

Illinois Department on Aging
Fatality Review Team Advisory Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., May 22, 2018

Members Present:

Co-Chair Teva Shirley (Area 08), Co-Chair Diane Michalak (Area 02), Loren Carrera (Area 02), Nancy Hinton (Area 09), Holly Kozinski (Area 4), Yvonne Anderson (Area 01), Donna Schnell (Area 10), Diane Drew (Area 05), Brenda Fleming (Area 06)

Members Absent:

Diane Slezak (Area 13), Amy Brown (Area 05), Duane Northrup (Area 05), Clarissa Palermo (Area 12), Mark Thomas (Area 03), Jim Allmon (Area 07), Scott Kinley (Area 11)

Guests:

Jon Hofacker, AgeOptions

IDoA:

Maureen Squires, Tracey Trijillo, Claudia Kemple, Valerie Berryman, Jaime Spears, Phyllis Roate, Mary Spriggs Ploessl, Lois Moorman

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes from February 20 were approved.

Membership Change

Diane Drew retired as Executive Director of CHELP. Diane served as Chair of the Regional 05 Team and as a representative of the Council. Kathryn Johnson, Supervisor of PATH, rwalerie Berryman was introduced to the Council. She started with the Office of Adult Protective Services April 1 after transferring from the Rock Island DRS Office.

FRT Adopted Rules

New FRT Rules, which went into effect April 2, were emailed to each Council member. The provisions are consistent with PA 98-49 and its trailer legislation PA 98-1039, which created the Council to provide oversight over the existing Regional Fatality Review Teams, as well as meeting requirements under PA 99-530.

Maureen told the Council that the rules will serve as the governing guidelines for the Council going forward. She will work to bring the FRT Manual into compliance with the rules and then have quantities printed for each FRT.

Council members said they would review the Rules to become familiar with them. It was reiterated that the establishment of the rules would serve as a playbook going forward and will serve to be the defining source for protocol for the Council and the Teams, though the mission is in no way impacted.

Recommendations

The Council discussed the following recommendations entered into the FRT database from various Teams:

More education/training for banks, visiting nurses, caregivers, home health providers, First Responders and law enforcement

Raise awareness of dangers of overmedication/substance abuse addiction

Improve caregiver training, specifically Division of Rehabilitation Services

Council members discussed how to better define such broad recommendations. Having them broken down by categories and with more detail in the database was met positively. Council member stated that much of the benefit of the teams is simply developing partnerships and contacts with members of each team, which is conducive to better communication and collaboration amongst all the entities who may be serving a client.

Navigating Change Symposium

Maureen said she would email all Council members the agenda for the upcoming Symposium, which is open to all, to be held June 12-14 at the Peoria Civic Center.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. August 21, 2018.