

EFRT Minutes 11/7/22

Attendees: Jody Brandenburg, A.J.Mack, Linda Levin, Diane Clark, Octavius Holliday, Renae Lewin, Judge Gary Flower, Tracie Rayfield, Gary Porter, Cindy Chambers, Gloria Crawford, Carl Harms, Gregory Patient, Mike Jorgenson, Karen Murillo, Teresa Miles, Eileen Rodden

Excused: Kristen Gonzalez, Randy Wyse, Dr. Buchsbaum,

The motion to approve minutes from 11/7/22, Jody Brandenburg, seconded A.J. Mack, motion carried and was accepted.

Octavius Holliday reported no new progress on case review.

Karen Murillo noted the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar Association has been working on the bill. Changes were discussed and Karen invited the executive committee to attend the next meeting on 11/18/22. The more extensive bill would include vulnerable adults 18+, disabled, and elderly persons.

There are several concerns voiced by the membership. One in particular, where would the EFRT fall with this addition? In past iterations, the bill placed the EFRT under the administration of the Department of Children and Families. When Florida Statute 415.1103 became law, the EFRT would fall under the Department of Elder Affairs and the prohibition of appropriations that was in the original bill providing training dollars for recertification of protective service personnel at the DCF.

Further discussion included the position that the expansion should be considered as a long range plan rather than risk losing the opportunity to get the glitch bill through in the next legislative session.

A doodle poll went out to find a day and time for the committee to meet prior to the 11/18/22 meeting with the Elder Law Section.

The EFRT membership will receive the update on the meeting on 12/5/22.

Adjourned at 4:48.