

SB78 Elder Abuse Task Force

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

9:30am-11:49am

Meeting convened at 9:35am.

Members Present:

David Blake, Co-Chair

Joscelyn Gay, Co-Chair

Vickie Clark, Routt County Dept. of Human Services

Absent: Tammy Conover, Attorney at Steenrod, Schwartz, and McMinimee Lae Firm-Represented by Tom Rodriguez

Sterling Harri, Chief Deputy Director of Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance

Absent: Chris Lines, Director of Colorado Medical Society

Anne Kerr Meier, Social Worker at Exempla Luthern Hospice-Collier Hospice Center

Absent: Arlene Miles, President and CEO of Colorado Health Care Association-Represented by Matt Elder

Absent: Amy Nofzinger, Director of AARP Foundation

Dr. Rebecca Paskind, Ph.D. Associate professor at Metro State College

Heidi Prentup, Commander at Boulder County Sheriff's Department

Mary Catherine Rabitt, Attorney at the Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People

Jerri Schomaker, Owner of Home Instead Senior Care of CO Springs

Nancy Sharpe, Arapahoe County Commissioner

Scott Storey, District Attorney with the Jefferson County DA's Office

Darla Stuart, Executive Director at Arc of Aurora

Jenifer Waller, Senior Vice President at the Colorado Banker's Association

Introductions by Senator Hudak, Representative Schafer, Department of Human Services Reggie Bicha, Facilitator Susanna Bozinovski and Facilitator Rena Kurberski

Director Bicha asked the task force to take charge of creating a mandatory reporting for at risk elders as well as determine where to direct monetary resources, i.e. –Training, IT System, or services.

Director Bicha also explained the reporting and services process to the group starting with:

Who is vulnerable → Report → Screen → Assessment → Service Provision → Close Case.

He then explained that once a case is closed, there is not a system in place to follow up. He asked the group to also consider this.

10:13am: Task Force Introductions.

10:30: Guidelines Discussions

Proxy votes: Question proposed by Co-Chair David Blake : Should task force members be allowed to have proxies?

Discussion: Task force members should be allowed to have a proxy-this person needs to be an appropriate, senior member of each respective organization. Identified proxies will be compiled and either be emailed to David Blake (david.blake@state.co.us) or Joscelyn Gay (joscelyn.gay@state.co.us).

Super Majority Vote: Question proposed by Co-Chair David Blake: Is a 2/3 vote too much? Or, is this appropriate and stay in place?

Discussion: Super majority should remain in place, but should add language to read: “To members present”. This language change will be made by CCI and sent out prior to the July 11, 2012 meeting.

Unanimity of final report: Report should have dissenting views but have a unanimous support to submit report. Discussion of minority report, but was decided to only be included if enough members have a dissenting view.

Adoption of guideline changes: Motion by Arlene Miles. Seconded by Dr. Rebecca Paskind Ph.D.

Question proposed by Co- Chair David Blake: Should the Task Force look at propose a draft bill?

Discussion: Co-Chair Joscelyn Gay suggested that the task force should come up with recommendations, work of f the duties outlined by SB78 and Director Bicha. However, Senator Hudak clarified that the intention of SB78 and the task force is not to create new legislation, but rather create recommendations and explain how to achieve each respective recommendation. Commissioner Sharpe also added in that recommendations need to have data that supports the decisions being made as well as deliverable outcomes/measure outcomes. It was then suggested by the group that background information, “best practices” from other states and the previously proposed five bills relating to elder abuse.

Task Force members are to send any background information, “best practices”, or other relative material to CCI staffer, Brandy DeLange at bdelange@ccionline.org , so that documents may be posted on the task force website at, <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-ExecDir/CBON/1251624797615>. These initial documents should be submitted prior to July 11th, 2012. All other documents are welcomed after this date and will be posted on the website. Task force members are encouraged to routinely check the website for newly posted materials.

At the July 11th meeting a presentation of Adult Protective Services will be provided within the first hour. This will include a fact sheet and national data that can be gathered. Co-Chair Joscelyn Gay has agreed to compile and present this information through the Department of Human Services.

Co-Chairman David Blake withdrew his proposal of creating a draft bill.

Document call was also addressed.

Co-Chairman David Blake instructed task force members to review deliverables of SB78 on their own.

Future Meetings Topic Outline.

Meetings have been set to Wednesdays, from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Report deadline: Co-Chair David Blake suggested a self-imposed deadline of first draft due October 1st, and a final draft by November 1st. This will allow for consideration of the OSPB report. Representative Schafer also suggested that herself and Senator Hudack informally present and keep the JBC “up-to-date” on progress of the Task Force.

Proposed meeting dates: Question brought forth by Co-Chair David Blake and Co-Chair Joscelyn Gay: Should re-order agenda?

Discussion: July 11th meeting should focus on background and scope of work; create sub-committees to focus on finances, etc. Will define minimum age as well as definition of “at risk”. Agenda has been re-ordered to reflect:

July 11th: Background information. Minimum age and reconcile definitions.

July 25th: County Services and APS Training

August 8th: Criminal Penalties and Mandatory Reporters

August 22nd: Cost and Workload Impacts and Sustainable Funding

Future dates have not yet been determined. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.