

Elder Abuse Fatality Review Team

March 11, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Present:

- A. J. Mack
- Judge Gary Flower
- Mike Jorgenson
- Diane Clark
- Carl Harms
- Greg Patient
- Linda Levin
- Renae Lewin
- Dr. R. Buchsbaum
- JSO Sgt. Gary Porter
- Teresa Miles
- ASA Octavius Holliday
- Karen Murillo
- Travis Alessi
- Arelle Holder
- Teresa Miles
- Bobby Fultz

Excused:

- Cindy Chambers
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Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes:

February 11, 2025, is approved.

Meeting Discussion:

Jan. 14, 2025, General EAFRT meeting was cancelled.

State Attorney Melissa Nelson agreed to assign Debbie Chastain to assist ASA Octavius Holliday with gathering cases for the EAFRT Case Review Committee.

Discussed having speaker for future EAFRT Meetings: representative from Community Hospice, Elder Source, Florida Attorney General-Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Karen Murillo, provided an overview of Legislation which are or will be heard this session related to the elderly or vulnerable adults.

HB 319/SB 292: Virtual Currency Kiosk Businesses: State regulation and oversight for cryptocurrency ATM Businesses, including the requirement of multiple scam warnings during each transaction.

HB 97/SB 106: Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults: Notification of e-serve scammers. The court will intervene if exploitation is occurring (Romance Scam, Internet Scam or other scams). Including finding overseas or other scammers using the internet or phone.

HB 223/SB 64: Electronic Monitoring Devices in Long-Term Care Facilities: Codifies the rights of residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities to install electronic monitoring devices for their own safety and wellbeing.

HB 1043/SB 116: Veterans Affairs: Compels the development of a statewide plan to establish veterans' adult day health care facilities. Requires evaluation of Florida veterans on health literacy + knowledge of existing/available resources/programs. Requires FL Dept of Veterans' Affairs survey and study existing needs of FL veterans, as well as provides funding for improving veterans' services and support.

HB 6017/SB 734: Recovery of Damages for Medical Negligence Resulting in Death/Wrongful Death: Florida law currently has an exception under wrongful death due to medical negligence, which excludes adult children and parents of adult children from seeking noneconomic damages. This bill would repeal the exclusionary language from Florida statute.

HB 1065/SB 398: Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Initiative: Creates and funds an Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Program in the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, which would work to promote proactive resources (e.g., brain health literacy and tools for early detection of dementia), with a mobile in-person program that prioritizes underserved communities.

HB 353/SB 566: Patient Directed Medical Orders: Codifies and provides instructions for "patient-directed medical orders" that would be accessible and honored across all health care settings, with the goal of preserving the choice and autonomy of the patient.

Motion passed: Thomas Harris and Ariele Holder are new members.

On Feb. 20, 2025, Women Center of Jacksonville, Art Collection, Teresa Miles will email the team the flyer.

Case Review:

Waiting to receive confidential agreement, acknowledgement of Power Point presentation on public records before scheduling case review meetings.

Administration and Management:

Discussed all EAFRT members to complete the Confidential Agreement, Power Point Presentation on Public Records, and Video on Ethics.

Public Comments:

None

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 4:00 pm via Zoom.

Adjournment:

4:47 pm