with Overcoming Believer’s Church shared a free grant writing seminar offered by the Trinity Health Foundation. The event will be Wednesday, February 15th from 3:30-5 p.m. at Overcoming Believers Church, 211 Harriet Tubman Street.

VII. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Elder Abuse CCR will be Thursday, March 2nd 2017 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the O’Connor Senior Center.