

C.A.A.N.E
Collaboration Against Abuse Neglect & Exploitation Meeting
Montgomery County Job Center- Conference Room 1133
December 4th, 1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Minutes

I. Welcome & Introductions Dwayne Woods

Meeting called to order at 1:33 pm

II. Emergency Response Committee Kerry Smoot

Kerry explained the need for forming an Emergency Response committee. He outlined the road blocks and hurdles of transporting seniors quickly and expeditiously to care facilities. Kerry opened the floor inquiring if anyone knew of a transportation or 3rd party who could respond quickly when there is a need to transport clients with the possibility of making several stops.

Transportation for seniors during an emergency is a current problem. Calling 911 isn't always an option, especially when clients require multiple trips to locations for assessments and medical history. Clients may also require trips to the clinic, ER, hospital, or nursing home.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Ambulance, Project Mobility, NET transportation, County/ Children Services vehicles, and Frail Elderly transportation were discussed as options for transportation. The barriers for transportation are: NET transportation and Project Mobility requires customers to be set up with an existing account before use, which can take a couple of days and cause delays; Project Mobility drivers aren't trained or responsible to transport customers that requires direct passenger's health care needs; and, the ambulance doesn't want to be used as a transporting service.

County will explore Children Services vehicles as an option, and Kerry to contact police department/sheriff to see if they're willing to assist. Every county has its own CIT program with officers who are trained to interact with crisis.

Facilities was another topic discussed for senior admissions. Patrick noted there were a couple of facilities who attended C.A.A.N.E. meetings in the past. The facilities worked with the county to transport seniors with successful outcomes of admissions. It was requested for the ombudsman to review list of skilled nursing facilities (SNF), for social workers and admissions. Geriatric facilities, Cassanos Clinic, and the newly Primary Health Solutions, located on 300 Forest Ave. (hosting their grand opening Thursday evening on 12/5/2019) were suggested facilities. Primary Health Solutions is new in the Dayton area and are accepting new patients and walk ins.

Medical history and assessments have been challenging. Eli discussed pro bono evaluations with Dr. Marciano and Dr. Mueller at the VA for the infrequent customers.

There are two different scales that can cost up to \$600 for psych evaluations and guardianships. The need is for a MD who could complete guardianship forms, and medical examinations. Doctors who make house visits were suggested, but some doctors require medical history prior to seeing patients.

Cost to cover exams, and attorney fees are barriers. There are limited attorneys because fees are paid upfront and sometimes out of pocket, and the attorneys may never be reimbursed. There are indigent funds, but the funds don't pay attorney fees, the indigent funds only pay filing fees. Some attorneys are willing to take on one or two guardianships, not 10 or 20. And, there are attorneys retiring who held up to 50 guardianships cases that will be transferred and require an attorney.

There is a guardianship waiting period of 4-5 months, up to one year and AAA has 15 people on their waiting list. There is also a need and a waitlist for the developmentally delayed individuals who don't have family care.

Kerry opened the floor to discuss fundraising opportunities. The county will check into purchase orders for hotels as an option to cover over-night accommodations, also discussed possible liability issues. A question was raised if C.A.A.N.E. could do a fundraiser? C.A.A.N.E. is neither a "for profit" or a "not for profit" organization, it is a multi-disciplinary team.

Patrick spoke about previous fundraising opportunities, he said grants were attempted, but the funds had to be spent within a specified time. There was also a government agency symposium held to raise funds, they leveraged the community by developing relationships to get organizational sponsors involved.

We need to make sure we are not reinventing the wheel, contact other counties to see what resources they use for funding. Montgomery County seems to be the only county in Ohio with an older adult focus. Another suggestion presented is to sponsor an annual conference on elder abuse to raise funds and contact agencies that are tapped, such as the Dayton foundation, as an opportunity for the community to assist with the cause. Identify an innovative approach for a foundation to start a pilot and create a partnership with C.A.A.N.E. and the MCFESAC committee to see if relationships can be developed.

For housing and utility emergency assistance, there is a website called Aunt Bertha. It is an online application, that list resources for the elderly population based on zip code. Aunt Bertha is the largest database in the United States (Buckeye Health Plan has a streamline), everyone will have the option to update their contact information.

- A. **Committee** Emergency Response Committee will be established the first part of the new year. Rocale will email a survey to C.A.A.N.E. members to identify candidates who are interested in being a member of the ad hoc Emergency subcommittee
- B. **Schedule/ timeline** Timeline and meeting frequency will be discussed once committee is established. Anticipate meetings being frequent at the beginning, and then meetings will taper off.
- C. **Future Projection** Estimate one customer per month who will require an emergency response.

- III. Hot Topics Group
Working with Buckeye 2020 Series for older adult workshops, geared towards resources
- Interested parties are to contact Buckeye, the sponsor, to speak or volunteer
 - Primary Health Solutions grand opening
 - Care Source donation as a sponsor for 2020 event

- IV. Other Business and Announcements Brooke Lynch

- V. The expo format is still being identified, deciding if it will be for professionals or seniors. The subgroup will visit Dayton Metro Library and University of Dayton to look at their space on Monday, location and lay out is still being determined. Anticipate the event will take place the week of June 22, considering professionals in the a.m. and seniors in the p.m. Also, looking for sponsors to cover the cost. A sponsorship letter will be mailed by early January once the location is identified. Someone suggested a save the date be emailed soon. And, a reminder for everyone to complete the survey monkey that was emailed to C.A.A.N.E. members for their ideas.

Gary reminded the group of the 2018 stakeholder series short video that was recently emailed and to take two minutes and twenty-two seconds to review.

The Education Committee will be holding its next meeting on Thursday January 16th, 2020 at 10:00am, at the Senior Resource Connection, 222 Salem Ave, Dayton, OH 45406.

- VI. Adjourned Brooke Lynch
2:48pm

Next C.A.A.N.E. Meeting
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Montgomery County Job Center, Assembly Room 1133

