

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Elderly and Domestic Violence Committee

Minutes from March 1, 2017

The DVCC Elderly and Domestic Violence Committee met on March 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Department of Justice, Carvel State Office Building in Wilmington. Attending the meeting were: Deputy Attorney General Renee Hrivnak, Department of Justice; Sharon Merriman-Nai, Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware; Denise Arreola, Adult Protective Services Unit, Department of Health and Social Services and DVCC staff: Maureen Monagle and Pat Kwetkauskie.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from the meeting held on December 15, 2016 will be approved at the next meeting.

On-going Business:

- Report on Elderly and Domestic Violence

There was consensus to use the definition of “family” from Title 10 of Delaware’s Criminal Code. There was also consensus to review information on poly-victimization of the elderly promulgated by the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) and include relevant information in the report.

Pat will send the Committee a link to the recently released on-line training from OVC on the topic of poly-victimization of the elderly.

The Committee developed a time line to facilitate the release of the report prior to the observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2017. Pat will send a draft of the report to the Committee for review and comment. Moe noted that a near-final draft will be circulated to members of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council for their review and comment in mid to late April.

- Education to Legislators

There was consensus that planning for education to the legislators would begin after the release of the Committee’s Report on Elderly and Domestic Violence. An ad hoc group will be formed to develop strategies and a well-defined plan to accomplish this initiative.

Next meeting: The next Committee meeting will be held in late June.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kwetkauskie, DVCC Staff

March 8, 2017