

MARQUETTE COUNTY I-TEAM - MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

In attendance: Colleen Sengbusch (APS), Dana Roth (Legal Action of WI/Elder Rights Project), Monika Wainsbrot (National Exchange Bank), Kay Martin (Resource Specialist ADRC), Kelly Doll (MyChoice), Sharon Alden (Resource Specialist ADRC), Jan Krueger (Manager ADRC), Kris Bergh (CVSO Marquette County), Robert Lulling (EMS Director), Jordan Powell (Asst. EMS Director), Connie Becker (MyChoice), Marie Miller (Victim Witness Coordinator), Jessica Lambright (My Choice), Jessica Burgess

Meeting started at 9:01 am. All attendees except Colleen, Jessica Jungenberg and Kris Bergh attended virtually.

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

Reviewed minutes from November 2023. Motion to approve was made by Monika and seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Presentation by Kris Bergh (CVSO). Kris educated the group on toxic exposure (beyond just burn pit exposure) related to our Veterans. He encouraged all Marquette County Veterans to reach out to his department to learn more about all benefits and services for our Veterans. Kris mentioned there are attorneys advertising to the public they can assist getting Veterans services/compensation but charge a fee and often take a portion of any settlements. These attorneys are doing the same things our Veteran Service Officers can do at no cost to our Veterans.

Upcoming Presentations: There were no suggestions. Colleen will reach out to people/agencies previously discussed (see below). Encouraged members to reach out to Colleen with any suggestions.

Ideas for 2024: Polly Shoemaker Guardianship Support Center, Legal Action-work they are doing on joint account financial exploitation.

Stories, Successes, and Struggles/Discussions: Colleen brought up a recent case of someone being scammed online. Briefly discussed online scams. Monika mentioned the financial institutions are seeing/hearing about copies of business checks people are trying to present to the banks. Life Alert services were briefly discussed as well.

Agency Updates: The ADRC mentioned upcoming classes (Stepping Up Nutrition, Stepping On, Stressbusters), changes to the Caregiver Support Group (now there will be an in-person only option and a virtual only option) and the free tax preparation services through VITA. Colleen explained she would be shifting back into the Elder Benefit Specialist role once a new APS worker is hired. Jess talked about the Health Department's ability to present information to groups/individuals on NARCAN. The contact person for this will be emailed to the group after the meeting.

2023 Data regarding reports of abuse and neglect: Colleen talked about the screened in reports of abuse and neglect for 2023 and provided a breakdown of the reports regarding the type of abuse allegation, age range, gender, etc.

Elder at-Risk Funding: Colleen went over the annual allocation (uncertain at this time) and current claims to date. \$2141.10 of the fund has been used. Funds were used to assist elders with some DME and utilities assistance for someone who was scammed and at risk of losing shelter.

2024 Meetings: May 14, August 13, November 12

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: Tuesday, May 14 @ 9:00 am at the Health and Human Services Building (405 Underwood Ave) with the option of attending virtually. 1st Floor conference room.

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 9:45 am.

Minutes Submitted By: Colleen Sengbusch