



Connecting Older Adults with Community-based Resources and Options

Suburban Cook County Adult Fatality Review Team

1048 Lake Street #200 Oak Park, Illinois

December 12, 2019

Open Session - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Anne Stewart-Reed, Illinois Department on Aging
Amy Kessler, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian
Charmayne Thames, Catholic Charities South Suburban Senior Services
Natalie Benda, Addus Homecare (new member)
Cheri Seley, Kenneth Young Center
Audrey Klopp, Loyola University
Katie Walsh, Cook County Sheriff Department
Dr. Benjamin Soriano, Cook County Medical Examiner's Office
Clarissa Palermo, Cook County State's Attorney (*Chair*)
Mary Killough, Gareda Homecare (new member)
Kiran Joshi, Cook County Department of Public Health
Dale Smith, Tinley Park Fire Department
Jack Janozik, Tinley Park Fire Department
Leanne Sloman, Suburban Access, Inc. (by conference call)
Kathryn Zahm, AgeOptions (Community Programs Manager)
Diane Slezak, AgeOptions (CEO)
Jamie Farrell, AgeOptions (Aging and Disability Rights Coordinator)

Absent Members:

Deborah Kennedy, Equip for Equality
Roslyn Lennon, West Suburban Hospital
Colleen Connolly, Legal Aid Chicago
Ron Sachtleben, Cook County Sheriff Police Department
Melissa Palma, Cook County Health and Hospital Systems

I. Call to Order

- a. Chair Clarissa Palermo called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM
- b. Roll Call / Introductions

II. Review of the Meeting Agenda

- a. Clarissa Palermo moved to approve the agenda
- b. Movement seconded. Agenda was approved.

III. Review of September 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- a. Clarissa Palermo moved to approve the minutes.
- b. Movement seconded.
- c. Minutes were approved without revision.

IV. Old Business

- a. N/A

V. New Business

- a. N/A

VI. Chair Clarissa Palermo moved to close the open session

- a. Movement Seconded.
- b. The Open Session closed at 2:38 PM

VII. Closed Executive Session

- a. Presenter: Charmayne Thames, Catholic Charities South Suburban
 - 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?
 - ii. Team Recommendations
 - 1. Case Specific Follow Up
 - 2. Prevention Strategy/Efforts
 - 3. Illinois Department on Aging/Adult Protective Services Program
 - 4. Public Services

VIII. Call to Order (Re-Open the Meeting)

- a. Chair called the open meeting to order at 3:54 PM
- b. Movement seconded.

IX. Organizational Items

- a. Case Selection Support
 - i. Jamie Farrell requested assistance in locating potential cases to review and cases to pull from non-APS sources such as the Medical Examiner's Office and Law Enforcement.
 - ii. Case Criteria:
 - 1. Victim must be 60+ years in age or 18-59 with a disability
 - 2. Victim must primarily reside in a community setting
 - 3. Allegations should include Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation
- b. Items to Distribute Prior to Future FRT Meetings via Email
 - i. Case Summary

X. Items Requiring Follow Up

- a. Follow up on whether or not Illinois Department of Public Health is piloting Power of Attorney registration program

- b. Look into financial institution protocol as it relates to modifying and adding authorized account users when banks are presented with Power of Attorney documents.
- c. Look into what Adult Protective Services Caseworker's need in order to obtain Community Care Program and homecare provider agency notes.
- d. Determine how the amount of time it takes to obtain financial records can be minimized

XI. Approved 2020 Meeting Dates

- a. Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 PM
- b. Thursday, June 11, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 PM
- c. Thursday, September 10, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 PM
- d. Thursday, December 10, 2020 – 2:30-4:00 PM

XII. Adjournment

- a. Chair Clarissa Palermo left early so Jamie Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting
- b. Movement seconded.
- c. The meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM.