

# South Central Elder Justice Council Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2022

Law Enforcement Academy RM 314

2260 Sierra Rd. E.

Helena, MT 59602

- I. Welcome
  - A. Introductions
  - B. Present: Brenna Collins-Anderson (virtual), Patricia Jirsa, LaDawn Whiteside, Nancy Anderson. Absent: Michael Hagenlock, Maureen Exley, Richard Heitstuman
  - 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
    6. Resources Guide
      - a) *Agencies list & contact numbers*
      - b) *Law enforcement offices*
      - c) *Private/nonprofit list and contact numbers*
- II. Public Comment- No Comment
- III. Gov. Gianforte's Executive Order (10:00 am)
  - A. Discussion Leader: *Lianna Waller, Interim Bureau Chief with Adult Protective Services.*
  - B. Outline of terms
  - C. Administration's vision and mission
  - D. "Administratively Attached" to DPHHS/APS
  - E. Role of the Elder Justice Prosecutor's Office – Mike Fanning, Attorney and Chris Benson, Investigator with Department of Justice.
- IV. Elder Abuse Issues

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- A. Paul Greenwood gave a presentation on Elder Abuse issues, potential focus points for the EJC, and available resources.
  - 1. <https://eagle.usc.edu/>
  
- V. Collaboration with local partners
  - A. Gayle Carlson, President, and CEO of Montana Food Bank Network provided information on programs/services and how their agency may be able to collaborate with EJC.
  
- VI. Ethics and Standards
  - A. Mike Fanning with DOJ discussed ethics and standards when conducting EJC public meetings.
  
- VII. Paul Greenwood interviewed Gordon, victim of a financial exploitation scam in Kalispell Montana.
  
- VIII. Discussion of Objectives- Mike Fanning discussed topics of interest that the EJC may want to explore.
  - A. Not all EJCs 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
  
- IX. Council Leadership
  - A. Chair – appointed by Governor. No appointments were made to the members.

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Lianna Waller (APS) will follow up with Governor's office to determine if the Chair had been appointed.

B. Committee Structure- Council members will determine who will be responsible for which roles and notify Lianna Waller [lwaller@mt.gov](mailto:lwaller@mt.gov) or Chris Brown [james.brown2@mt.gov](mailto:james.brown2@mt.gov)

C. Deadlines for establishing and filling committees reflective of objectives- Report due to the Governor's office by 12/31/20

D. Organize and establish next council meeting, notify APS of the date/time for public posting.

X. Open comment

XI. Adjournment 12:00 pm