

Fourth Judicial Circuit

Elder Abuse Fatality Review Team

Minutes 7/12/21 and Annual Report Sub-Committee Minutes 7/23/21

Attendees: Judge Gary Flower, Linda Levin, Cindy Chambers, Carl Harms, Jody Brandenburg, Karen Murillo, Gloria Crawford, Randy Wyse, Eileen Rodden, A.J. Mack, Diane Clark, Dr. R. Buchsbaum, Farish Hamid, Octavius, Kristin Gonzales

Absent: Mike Jorgensen

Absent Excused: Paul Kellam, Gregory Patient

Judge Flower opened the meeting and Linda Levin requested attendees introduce themselves.

Motion to approve minutes: Jody Brandenburg, seconded J.A. Mack

Judge Flower provided an update on the “glitch” bill. The issue has been presented to Sen. Audrey Gibson who does not think the law falls under the Sunshine Law. The OAG has not made a determination on this issue. Judge Flower will follow-up with the senator.

Review of the EAFRT annual report outline for the DOEA – no logos will be used; no agendas or minutes will be part of the report rather an overview of the work that has been done so far will be presented. We have reviewed no cases to date so this is an informational report. Mr. Brandenburg suggested adding a map of the 4th Circuit to the report.

A.J. Mack brought up the fact that financial institutions are not a suggested entity in the law and would like to add it.

Karen Murillo suggested we highlight the issues/challenges/problems and solutions we have worked on since the EAFRT was initiated by the State Attorney, Melissa Nelson, in September 2020. She stated it may be a good idea to note what has stopped our forward movement on review of closed cases in the report.

Eileen requested volunteers for the report writing sub-committee. Karen Murillo, Diane, Clark, A.J. Mack and Tracie Rayfield agreed to assist with the draft.

There being no Public Comments, Judge Flower adjourned the meeting.

REPORT WRITING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

The sub-committee met on 7/23/21 and discussed content with agreement that a draft of the report should be ready for review on 8/2/21. The sub-committee agreed to push the date back to 8/9/21 and met via Zoom on that date to edit/revise/correct the draft.

The draft report was distributed to the membership for review prior to the general meeting on 8/16/21.