

River Valley Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2017

Persons Attending

Natalie Prater, DBHDD
Elizabeth Young, RVRC/AAA
Cindy Miller, Access2Independence
LaCarole Lloyd, RVRC/AAA
Katie Howard, RVRC/AAA
Paula Wright-Webb, CCSP
Kendra Coleman, CCSP
Nick Strahn, Access2Independence
Anna Vogel, Access2Independence
Illona Preattle, RVRC/AAA
Joretta K. Brown, Farrfield Manor
Marie Peterson, RVRC/AAA
Princess Thomas, RVRC/AAA
Eboni Goff, RVRC/AAA

Over the Phone

Cat Young, LTCO
Eric D. Jackson, DHS, Kinship Care

The meeting held at the offices of the River Valley Area Agency on Aging in Columbus was opened by Katie Howard at 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the past meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion made by Cindy Miller and seconded by Natalie Prater. Ms. Howard announced that the call in option was available for persons who could not attend the meeting in person.

The speaker, Lindsay Greenwald, Forensic Specialist with DAS, was introduced by Katie Howard. Lindsay gave a power point presentation giving an overview of the forensic unit at DAS. She discussed the ACT (At Risk Adult Crime Tactics) Specialist certification that is available for law enforcement, APS workers, Area Agency on Aging employees, healthcare employees, any professional who may respond to at risk adults. She also spoke of how the Forensic Specialist Unit is available to provide technical assistance and collaboration when addressing possible abuse/neglect cases. She shared some statistics such as 1 in 5 Georgians are considered At Risk

Adults. She also shared that elder abuse victims that are 65 years or older have a 300% greater risk of death than those that have not been victims. She also addressed being a Mandated reporter. She clarified that everyone participating in the meeting today was a Mandated Reporter except the Long Term Care Ombudsmen. She explained how to make a report, either on-line or through the statewide intake number (888-774-0152). She informed that when you make a report then you have immunity. She also stressed that failing to make a report is considered unlawful. She shared the GANE (Georgia Abuse Neglect Exploitation) App which is available to anyone but has certain features only available to law enforcement and Adult Protective Services. The app provides access to Georgia law, useful telephone numbers, some screening tools, ability to initiate a Mattie's Call, and TERF (Temporary Emergency Respite Funds, which are only available for LE and social services).

Partner Reports:

- Katie Howard shared information on the Mall Walk on 5/5/17 for Older Americans Month.

The next meeting will be held on July 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. If anyone would like to host this meeting, please contact Elizabeth Young as eyoung@rivervalleyrcaaa.org

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Young