

Meeting Minutes
04/04/17
O'Connor Senior Center

I. Attendance

In attendance: Shelley Clemons, Cortney Copeland, Rachael Searcy, Dottie Lyvers, Rhea Ennist, Vivian Shipe, Tim Howell, Melinda Bryant, Rick Fung, Mary Catherine Willard, Sandy Booher, Veronica Andrews, Margaret Chuinard, John Huff, and Joseph Winberry.

II. Community Education Update

The group reviewed the updated community education and was happy with the updates including added videos, pictures, reduced verbiage, and a handout that can be emailed or given to participants. Joseph will make a few minor changes and send out to group for use. This project is not a component of the elder abuse grant, but can be shared and presented by CCR members.

III. Housekeeping

Rules: No rule changes were suggested by the CCR, but after discussing with OVW there is one rule change: Our focus must be outreach (i.e. elder abuse is a problem...*and here is how to access services*) rather than just public awareness (i.e. elder abuse is a problem).

Mission Statement:

Mission Statement	The Knoxville-Knox County Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response team pools our expertise, our information, our power, and our resources, to address the problems of elder abuse. We promote education and outreach to the community, safety and compassion for victims, and accountability for all offenders.
Vision Statement	We accomplish our mission by providing an interdisciplinary forum to CCR members, sharing training on accessing services, exploring ways to fill gaps such as those in housing, promoting relevant databases, supporting Adult Protective Services as our rules and resources allow, and encouraging partners to review their procedures for the benefit of victims.

Two ideas for mission and vision statements were considered and these were a hybrid of our options. Joseph said he would combine the statements as CCR members suggested and would then send along for their review.

Gaps in Membership

The group reviewed their membership to identify others to add to the CCR membership.

Margaret Chuinard agreed to speak with Kim Bohannon about having her represent TVA Credit Union at the CCR meetings.

Joseph said he would reach out to the Medical Examiner's Office to let them know about our work and see if they would like to join. Joseph said he would speak to Charmin Foth at Compassion Coalition and Bill Tolley at AARP about joining as well.

IV. Update on Law Enforcement Training

John Huff and Cortney Copeland discussed their thoughts on the law enforcement trainings. As of March 30, 95 Knoxville Police Department officers had been trained under the grant. All sworn officers in the city and county will receive training by September 2018. Joseph reminded CCR members that they should contact him if they would like to observe the 8 hour training.

V. Next Steps

The group reviewed the high impact/hard to do and high impact/easy to do lists that were compiled from the first CCR meetings in August and September 2016. The group is moving through the list of goals.

Beginning in May, the CCR will consider how to support housing for elder abuse victims. Often times elder abuse victims must go to the hospital because there are not services available at all hours and existing housing is limited. The need for a caregiver is a major factor in why elder abuse victims stay in an abusive situation. More housing options for seniors and especially for elder abuse victims may make people less likely to stay in a similar situation.

Joseph suggested that the new Office on Aging senior directory and its website could serve as a database for elder abuse and related services for older adults. Many of the services shown in the community education are already listed in the directory. The website is regularly updated.

Another major project of the CCR will be a self-assessment process. The CCR will undergo this process in the fall alongside other partners such as law enforcement, the DA's office, Adult Protective Services, Helen Ross McNabb Center, and the Family Justice Center who will complete their own evaluation during this period and share their findings with the full CCR in 2018. The goal of these assessments is to identify and remedy procedures or rules that could hinder older victims from getting the help they need.

VI. Next Meeting

Meetings are moving to the **first Tuesday** through June. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 2nd from 2-3:30 p.m. at the O'Connor Senior Center.