

Vulnerable Adult Act Stakeholder Group – Proposed Legislative Priorities – 10/1/08

Priority for Further Analysis	Rationale	Cost Item?	Consensus reached? Pertinent stakeholders on board? Other implications?	More research needed?
<p>Reporting: Create a central CEP or hotline, with a single statewide phone number to replace the 87 or so we have now..</p> <p>[details of proposal in 9/12 document from Reporting subcommittee]</p>	<p>(1)Administrative simplification (2)Standardized processes (3)Standardized training (3)Clarity for the public (4)Quality assurance and compliance with CMS requirements re: NH reports and waiver renewals (5)Free up county intake workers to do investigations, therefore quicker response</p>	<p>(1) Expect the start-up costs to be a barrier: technology, training (2) a “wash” at county level if staff are reassigned from intake to investigations (3) But could state lose future dollars for CMS noncompliance? (4) Reality constraint: both state and counties cutting budgets for 2009</p>	<p>(1)Consensus that effectiveness of the localized CEP system is uneven. (2)Strong support but not universal belief that we need a centralized system (3)Counties concerned about regionalization of services to save public money (4)MACSSA support (Carmen will verify) (5)Tribes – would centralization build on work done in child protection? (Deb Siebenaler will talk with Jackie Dionne) (6)MMA? (7)MN Sheriffs’ Assn – James Franklin previously contacted, Bill Gottwaldt (Henn. Cy.) (8)Other Law Enforcement – Ann Bebeau (St. Paul PD), Val Wurster (Mpls PD) (9)DPS, Alcohol & Gambling – on financial exploitation – (ECRA will follow up) (10)Non metro and suburban counties (Kevin is working to have call in technology for next meeting) (11) County employee unions oppose - potential job loss?</p>	<p>(1)What can we learn from other states about start-up funding and about the evidence of long-term cost efficiencies? Texas, Massachusetts (2)Is the QA Stakeholder group making recommendations on this?</p>

<p>Reporting: Remove the dual reporting requirement for nursing homes, boarding care homes, and hospital swing beds by allowing facilities to FAX the printout of its report to OHFC to the CEP</p> <p>[details and proposed language in 9/12 document from GMS subcommittee]</p>	<p>(1)Administrative simplification (2)Regulatory relief without loss of VA protection (3)Overcome compliance issues for both OHFC and facilities (4)Technology (e.g. RightFax) helps speed and accuracy)</p>	<p>Negligible MDH cost modifying report form to accommodate its proposed dual purpose</p>	<p>(1)Affected providers' - strong support (2)How about MHA on swing beds? (Darrell Shreve followed up with Sue Stout of MHA, and they can support.) (3)County APS – OK (4)AG's office – OK (5)Ombudsman for LTC – OK (6)ECRA - OK</p>	<p>How does this affect ICFs-MR? (Stella French will find out.)</p>
<p>Definitions: Fiduciary obligation</p> <p>[proposed language in HF3514(Ruud) / SF3196 (Scheid)]</p>	<p>(1)Current definition doesn't clearly describe the behavior to be deterred and punished. (2)Change of definition will improve our abilities to investigate and prosecute these cases, because cases (e.g. exploitation by someone with PoA or joint checking account) are stymied by current definition. (3) AG's proposed bill was introduced in 2008; however, the legislature did not act on it. (4)Financial exploitation is as great a risk factor for an individual losing independence as is physical illness and</p>	<p>(1)AG's office estimates little in added costs and that current expenses will be more productive. (2)Providers will have relief from arrearages that occur when a resident/patient is financially exploited and cannot pay for their care. (3)Potential Medical Assistance savings, because action can be taken to protect victims</p>	<p>(1)Elder Law Bar (Kim Dayton will follow up) (2)Professional Guardians/Conservators (3)County Attorneys Assn (Kevin Hansen will contact John Kingrey) (4)MN Bankers Association/Independent Community Bankers/Credit Unions</p>	<p>(1)How does this relate to prohibited transfers of assets for MA and the ground rules for hardship waivers? (Darrell Shreve looked into and provided information.) (2) County differences in hardship waiver policies? (3)Human and social costs? (Deb Holtz and Deb Siebenaler will follow up.) (4)Univ. of Delaware Elder Abuse library may have data on public cost savings with prevention of financial exploitation.</p>

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Definitions: Financial exploitation					
Definitions: Amend functional definition of vulnerable adult.					
Definitions: Other changes					
Investigations: Standardize the components of an investigation.					
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Education: Create a task force of MDH, DHS, and DPS representatives,					

<p>county APS, consumers and providers to develop coordinated educational curricula and training re: the VAA.</p>				
<p>Protection: Create a Silver Alert (or other named) system, analogous to the Amber Alert to mobilize the response to a missing vulnerable adult.</p>				