

**C.A.A.N.E**  
**Collaboration Against Abuse Neglect & Exploitation Meeting**  
**Montgomery County Job Center- Conference Room 1133**  
**July 24th, 8:30 A.M.**

**Minutes**

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

**Amy Thomas**

Went around the room and provided introductions.

**II. Accept the Minutes of June Meeting**

**Brooke Lynch**

June's meeting minutes were sent out prior to this month's meeting-accepted with no changes.

**III. Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Education & Resource**

**Natalie Storms**

No report. Members absent.

**B. Case Review**

**Brooke Lynch**

Will not have a case review this month as none were submitted. Will resume case reviews in August.

1. Married couple, approximate loss reported is \$125,000.00. Joint account, the wife is giving money willingly to the grandson, but the husband does not want her to. Prosecutor's office has reviewed declined referral as it is civil in nature. Suggestions were to safeguard finances, separate accounts, restraining order on son, meet with financial planner. Update, the husband has separated and secured his finances from his wife to protect that money.

2. 80-year-old male living in home with wife and adult son. Client suffers from dementia and his behaviors are difficult to deal with. Still driving, wrecking the car, & no documentation on cognition. The wife fled out of state due to the erratic behavior of client. Police department often feels he is alert and oriented at point of contact, so they do not pink slip. Suggestions were to disable vehicle, educate family on negligence and get them involved, call crisis care, call doctor for evaluation, and retest for driving. Update to case, APS will keep case open, worker has requested capacity evaluation and retest for driving, AAA has been referred, and the wife currently has the vehicle elsewhere.

**C. Advocacy**

**Joyce Jones**

No report this month.

**IV. APS update**

**Brooke Lynch**

1. Several CAANE members are out raising awareness about CAANE during their presentations or events. To date, CAANE has participated at the Financial Investigators Association, ZIKS pharmacy event, University of Dayton, Wright State University, Senior Day, Senior fitness Day, Senior Housing Martin Luther Manor, Prosecutor's office spoke at Sinclair, and August 7<sup>th</sup> CAANE will have a vendor table at anthem health fair and answer questions on abuse, neglect and exploitation for the senior population.
2. APS cases fluctuate throughout the year. In June 2019, APS investigated 110 cases and in July 2019 65 cases.
3. Funding for APS has increased from 2.74 million to 4.23 Million. That brings each county from receiving \$31,000.00 a year to \$48,000.00 which is a step in the right direction.

4. Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services has been working on Advocacy and has met with Director Kimberly Hall of ODJFS and Ursel McElroy, Director of Department of Aging.

#### **V. Waiver Services Presentation**

**Allison Bielek**

Comprehensive look at Waiver Services and eligibility in Montgomery County by Allison Bielek. Brooke will email the power point to the CAANE group.

#### **VI. Hot Topics**

**Group**

1. There is an increase in evictions for elderly citizens. What are some resources available to them? Anywhere to direct these people being evicted? Suggestions were St. Vincent, homeful which has two programs (one that aids in preventing evictions), Greater Dayton Premier Management (GDPM), subsidized housing that can be found on the HUD website. Also, if they are on Medicaid/waiver services, call AAA as the client may be eligible for respite stay.
2. Ohio Benefits Bank is no longer in existence.
3. Who needs to be called when a mandated reporter failed to report? Suggestions were to contact their licensing board, contact prosecutor's office for the failure to report for the new mandates (\$500.00 fine), and the laws around mandated reporters are that they are mandated to report to APS.

#### **VII. Other Business and Announcements**

**Linda Roepken**

August 7<sup>th</sup> there is an Anthem Health fair where they are trying to reach seniors directly to get them important information. They have asked APS to have a vendor table to answer questions regarding abuse, neglect and exploitation. The address is: 2366 Glenarm Dr. Dayton, Ohio 45420 from 10am-2pm.

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

**Brooke Lynch**

**Next C.A.A.N.E. Meeting  
August 28th, 2019 @ 8:30 am  
Montgomery County Job Center, Assembly Room 1133**

