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**OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ELDER ABUSE COMMISSION
OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
VERN RIFFE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS
77 SOUTH HIGH STREET, 31ST FLOOR
WEST B & C CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

NAME

Patrick Bailey
Shelly Boyd
Melanie Cooley
Jodi Crowe
Cindy Farson
Gene Fischer
Dan Fitzpatrick
Frank Fleischer
Vicki Jenkins
Stephanie Nelson
Thomas Swift
Adreana Tartt
John Thatcher
Karla Warren

REPRESENTING

County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Ohio Attorney General's Office – Crime Victim Services
Ohio Board of Nursing
Area Agency on Aging
Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
Supreme Court of Ohio
Ohio Association of Probate Judges
Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association
Ohio Department of Aging

Ursel McElroy

Ohio Attorney General's Office – Commission Staff/Lead

WELCOME – Ursel McElroy

- Opened the meeting by welcoming members.
- Agenda and housekeeping items reviewed.

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES – Commission

- August 26, 2013 meeting minutes approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Commission

- Cynthia Callender Dungey was recently appointed as the Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Dungey transitioned from the Ohio Department of Medicaid, where she was responsible for the development and implementation of procedures and policies that ensure the state's Medicaid operations and support systems function properly and efficiently. *S. Boyd*

CHAIR'S REPORT – Ursel McElroy

Public Comment

- There was consensus during the August 26, 2013 meeting to invite professionals from various disciplines (i.e., financial, medical, legal) to provide public comment during the October 28, 2013 commission meeting to help inform the commission's work.
- Invitations were not extended in advance of the meeting, but the idea will be pursued in 2014.

Meeting minutes prepared by Ursel McElroy

2014 Meeting Dates

- Meeting dates for 2014 will follow the same format of 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM every other month.
- Tentative dates are February 24th, April 28th, June 23rd, August 25th, and October 27th. Once the dates are confirmed, commission members will be notified.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – Ursel McElroy

Justice Subcommittee – V. Jenkins, Chair

- Subcommittee continues to make progress developing recommendations that will aid in the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of financial elder abuse.
- Subcommittee will consult with professionals from federal, state, and local financial entities to better understand their experiences with financial exploitation cases.

Education & Awareness Subcommittee – U. McElroy, Chair

- Subcommittee may host a two-part series of panel discussions that address financial exploitation. Dates and location considered: February 24th and March 24th from 10 AM – 12 PM at the Supreme Court of Ohio.
- Panelists would include representatives from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Attorney General's Elder Abuse Commission, and local experts to address the topics of financial exploitation, mandatory reporting, and existing gaps and barriers to effectively respond to this issue.

Criminal Justice and Mental Illness Subcommittee – M. Baumgarten, Chair

- Subcommittee continues to make progress integrating a module on mental illness into an existing elder abuse curriculum for law enforcement. Trainers for the segment have been identified and a first draft is completed.
- Subcommittee has \$50,000 to help plan and deliver the trainings throughout Ohio.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Commission

Legislative Update – U. McElroy

- H.B. 49, the Ohio Elder Justice Act, remains in the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.
- As the bill progresses, updates will be shared with commission members.

NEW BUSINESS – Commission

Elder Justice Initiative

- The Attorney General's Office is developing an initiative to improve access to crime victim services for the elderly.
- As the initiative progresses, updates will be shared with commission members.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Subcommittees met to complete outstanding tasks.

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