



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ELDER ABUSE COMMISSION
 RICHARD CORDRAY, OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

**NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES
 VERN RIFFE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS
 77 SOUTH HIGH STREET, 31ST FLOOR
 WEST B & C CONFERENCE ROOM
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009
 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Emily Barker	Ohio House of Representatives
Kendra Bobulski	Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services (Intern)
Judith Brachman	Interests of the Elderly
Carol Dayton	Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services
Tomi Dorris	Ohio Department of Insurance
Deb Downing	County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Cindy Farson	Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Stacey Frohnafel-Hasson	Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities
Christine Haenszel	Ohio Attorney General's Office
Steve Hanson	Supreme Court of Ohio
Rick Hoover	Ohio Department of Health
Roland Hornbostel	Ohio Department of Aging
Vicki Jenkins	Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
Cindy Kuhr	Ohio Victim Witness Association
Beverley Laubert	Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman
Adrienne Porter	Ohio Department of Public Safety
Wayne Summerville	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Bill Sundermeyer	American Association of Retired Persons of Ohio
Tom Swift	Ohio Association of Probate Judges
John Thatcher	Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association
Karla Warren	Ohio Department of Aging
Ursel McElroy	Ohio Attorney General's Office

WELCOME – Ursel McElroy

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

REVIEW OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES – Commission

- October meeting minutes approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Commission

D. Downing

- Montgomery County received one of ten awards nationwide from the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) for the submission of an elder justice community collaboration proposal. Montgomery County will host an elder abuse symposium January 28, 2010.



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U. McElroy

- The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) has scheduled elder abuse training for law enforcement November 30 – December 1, 2010. There are additional dates scheduled in 2010. See www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov for details.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Commission

Previous Public Comment

- T. Swift explained there are procedural rules being prepared by the Ohio Association of Probate Judges and the Supreme Court of Ohio that won't likely satisfy concerns expressed by Tom Fields of Mentor, Ohio in September 2009. Consensus that a decision on how to proceed with Mr. Fields' concerns/proposal is needed soon.
- T. Swift had three conversations with Montgomery Probate Court officials regarding concerns shared by Chris Tudor of Dayton, in October 2009. Ms. Tudor has been advised with whom to follow up.

Subcommittee Requests

- Awareness Subcommittee sought further guidance from full body on awareness message.
- Discussed the different aspects of the message and full body recommended the following:
 - Sequencing messages over time. Possible topics include: honor and respect, detecting and reporting, and caregiver concerns.
 - Launching the awareness campaign on a small scale initially in a rural and urban area before statewide release. Begin with areas that have senior service levies.
 - Have message consistent with all materials. (e.g., Awareness Subcommittee will work with Justice Subcommittee to develop message for law enforcement tip cards).
 - Promote through print ready ads for associations, information targeted to specific groups, and media releases.
 - Promote at major 2010 events. Upcoming events include the Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services Annual Conference and the Attorney General's Annual Two Days in May Conference for Victim Advocates. Each hosted in Columbus March 22nd and May 24th – 25th respectively.
 - Continue current discussions with representatives of Ohio's 2-1-1 system as a possible statewide reporting mechanism for elder abuse in Ohio. Status summary and coverage map of the 2-1-1 system were distributed. Roughly 2/3 of the counties have an operational system, with systems pending in several other counties.

NEW BUSINESS – Commission

Annual Report

- Discussed content and format of the first annual report that is anticipated for release May 2010.
- U. McElroy to develop a template for each subcommittee to record information for inclusion in the report.
- U. McElroy will work with subcommittee chairs to complete a first draft. Upon completion, draft will be circulated to members for review.
- The report will be available in print and electronic formats. Printing costs will be paid with federal grant funds that currently support commission work.
- The report will be broadly shared with the public, while other groups will be targeted.
- Distribution to the General Assembly leadership will be a priority. The report can be presented through the House of Representatives, Aging and Disability Subcommittee. Rep. D. Newcomb is the Chair.

Other

- Add discussion on guiding principles and funding to next agenda.



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PUBLIC COMMENT - Commission

- Received written comment from Jane Branson of Hillsboro, Ohio.
- Ms. Branson's written comments were delivered via mail near the end of the public comment period. Members agreed to consider Ms. Branson's comments at the next Commission meeting, when there is adequate time for review.
- Discussed the potential value in receiving comments from mandatory reporters of elder abuse. A targeted effort will be made to make them aware of the opportunity to provide comments to the Commission.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Awareness Subcommittee - K. Warren, Chair

- Present: T. Dorris, S. Frohnafel-Hasson, K. Warren
- Discussed content, design, and distribution of law enforcement tip cards to be produced by the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). Awareness Subcommittee will work with A. Capehart, C. Haenszel, and B. Laubert of the Policy Subcommittee for content development.
- Discussed "3R theme" – recognition, response, and resource.
- Precedent with Social Security Administration contributing funds to a statewide campaign in Kentucky. Subcommittee will research as a possible funding source for Ohio campaign.

Justice Subcommittee – R. Hornbostel, Chair

Policy Subcommittee – B. Laubert, Chair

- Present: C. Haenszel, S. Hanson, R. Hornbostel, V. Jenkins, C. Kuhr, U. McElroy, W. Summerville, T. Swift, J. Thatcher
- Joint meeting between Justice and Policy Subcommittees.
- Reviewed in detail, proposed changes to H. B. 563 of the 126th General Assembly with Robin Hurst, Legislative Director of the Ohio Attorney General's Office (*see October 2009 meeting minutes for proposed changes*).

Research Subcommittee – C. Dayton, Chair

- Present: K. Bobulski, J. Brachman, C. Dayton, D. Downing
- Subcommittee will host a research colloquium February 3rd or 5th. This will be the first of two meetings.
- The first will involve a small group of noted researchers in the area of elder abuse in Ohio. The second will involve a larger group of researchers identified as interested in elder abuse research.
- Those identified for the first meeting include:
 - Dr. Georgia Anetzberger – Cleveland
 - Dr. David Bass – Cleveland
 - Dr. Shantha Balaswamy – Columbus
 - Dr. Bonnie Fisher – Cincinnati
 - Dr. Kenneth Steinman - Columbus
- J. Brachman will serve as lead of the colloquium.

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