



Connecting Older Adults with Community-based Resources and Options

**Suburban Cook County Adult Fatality Review Team
Thursday, December 8th, 2016
Open Session – Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Clarissa Palermo – Cook County State’s Attorney (Chair)
Sharon Foy – Stickney Public Health District (Co-Chair)
Jon Hofacker – AgeOptions (Coordinator)
Chief James Episcopo – Brookfield Police Department
Ed Petrak – Brookfield Police Department
Dr. Benjamin Soriano – Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office
Sarah Stein, AgeOptions
Diane Slezak, AgeOptions
Samantha Schoonover – Suburban Access, Inc.
Cheryl Seley – Kenneth Young Center
Katie Walsh – Cook County Sheriff Department
Dr. Kiran Joshi – Cook County Department of Public Health
Roslyn Lennon – Vanguard West Suburban Hospital
Holly Zielke – Illinois Department on Aging
Deborah Kennedy – Equip for Equality
Wendy Cappelletto – Cook County Office of the Public Guardian
Audrey Klopp – Loyola University
Paul Bennett -- Next Level Health

Via telephone:

Mattie Bryant, Catholic Charities South Suburban Senior Services (*Presenter*)
Lois Moorman, Illinois Department on Aging (*Guest*)

Absent: Dr. Jon Gates, Ron Sachtleben, Karen Babos

Meeting Minutes:

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Chair Clarissa Palermo called the meeting to order at 2:34pm.
 - b. Roll Call/Introductions

II. Review of the Meeting Agenda

- a. Samantha Schoonover moved to approve the agenda
- b. Paul Bennett seconded the movement. Agenda was approved

III. Review of October 13th 2016 Meeting Minutes

- a. Clarissa Palermo moved to approve the minutes.
- b. Sharon Foy seconded the movement.
- c. Minutes were approved without changes.

IV. Organizational Items

- a. New Members:
 - Wendy Cappelletto, Cook County Office of the Public Guardian
 - Audrey Klopp, Loyola University
 - Deb Kennedy, Equip for Equality

V. Old Business

- a. Hospital Photographs
 - Roslyn Lennon summarized that there is nothing preventing hospitals from taking photos, but that there is nothing requiring them to do so, and they are often wary of sharing photos. It depends on who is taking the photos, often not professional photographers.
 - Clarissa Palermo: In court we do not need professional photos, just someone to attest that the photo accurately depicts the injuries.
 - Paul Bennett inquired if there is some advocacy we can do on this issue. Holly Z. said when it came up at the DuPage Fatality Review Team, the team approached each hospital's Chief Medical Officer to request him/her to develop hospital policy on this issue. Wendy also encouraged approaching risk management as well as medical officers.
 - Since Cook County has so many hospitals, a systemic approach might be best. Lois Moorman agreed to put this issue on the agenda for the statewide Fatality Review Advisory Team to address. Clarissa Palermo offered to speak to her office's legislative unit.
- b. Cook County Medical Examiner's Office – APS 'At Risk' List
 - Dr. Soriano said that he received approval for APS agencies to email him and the chief of investigations lists of at risk individuals. Holly reminded that we would just need Memorandum of Understandings in place.

VI. New Business

- a. Overview of Brian's Law by Deb Kennedy of Equip for Equality. Brian lived at a state-operated facility and was injured 31 times in 3 months at age 23. He died of

blunt force trauma to abdomen. No criminal charges were filed and 17-18 staff were potentially implicated. 2011 legislation passed to establish mortality review team to look at death in CILAs and state-operated facilities, day program sites. Includes people with mental illness as well as developmental disabilities. The team has similar composition to this team and has met 4 times per year since it started. DHS is required to provide OIG investigations to the team. Before Howe closed there were 31 deaths there and no autopsies. Annual reports are required including recommendations for preventing future similar deaths. Example: bowel impaction deaths have been a pattern identified and can be prevented. The team has a tiered process: some cases can be reviewed quickly (no issues identified), while others may be given to a team member with expertise in that area to review more carefully. 250-300 deaths have been reviewed to date so far.

VII. Chair Clarissa Palermo moved to close the open session.

- a. Paul Bennett seconded the movement.
- b. The Open Session closed at 2:51pm.

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

- a. Clarissa Palermo called the open meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

IX. Review of Future Meeting Dates

2017

- Thursday, March 9th, 2017 at 2:30pm
- Thursday, June 8th, 2017 at 2:30pm
- Thursday, September 7th 2017 at 2:30pm
- Thursday, November 9th 2017 at 2:30pm

X. Adjournment

- a. Chair Clarissa Palermo moved to adjourn the meeting
- b. Dr. Kiran Joshi seconded the movement.
- c. The meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.