

Michael Foundation Grant: The Commission has a grant to disseminate Advance Care Planning information to ethnic and minority communities. One activity was participation in a Hispanic Health Fair sponsored by the DOH. Michael Styles with the Division of Aging and Adult Services has offered suggestions for using students and minority student groups at the University of Utah to help with this project. Judith Holt from Utah State University will be attending a National Hispanic Aging conference in the fall and will consider how to link what she learns to effective use of the grant funds. The cumulative result will likely be training sessions for Advance Care Planning facilitators.

The Advance Care Planning survey has gotten considerably more response since the last meeting; particularly from the “Estate-Planning” Section of the Utah State Bar, and the responses between attorneys and health care providers are drastically different. A law student who is doing an independent study with Maureen is working on compiling the data for submission to the Utah State Bar Journal, reporting on the findings, and analyzing the data for whether there are ways to improve the system without making legislative changes, or if more legislative changes are needed.

Public Safety: Maureen met with Diana Kirk from Zion’s Bank to discuss how they can support the Commission regarding financial exploitation. The bank agreed to integrate stories on financial security and avoiding exploitation into their *Community* magazine as well as webcasts.

Conference: The Commission is co-sponsoring a conference on May 7 with the DOH, DOC, Utah Geriatric Society and HelpWithMyParents.org , “Exploited- Protecting Our Older Citizens from Abuse and Exploitation,” which will offer continuing education on how healthcare providers and those who work with older adults can recognize signs of exploitation and abuse, and intervene to provide protection.

3. ADRC

ADRC’s finalized logo was presented. The ADRC’s reform strategy focuses on individuals living in the community and is directed by a philosophy of self direction and individual control in legislation, policy and practices. The AoA’s strategic priorities are to empower older people and their families to make informed decisions about and be able to access existing health and LTC options and to enable seniors at high risk of nursing home placement to remain in their homes for as long as possible if that is their preference, and to empower older adults to stay active and healthy. The long-term objective of the ADRC is to create places where people can go to get everything they need in one place rather than from place-to-place; not necessarily as a ‘service provider,’ but a ‘route-finder’ to all the information they need. Technology will aid in one-stop-shopping and 2-1-1 will maintain the statewide database of services and supports. Options counseling training will be done to very specific protocols and the service will be person-centered and self-directed. The goal is to eventually offer options counseling state-wide. LTC options counseling will be up and running by September 30, 2010 at four pilot sites; the 5-year plan is due by March 30, 2011. Statewide information and referral, a discharge planning program, and single-entry point for state and federal benefit programs are also on the agenda. The steering committee is operational, as are sub-committees. Four pilot sites have been chosen: Moab CIL, Mountainlands AAA & CIL (Provo/Orem), Bear River AAA (Logan). A contract is in development with 2-1-1 for call transfers and data management with a comprehensive listing of all providers, including for-profit and non-profit. Now that Utah has an ADRC, it is eligible for additional related grants through the

VA, CMS, AOA, and other federal agencies. The ADRC will ramp up slowly once the pilot sites have begun and the system is operating smoothly; marketing will not occur until the system becomes functional.

4. Strategic Planning

Maureen will work on a formal strategic plan summary for the next meeting. The Commission will continue on a similar course to what it has been on, and will continue to look for funding opportunities in line with the mission of the Commission.

5. Administrative

A Doodle survey will go out for scheduling Commission meetings for the next year. The next meeting will be scheduled for June.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The date for the next meeting is June 15.