

Governor Gianforte's Elder Justice Councils Organization Meetings

December 1, 2022

Adult Protective Services

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10-1:00pm

- I. Welcome
 - A. Introductions.
 - B. Present: Kirsten Madsen, Naomi Leisz, and Chris Benson (virtually). Mel T., Janice Hinze, Karla Painter, Kristen Anderson (in-person).
 - C. Outline of day's agenda
 - D. Hand Out Materials List
 1. Current Executive Order
 2. Short compendium of important statutes/procedures
 - a) *Ethics*
 - b) *Open Meetings*
 - c) *Open Records*
 3. Per Diem application
 4. Elder Abuse Publications
 5. Montana Elder and Persons with Developmental Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act
- II. Public Comment- No comment
- III. Lianna Waller (APS) provided discussion around Gov. Gianforte's Executive Order
 - A. Outline of terms- Set to expire on 9/30/2023. Interest in Chair please contact Hannah Slusser or Lianna Waller
 - B. Administration's vision and mission
 - C. "Administratively Attached" to DPHHS/APS
 - D. Role of the Elder Justice Prosecutor's Office – Mike Fanning and Chris Benson
- IV. Paul Greenwood discussed Elder Abuse Issues

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- A. What is working and what are the gaps or areas of improvement?
 - 1. Gaps: Lack of resources in rural areas, very complicated cases, no investigators, difficult to make resources available, safe discharge, covid devastation, autonomy, guardianships/conservators, mandatory reporters, retailers, public awareness across the state
 - 2. Success: Elder Justice prosecutor team may be able to fill some of the gaps, Media: spreading the word about Elder Abuse, relationships with APS, public awareness, using tools like Gramm Leach Bliley Act to prevent exploitation.

- V. Working lunch- provided

- VI. Western Montana Chapter: Melissa Stiegler and Karen Baker gave presentation on goals and mission of the organization as well as discussion around alternative decision making.

- VII. Discussion of Objectives
 - A. Not all EJC's need to pursue the same objectives
 - B. Possible studies
 - 1. Promotion of Adult Protective Service Teams Mont. Code Ann. § 52-3-805
 - 2. Legislative Initiatives
 - 3. Developing collaborative public/private projects
 - 4. Outreach and Education
 - a) *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15, 2023*
 - b) *Training*
 - 5. Promoting safe housing
 - a) *At home services*
 - b) *Reversing trend toward nursing home closures*
 - 6. Special concerns of rural counties
 - 7. Supporting Training for Responders
 - 8. Supporting Training for bank staff and staff of other account types

- VIII. Victim interview with Paul Greenwood

- IX. Meeting and Project Deadlines
 - A. Report due to the Governor's office 12/31/2022

- X. Open comment- No comment

- XI. Adjournment 1:00 pm