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Illinois Department on Aging
Fatality Review Team Advisory Council Meeting via WebEx
2:00 PM March 16, 2023

Committee Members In Attendance:

Area 01 – Yvonne Anderson; Area 02 – Diane Michalak; Area 03 – Telly Papanikolaou; Area 04 – Holly Kozinski; Area 05 – Duane Northrup; Area 06 – Brenda Fleming; Area 08 – Amanda Halsey; Area 11 – David Mitchell; Area 12 – Dr. Kim Dixon. Areas 07, 09, 10, and 13 were not represented.

IDoA Staff in Attendance:

Division Manager Brian Pastor, Deputy Division Manager Dana Wilkerson, Jeanice McDade, Terry Haynor

Guests in attendance:

Molly Chapman, DHS-DRS and Doug Kircher, DHS-DD.

Minutes:

Dana Wilkerson, deputy division manager, started off the meeting and welcomed everyone. Ms. Wilkerson started the meeting at 2:02 pm. new division manager, Brian Pastor. Mr. Pastor welcomed everyone and added that he was looking forward to his new position. No members of the public were in attendance. Dana Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm and took roll call.

Ms. Wilkerson noted that David Mitchell with Area 11 will be retiring, and this will be his last meeting with us. She also acknowledged David's strong commitment to APS and his length of service, almost 28 years. Kimberly O'Daniel is the nominee for Mr. Mitchell's replacement will need to be approved by the director.

Ms. Wilkerson requested a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by Telly Papanikolaou to accept the meeting minutes and we received a second from Amanda Halsey.

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Client Safety Committee

Ms. Wilkerson moved on to an update of the Client Safety Committee. The focus was on the critical points of services and what will make the caseworker successful from the first knock on the door. Data was reviewed and no significant trends were found. Successes were also reviewed, as well as rapport and having a connection to the individual being visited. What are ways to establish this connection before getting to the front door. Mr. Papanikolaou suggested avoiding specific questions regarding race, sex, or anything else that would build a barrier. Yvonne Anderson agreed. Mr. Northrup asked if we would know if the client was receiving services from another agency and working together. Ms. Wilkerson also recognized the group from DORS. Ms. Wilkerson advised a possible updated / new brochure that explains what is being agreed to /refused with APS services.

Updates/Area Reports:

Area 13 – Audrey Klopp reported they did have a meeting last week; Tried to review a case however coroner's reports and no autopsy were available. No abuse was found, acute alcoholism was the cause of death.

Area 12 -They did not have a case; however, Ms. Dixon described a clinic patient and reviewed their circumstances with concerns of self-neglect due to health issues. Takeaway was to be sure to file a second report when there is a concern that lingers or there is a new concern. Possible DDD trainings and resources were discussed as a possible opportunity for APS.

Area 11 – David Mitchell advised they did not have a meeting. David's replacement at Shawnee Alliance, Kimberly O'Daniel, is reaching out to law enforcement to set up some trainings.

Area 10 – Beverlee Hiestand provided an update. They are struggling with members and participation. Ms. Hiestand is going to Area 10 to spend some time with them to discuss concerns.

Area 09 – Beverlee Hiestand provided an update. They have a meeting scheduled for March. They do have a full team with the new members.

Area 08 – Amanda Halsey provided an update. Her group had a meeting this month and training was requested across the river provided an update. The conclusion was that the death was due more to self-neglect. He was not able to communicate but had refused services earlier. Takeaway was more training for EMS as well as law enforcement. In this case there were multiple hospital visits by this client prior to his demise.

Area 06 – Brenda Fleming stated there was a meeting yesterday. A significant other was involved; possible passive neglect, however, cause of death was COVID. Brenda stated the hospital suggested to ask for the nursing notes and social service notes when there is possible trouble with the abuser in addition to the medical notes.

Area 05 – Duane Northrup – They did meet but did not have a case. Had a presentation by Jennifer Roberts with the RAA and had an orientation for new members.

Area 04 – Holly Kozinski stated they did have a case. There were some sexual abuse allegations, and they are going to reach out to the hospital. Cross training with border states was discussed.

Area 03 – Telly Papanikolaou provided an update. Their meeting did review a case in February. It was a passive neglect case. The takeaway was to have more targeted education/information available for community partners in more rural areas to offer a better support system. Do we have any trainings that focus on spouses and how to identify when the spouse needs additional support – None were mentioned.

Area 02 – Diane Michalak stated they did have a meeting. There was some confusion regarding which police department was responding. It was not DuPage County. The ARPA Grant was discussed briefly and the focus on law enforcement with this grant.

Area 01 – Yvonne Anderson stated their case was reviewed. They discussed ways to involve services earlier so that things do not progress further whenever possible.

Adjournment:

Ms. Wilkerson stated she had no old business and asked if there was any new business to discuss.

With no new business, Ms. Wilkerson asked for a motion to adjourn at 2:45 pm. A motion was made by Dr. Dixon and a second by Telly Papanikolaou and the meeting was adjourned.