



Connecting Older Adults with Community-based Resources and Options

Suburban Cook County Adult Fatality Review Team

Via WebEx

March 11, 2021

Open Session - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Amy Kessler, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian
Anne Stewart-Reed, Illinois Department on Aging
Dr. Audrey Klopp, Loyola University (Chair)
Dr. Benjamin Soriano, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office
Cicely Johnson, Illinois Department on Aging
Colleen Connolly, Legal Aid Chicago
Crissy Castillo, Kenneth Young Center
Dale Smith, Tinley Park Fire Department
Jamie Farrell, AgeOptions (Aging and Disability Rights Coordinator)
John Janozik, Tinley Park Fire Department
Katie Walsh, Cook County Sheriff Department
Kathryn Zahm, AgeOptions (Community Programs Manager)
Margaret Evans, Mount Prospect Police Department
Mary Killough, Gareda Homecare
Natalie Benda, Addus Homecare
Noman Ahmed, Illinois Department on Aging
Roslyn Lennon, West Suburban Hospital
Trenace Rone, Catholic Charities South Suburban

Guests:

Erika Zenchak, APS Caseworker, NSSC
Holly Lichtman, APS Supervisor, NSSC
Isabel Horton, APS Caseworker, NSSC
Lisa Van Erden, APS Caseworker, NSSC (Presenter)

Absent Members:

Beata Strama, Director of Nursing at Stickney Public Health District
Deborah Kennedy, Equip for Equality
Denise Tomasek, Assistant State's Attorney (Vice Chair)

Diane Slezak, AgeOptions (CEO)
Kiran Joshi, Cook County Department of Public Health
Leanne Sloman, Suburban Access, Inc.

I. Call to Order

- a. **Audrey Klopp** called the meeting to order at **2:37 PM**.
- b. Roll Call / Introductions

II. Review of the Meeting Agenda

- a. **Roslyn Lennon** moved to approve the agenda
- b. Movement seconded by **Dr. Soriano**.
- c. Agenda was approved.

III. Review of December 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- a. **Mary Killough** moved to approve the minutes.
- b. Movement seconded by **Colleen Connolly**.
- c. Minutes were approved without revision.

IV. Old Business

- a. **Jamie Farrell** noted that there was a recommendation that came up during the December 2020 FRT meeting, which was to look into whether APS staff could access the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County to access records just as attorney's do. Jamie determined there is an option for authorized partners to gain access. Jamie will continue to look into this and work with APS providers on gaining access if possible.

V. New Business

- a. N/A

VI. Roslyn Lennon moved to close the open session

- a. Movement Seconded.
- b. The Open Session closed at **2:45 PM**.

VII. Closed Executive Session

- a. **Audrey Klopp** moved to open the closed executive session at **2:50 PM**.
- b. Presenter: Lisa Van Erden, North Shore Senior Center
 - i. Case Questions:
 - 1. Did alleged abuser gain financially from the deceased death?
 - 2. Was the deceased death related to abuse?
 - 3. Could the deceased death have been prevented?
 - 4. Were policy or practice issues raised?

ii. Team Recommendations:

1. Case Specific Follow Up

a. N/A

2. Prevention Strategy/Efforts

a. **Margaret Evans** noted that more education for law enforcement agencies on the role of APS in general and related to hoarding/self-neglect cases would be beneficial.

3. Illinois Department on Aging/Adult Protective Services Program

a. **Mary Killough** suggested a social awareness campaign to “make a plan” if you’re an older adult caring for an adult child with a disability including mental illness and your concerned about your adult child’s ability to care for you or themselves later in life, which could become a part of estate planning. Flyers could be developed that are placed in court rooms, senior centers, doctor’s offices, etc.

4. Public Services

a. **Audrey Klopp** suggested utilizing Facebook page to promote people checking in on their neighbors

VIII. Items Requiring Follow Up

a. N/A

IX. Approved 2021 Meeting Dates

a. June 10, 2021

b. September 9, 2021

c. December 9, 2021

X. Adjournment

a. **Audrey Klopp** moved to adjourn the meeting.

b. Movement seconded.

c. The meeting adjourned at **3:56 PM.**