

Meeting Minutes
01/02/18
O'Connor Senior Center

I. Attendance

In attendance: Suzanne Bunton, Bari Gerbig, Dottie Lyvers, Heather Majka, Tim Howell, Amy Dolinky, Darrell Griffin, Lauren Stuart, Mary Catherine Willard, Bill Tolley, Rhea Ennist, Vivian Shipe, & Joseph Winberry

II. Review of CCR Rules, Mission, Vision Statements, & Website

CCR Rules

CCR rules were reviewed. No changes recommended.

Discussion of mission and vision statements lead to suggested changes to ensure clarity and victim-centered response. The following versions are under consideration:

Mission Statement

The Knoxville-Knox County Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response Team pools together our expertise, our information, our power, and our resources to promote solutions for elder abuse survivors.

Vision Statement

We accomplish our mission through four main objectives: (1) providing education to community members and professionals; (2) offering direct assistance to survivors as our resources allow; (3) advocating for victim-centered changes to partner organization policies; and (4) sharing potential solutions with vulnerable older adults, their support networks, & the community institutions that can affect the necessary changes.

Website

Joseph encouraged CCR members to view website as it is in the process of being updated. Information on statistics, social media campaigns, training, and other tools will be listed. This website should be shared throughout the community.

III. Systems-Change: CCR

Joseph explained that beginning in February, MOU partners of the Elder Abuse Grant would be presenting their systems-change analysis. This analysis is the product of several meetings at each organization involving a diverse group of professionals who work on the organization's elder abuse response. The Elder Abuse CCR will also complete an assessment as part of this process. The final result will be a series of action items that the CCR and partner organizations can take to bring about positive changes that will directly assist elder victims in getting help.

Summary of CCR Systems-Change Progress:

The CCR began this process several months ago and reviewed earlier findings at the January meeting. Changes from the last meeting include: the group’s decision that Questions A & C below should be yes. Ideas under consideration include: writing a strategic plan; inviting elder abuse survivors to participate in CCR meetings; and ensuring diversity of membership by modeling membership on Knox County demographics. These and other changes will be decided on after the assessment is complete over the next several CCR meetings.

1: Philosophy and Mission	Yes	No
1. Our CCR has a written mission statement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Our CCR has written long term goals.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Our CCR has a written strategic plan.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Our CCR has other (please describe): Vision Statement		
Regarding the Philosophy and Mission, as to questions answered yes:	Yes	No
A. Do these documents respect the confidentiality and safety concerns of victims? Is victim safety a primary focus? <i>If yes, move to next question. If no, reconsider and address. Refer to action plan. (See Appendix).</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B. Did the developmental process include:		
• Participation by victim/survivors?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Participation by older individuals?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Participation by members of culturally diverse communities?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Balanced disciplines’ perspectives?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Where applicable, a needs assessment? <i>If yes, move to next question. If no, review and consider if change desired. If so, refer to action plan.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
C. Is each document current, practical, and attainable? <i>If the answer is yes, move to next section If the answer is no, review and consider if change desired. If so, refer to action plan.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Regarding the Philosophy and Mission, as to questions answered no:	Yes	No
A. As to questions 1 and 2 above, the CCR should immediately begin the development process. Refer to action plan.		
B. As to question 3 or 4 above, the CCR may want to review and consider if change is desired. If so, refer to action plan.		

IV. Member Updates

Tim Howell – Senior Citizen’s Home Assistance Service, Inc. (SCHAS)

- Encouraged members to become involved in the Purple Cities Initiative which focuses on stopping dementia, and ensuring those with dementia feel safe in our community. For more information, visit <http://www.purplecities.org/about-us.html>.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Elder Abuse CCR will be **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 2-3:30 PM at the Knoxville Family Justice Center (FJC), 400 Harriet Tubman Street.**

It will include presentations from Rachael Searcy on the role and purpose of the FJC as well as Sergeant Darrell Griffin with Knoxville Police Department who will kick off our systems-change analysis series.