

**C.A.A.N.E.**  
**Collaboration Against Abuse Neglect & Exploitation Meeting**  
**Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2021**  
**8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

**Meeting Minutes**

I. Welcome & Introductions Dwayne T. Woods  
Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. South Community Inc. Nicole Fairburn  
*Kettering Police Department Crisis Intervention Services*  
Nicole has been working through South Community with Kettering Police since November 2020 in this new position. As of January 2021, Nicole began working full time with Law Enforcement officers to respond to mental health crisis, substance abuse crisis and other crisis'. South Community also has the same position in Vandalia Butler that has been in operation for over a year.

Nicole rides a long with police officers and connect people who are experiencing mental health crisis with resources and services to reduce the instance of mental health clients from going to jail or hospitals, by providing more options of receiving services for a more positive outcome or plan. By connecting clients with services, they work to identify a point person that can see the care through and collaborate with community resources through the hospital and onward.

Q&A

*Examples of how the crisis program has been able to support seniors within the community.*  
There are a lot of cases where the senior's adult children are residing in their homes and the seniors are being taken advantage of. With this program KPDCIS are able to provide resources to the seniors such as education, provider services, counseling and APS that are available to them.

- III. Sub-committees
- Education & Resource Natalynne Baker
    - A. Natalynne provided an update and shared the draft of the Elder Abuse Awareness publication, there is enough funds to provide and distribute approximately 3,000 copies. The goal is to have the publication ready and available by Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
    - B. Excel Home Health has a new owner, will address at the next Education meeting.
  - Emergency Response Brooke Lynch
    - A. Waiting on letter from Kettering Health Network to coordinate history and fiscal.

- B. Emergency Response meetings will take place following the C.A.A.N.E. meetings.
- C. Researching other teams across the country to see who they have involved and types of grants they use to function.
- D. Eli has a meeting with probate court scheduled for Friday to discuss expanding guardianship of the persons services to figure out solutions. There are a lot of people who need guardianship but doesn't have them.

#### Q&A

##### *Expound on the concerns of guardianship.*

A societal breakdown of family. People don't feel as obligated to take care of their older parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or family members. The seniors are being left to their own devices being exploited and neglected. There is a lack of guardians. The courts have a waiting list of people who need guardians but there are no applicants of people wanting to become a guardian. To be a guardian you must complete a 6 hour education course and every year afterwards a 3 hour course will be required; the guardian pays for the court filing fees; a guardian plan is required; and, a guardians reports and statements of expert evaluations all for free. It was recommended to increase Life Essentials guardianship funding.

- Case Review Brooke Lynch
  - A. No case reviews to discuss but if you ever have an issue that requires attention please utilize the email group by removing client's confidential information and email the case review to the group.
  - B. APS unit meeting is held monthly, the caseworkers can present case reviews during these meetings.
  
- Advocacy Rachael Houck
  - A. Rachael Houck an Elder Law Attorney has offered to chair the Advocacy sub-committee. It was discussed to have quarterly Advocacy meetings on off months from the C.A.A.N.E. meetings. The goal is to collect any new potential legislation, new policy decisions or positions of county, state or city organizations that deals with the elderly and the disabled community to report back to C.A.A.N.E. with the information that may be helpful for the community.
  - B. If anyone would like to attend the advocacy meetings, please contact Rachael. The meetings may be held during the months of April, August and December. For more information contact Rachael Houck at [rhouch@gudorflaw.com](mailto:rhouch@gudorflaw.com). Email Rachael any articles or information you would like to share or if you would like to help with this sub-committee.

#### IV. Hot Topics

- Oak Street Health Center is offering the vaccine at Wayne and Wyoming site location and they still had a few shots available.
- 2021 OCAPS Annual Conference will be virtual, two half days one day will be on demand sessions and another day will be live. They sent out the RFP's for workshop proposals if you are interested.

- The Ohio State University completed a study of the 88 county APS programs and found Montgomery County's APS program and I-Team to be one of the best in the state. The state will release a publication amongst the 88 counties that will outline Montgomery County's APS program.
- Introduction to the Community Paramedicine Program by Kendra Harris. Kendra will be returning to present before the C.A.A.N.E. committee at a later date.
- Kathy Gall, Ph.D a Recovery Manager with CareStar introduced herself. CareStar helps people get on Medicaid who are typically not eligible. People who have been diagnosed with chronic conditions and people who have severe and persistent mental illness ranging in the age of 18 and up.

V. Meeting Adjourned  
9:24 a.m.

Dwayne T. Woods

**Next C.A.A.N.E. Meeting  
May 26th, 2021**

