

Initiatives of the VAA Large Stakeholder Group

Let's vote!

Education and Training

- Appointment of task force for determining educational curriculum, implementation, and financial resources to effect the training (appointment of a training team).
- Mandated reporters have training requirements/hours spelled out.
- Clarification as to who "others" are in the language.
- Re-ordering of the subdivisions to ensure flow.

Definitions

- Adding investigation "criteria" in 626.557 Subd. 9b.
- Clarification of language pertaining to how the VA's money is used (omitting the use of the word "failure" ... not using the money for what the VA wants or needs).
- Mandated reporters' obligation when not engaged in their profession/activity.
- Definition of fiduciary obligation (full and complete) and relation back to financial exploitation within the VAA (and as defined elsewhere).
- Language used throughout 626.5572: adopt as a whole? Tweak here and there?

Protections

- Silver Alert and the criteria needed to enact an "alert" for a missing person.
- Creating provisions to make banks more willing to report (including an expansive definition of "person" or those allowed to report and language referencing 13A.02 Subds. 1(4) and 4 to allow compliance with requests and with/without subpoena).
- Utilizing the Revenue Recapture Act to restore a VA's funds when improperly taken by a perpetrator.
- Clarifying the DHS Background Studies' Rules to allow disqualification of a caregiver when maltreatment has been substantiated.

Investigations

- Eliminate dual reporting requirements for skilled nursing facilities (MDH online system).
- Consolidate the 87 counties into a centralized reporting system.
- Create language to allow for permissive reporting by financial institutions and their employees who make a report in good faith.
- Examine the VA Review Panel
 - Have a person appear before the panel rather than submitting a report.

Reporting

- Creation of a centralized Common Entry Point (designate DHS for administration) with the inclusion of many different facets (incidents, maltreatment, etc.).
 - Elder Abuse Hotline/VA Abuse Hotline; blended media

CMS/Dual Reporting

- Changing 626.557 Subd. 4 to omit the oral reporting requirement (short-term fix)
 - Print out what electronically is sent to MDH and fax it to the County CEP.
 - MDH would need to add fields within their online form to comport with the form used by the CEP (SSIS entry fields in that particular system).
- Addition of proposed language in 626.557 to allow for the above concern. (Subd. 4b)