

4th Judicial Circuit Elder Abuse Fatality Review Team

Minutes

2/7/22

Attendees: Jody Brandenburg, Linda Levin, Karin Murillo, Judge Gary Flower, Pat Vitellaro, Kristen Gonzales, Randy Wyse, Tracey Rayfield, Mike Jorgensen, Sgt. Gary Porter, Diane Clark, Gregory Patient, Paul Kellam, Octavius Holliday, Dr. Buchsbaum, A.J.Mack, Renae Lewin, Gloria Crawford, Eileen Rodden

Excused: Cindy Chambers, Bobby Fultz

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M.

Karen Murillo motioned to approve the minutes from January 2022. Mike Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Judge Flower noted and read the suggestion from the First Amendment Foundation regarding the draft legislation/exemption bill. The House Bill (HB 1243) had language they could adjust to cover the issues the FAF brought up. There was concern about adopting that language and Judge Flower expected to hear back from a representative to advise when the bill would be heard in committee.

Diane Clark asked what is the down side to putting it off until next year as we are so close to end of the current legislative session.

Randy Wyse agreed to reach out to Sen. Gibson to keep her advised.

Karen Murillo noted the cost for transcription, storage of the transcripts and noted the current statute has no provision for costs associated with Judicial Circuit Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams in the State of Florida to cover costs and storage.

Meetings are currently not recorded because we are not reviewing, complete cases, only two partial cases.

Case review/redaction committee report: Attendees – Octavius Holliday, A.J. Mack, Renae Lewin, Sgt. Gary Porter (JSO), Lt.Pat Vitellaro (Clay County Sheriff's Office, Eileen Rodden

A.J. Mack wrote a report on the two partial cases reviewed by the committee. It will be sent by separate email as it is several pages in length.

Octavius Holliday hosted the meeting for those who could meet in person at the 4th Circuit SAO. Redacted files were delivered to the room and a partial case review on two separate cases

began. The first partial case review brought forth a item that may need more coordination between DCF/APS that has files listed by victim name while the SAO uses the suspect.

One case originated in Clay County and Lt. Pat Vitellaro had some questions.

Discussion about other individuals/entities for a complete case review led the committee to suggest that the Medical Examiner's Office, Funeral Services, and a Chief of Geriatrics from a local hospital would provide a more complete review. It was suggested we discuss this issue at the general membership meeting.

Linda Levin asked if there was any new business. There being none the meeting adjourned at 4:51.