Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Elderly and Domestic Violence Committee

Attorney General’s Conference Room, 6th Floor, Carvel State Office Building

820 N. French Street, Wilmington, Delaware

March 20, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Introductions/Approval of Minutes
2. Old Business – Pat Dailey-Lewis
   1. Update on Expansion of Committee Membership
   2. Update on Judicial Training topics
3. New Business
   1. Reports on Existing Data re: Elderly Victims
      1. Ashley Biden: Elderly victims of domestic violence served by DCJ who need housing
      2. Ashley Biden: Outcome of inquiry to Department of Health and Social Services re: type of data collected including elder adults who are victims and who have drugs and/or alcohol issues, as well as information about perpetrators’ relationships to victims and their substance abuse issues:
      3. Gina Schoenberg: DOJ cases and the relationship of the accused (familial vs. non-familial) to elderly victims;
      4. Natasha Smith: availability of data on elderly victims through Criminal Justice Council.

* 1. Report on data collected through Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS)
     1. Peggy Bell, Executive Director, DELJIS
     2. What type of data is retrievable through DELJIS e.g. types of the number of elderly victimizations, types of crimes reported, victim relationship to the accused, etc.
  2. Discussion of findings from U.S. Department of JusticeOffice of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report *Crimes Against the Elderly, 2003–2013.*

1. Next Steps
2. Next Meeting

*The Current Goals of the DVCC Elderly and Domestic Violence Committee are:*

* Develop systems to compile data to identify the needs of elderly victims of domestic violence;
* Provide education to the judiciary and law enforcement and promote awareness of domestic violence to older members of the community;
* Identify/expand emergency and safe transitional housing options for elderly who are victims of domestic violence; and
* Develop a statewide corps of volunteer peer advocates to provide advocacy and accompaniment to elderly victims throughout the criminal justice process.