

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Elder Abuse Prevention Workgroup Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @10:00 to 11:30am via Zoom**

Call to Order

Terri Tobey at 10:04a

Welcome And Introductions

Present: Jim Donnelly, Gerald Richards, Greg Wanket, Frank Napoli, Terri Tobey

Staff: Margueriette Walker

Guests: Oravanh Thammassen, Nick Weber, Caitlyn Sly, Stacey Sutter

Announcements

Workgroup will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month

Approval of Today's Agenda

Motion: Gerald Richards; Seconded: Frank Napoli; unanimous approval

Approval of October and December 2020 Minutes

October minutes - Motion: Greg Wanket; Seconded: Frank Napoli; unanimous approval

December minutes – Motion: Greg Wanket; Seconded: Frank Napoli; ; unanimous approval

Presentation: Elder Abuse Prevention Project (presentation slides to be provided in minutes)

Nick Weber of Meals on Wheels Diablo Valley Region

Oravanh Thammassen of Family Justice Center

Follow-up on presentation:

- Grant for Elder Abuse Prevention Project continues for '21-'22
- FJC does not provide resources for potential/alleged abusers, they come via restorative justice. In some cases for caregivers potentially at risk of abuse, work is done to reduce their caregiving burdens.
- Financial assistance comes through grocery cards and other means.
- Covid-19 limited outreach; Zoom meetings and contacting with partners used to extend outreach. Number of clients didn't decrease, they're steadily increasing, but fear folks are missed due to pandemic.
- Domestic violence and child abuse are top cases
- Cases referred to Nick (Meals on Wheels) are those perpetrated by family relating to financial abuse or neglect.
- FJC receives most foot traffic at Richmond center, more calls and more clients at Concord center.
- Adult Protective Services is very thankful for the FLC.
- Senior peer counseling provided through Covity (??? Abe)
- FJC is finalizing elder abuse awareness communications

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Discuss potential Presenters for 2021

- Family Justice Center in February
- Domestic Violence in March
- Adult Protective Services social worker in April/May
- Ombudsman in April/May
- Senior peer counseling
- DA's office

Set Topic for February 23, 2021 Meeting:

Family Justice Center Deep-Dive (Oravanh Thammasen)

Other Items:

Margueriette Walker is working to get Elder Abuse Presentation finished

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment

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