Marquette County I-Team - Minutes

# FEBRUARY 14, 2023

**In attendance: Colleen Sengbusch (APS), Jessica Lambright(MyChoice), Jolene Dufeli (Legal Action of WI/Elder Rights Project), Timmie Maier (Inclusa), Monika Wainsbrot (National Exchange Bank), Rob Lulling (EMS Director), Dawn Woodard (Clinical Services Manager), Meg Wandrey (Elder Benefit Specialist ADRC), Marie Miller (Victim Witness Coordinator), Kay Martin (Resource Specialist ADRC), Sharon Alden (Resource Specialist ADRC), Joe Zauner (Marq. Co Sheriff’s Dept), Kris Bergh (CVSO)**

**Meeting started at 9:02 am. In person with virtual option. All attendees attended virtually.**

**Reviewed Agenda**: Motion to approve agenda was made by Meg and seconded by Kris. Motion carried.

**Reviewed minutes** from November 2022. Motion to approve was made by Kay and seconded by Dawn. Motion carried.

**Presentation:** Nela Kalpic (State Director for Marsy’s Law) presented on Marsy’s Law. It passed in April 2020 becoming effective May 4, 2020. Marsy’s law is a nationwide movement that seeks to give crime victims meaningful and enforceable constitutional rights equal to the rights of the accused. Nela discussed various rights victims have like the right to privacy, restitution, timely notice of all rights, to be treated with dignity and respect, the right to be at any court proceedings, right to information, etc. Any complaints about violations of these rights are heard and investigated by the Crime Victims Right Board. Joe mentioned he provides victims a handout discussing their rights. It also has Marie Miller’s (victim witness coordinator) contact information. He also mentioned he works with Hope House and A-Stop when Nela asked what agencies people work with that assist victims of crimes. Nela explained her office does events to bring attention to victims’ rights. There is a silhouettes event where life size silhouettes are placed in the community. Each one has a specific Marsy’s right on it. There are also QR codes that give information on local resources. There is a mapping exercise designed to bring stakeholders together to discuss scenarios. There will be a Wisconsin’s Crime Victims’ Rights Virtual Conference April 20-24. Marie will forward the conference info to Colleen when it comes out and she will forward it to the team.

**Upcoming Presentations:**  **Colleen will reach out to presenters. Monika will present on financial exploitation/scams at the May ITEAM meeting.**

**Ideas for 2023**: Polly Shoemaker Guardianship Support Center, Sonya K-Victim Service Attorney (Elder Financial Empowerment Project CWAG), CVSO to discuss expanded benefits for veterans who had contact with burn pits

**Discussions:** Jolene mentioned cases where joint accounts (typically with adult children) were opened to help the vulnerable adult pay bills or “manage” their money. The other account owner then uses the funds (including vulnerable adult’s funds) for their own purposes. She stated her organization is doing work to help the victims recover some of the funds. A statement of intent for why the account was opened is something they are working on as well as this could assist in these cases. She offered her agency to present to the group on this topic. Colleen presented the 2022 statistics related to her reporting system for abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults.

Meetings for 2023 are **May 16, August 8,** and **November 14.** The Demo Room has been reserved so people can choose to attend in person or virtually.

**Stories, Successes, and struggles:** Colleen mentioned a contractor fraud case she is working on.

**Agency Updates:** None noted

**Community Outreach:** I-Team Recruitment. Please think about your community contacts and invite them or refer them to Colleen for more information about the ITEAM.

Next Meeting: May 16 @ 9:00 am at the Service Center (480 Underwood Ave) or virtually

**Suggested Agenda Items**: None, but the team was encouraged to contact Colleen with any items prior to the next meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.**

Minutes Submitted By: Colleen Sengbusch