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**OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ELDER ABUSE COMMISSION
JUNE MEETING MINUTES
VERN RIFFE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS
77 SOUTH HIGH STREET, 31ST FLOOR
WEST B & C CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

NAME

Shelly Boyd
Judith Brachman
Andrew Capehart
Denise Cole
Joel Demory
Debra Downing
Rick Hoover
Gene Fischer
Steve Hanson
Rick Hoover
Bonnie Kantor-Burman
Cindy Kuhr
Beverley Laubert
Leslie McGee
Drew Palmiter
Jayme Richards
Jo Simonsen
Thomas Swift
John Thatcher
Karla Warren

REPRESENTING

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Interests of the Elderly
National Adult Protective Services Association
Ohio Department of Mental Health
Ohio Department of Insurance
County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Ohio Department of Health
Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association
Supreme Court of Ohio
Ohio Department of Health
Ohio Department of Aging
Ohio Victim Witness Association
Ohio State Long Term Care Ombudsman
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Ohio Association of Probate Judges
Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association
Ohio Department of Aging

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Ohio Attorney General's Office

WELCOME – Ursel McElroy

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

REVIEW APRIL MEETING MINUTES – Commission

- April 23, 2012 meeting minutes approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Commission

S. Hanson

- The Supreme Court of Ohio hosted the Post Summit on Aging: Community Responses to the Financial Exploitation of Older Adults on June 4, 2012 in Aurora, Ohio. The event was an extension of the October 2010 event co-sponsored by the Office of the Governor, Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Ohio Association of Probate Judges. The 2012 summit included a

Meeting minutes prepared by Ursel McElroy

keynote address from Skip Humphrey of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a panel of Ohio experts. The event received positive feedback from participants. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2013 in Maumee Bay, Ohio.

J. Thatcher

- Knox County Prosecutor John Thatcher, successfully prosecuted Rodney L. Carpenter on June 15, 2012 for theft from an elderly person – a fourth degree felony. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison and ordered to pay \$7,500 restitution in the criminal case. He was also assessed a judgment of an additional \$208,090 in a civil case. The case is significant in its outcome and the date of prosecution. June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

U. McElroy

- The White House Office of Public Engagement, in collaboration with the Administration for Community Living, the Department of Justice, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, invited Ursel McElroy to an event highlighting elder abuse and financial exploitation on Thursday, June 14, 2012. The event featured Administration officials as well as individuals and organizations committed to addressing elder abuse and financial exploitation in their local communities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Commission

Legislative Update

- U. McElroy provided an update on the “Ohio Elder Justice Act”. H.B. 572 was introduced on June 27, 2012 with Rep. Mike Dovilla [R – 18th District] as the lead sponsor. Co-sponsors include Representatives Timothy Derickson [R – 53rd District], Casey Kozlowski [R – 99th District], and Cheryl Grossman [R – 23rd District].

Awareness Campaign Update

- A brainstorming session will be hosted by the Ohio Department of Aging in August 2012 to begin strategic planning.

Expert Witnesses Update

- Creating a pool of expert witnesses on the topic of elder abuse remains a priority for the Commission. Areas of need identified: 1) physical and mental capacity evaluations 2) forensic wound identification 3) sexual assault evaluations and 4) forensic accounting.
- The Justice Subcommittee has made initial contact with the Ohio Board of Regents to learn of any attempts to track university personnel or course offerings for subjects related to elder abuse. V. Jenkins is project lead.

NEW BUSINESS – Commission

Administration on Aging Funding Opportunity

- The U.S. Department of Health, Administration on Aging (AoA) released the “Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program” announcement and grant application. The deadline date for submission is July 31, 2012. Through this program, AoA intends to draw on existing research and promising practices to pilot test interventions and determine their potential utility in helping to prevent elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This pilot testing will also result in further understanding of elder abuse and its prevention, thereby contributing to the evidence base. Finally, this pilot seeks to facilitate improvements in existing data collection systems.
- The Attorney General’s Office and the Ohio Department of Aging have each expressed an interest in serving as the principal applicant for an Ohio proposal. There was consensus from the Commission that the two departments should work together to determine who will lead the process.

Attorney General's Settlement Funds

- The Attorney General's Office occasionally receives settlement funds from lawsuits. The funding stream may be a possible option to support Commission activities that have a direct impact on older victims. Subcommittees have been asked to consider activities/initiatives that can be proposed to the Attorney General for consideration.

Restructuring Subcommittees

- There was consensus from the Commission to restructure subcommittees to reflect current efforts to serve as a resource to local communities. The original subcommittee structure: Awareness, Justice, Policy, and Research will be changed to Awareness, Education, and Justice. Members are encouraged to join a subcommittee where they can best apply their expertise.
 - Awareness – K. Warren, Subcommittee Chair
 - Education – J. Simonsen, Subcommittee Chair
 - Justice – V. Jenkins, Subcommittee Chair

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