**2021-22 ANNUAL UPDATE**

**The mission of the North Carolina Partnership to Address Adult Abuse (NCP3A) is to promote safe communities for older adults and adults with disabilities in NC through prevention, recognition, protection and prosecution of abuse, neglect and exploitation.**

**NCP3A raises awareness about adult abuse, serves as a resource for education, offers a voice for advocacy, and provides access to a network of other professionals.**

**Membership:**

The Partnership is composed of individuals, agencies and business members that support the mission of NCP3A. For the fiscal year 2021–2022 there are 9 organizational members (18 voting members) and 14 individual members.

**Budget:**

The anticipated revenue and expenses for the year 2021-2022 were $7,550.00 and $7,434.00 respectively. A year- end report will be available in July 2022.

**Education:**

NCP3A is committed to providing training and technical assistance to prevent, stop, and remedy abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults and adults with disabilities.  It does so at the bi-monthly General Meetings.  In addition to an Annual Conference in May each year, the Partnership held FIVE (5) meetings-of-the-whole between July 1st, 2021 and March 30th, 2022. Experts and their topics consisted of the following:

**July 21st** (Virtual) – Presentation by Tadra Martin, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights NC, Luke Woolard, Attorney, focusing on criminal justice matters and Larkin Taylor-Parker, Attorney, Disability Rights NC

"The Disability Rights NC Contribution to Our Social Safety Net"

**September 15,2021** (Virtual) – Presentation by Shevel Mavins, founder of Addiction-Prevention, LLC

 "Ignoring It is Not an Option: Mental Illness & Addiction among the Elderly Are a

 Growing Problem but One Worth Tackling"

**November 17, 2021** (Virtual) – Presentation by **Dr. Nancy E. Hagan,** Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator, North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission; **Gabriella Bush-** Supervising Investigator, DRNC and **Heather Strickland-** Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

“Human Trafficking of At Risk Adults”

**January 19, 2022**(Virtual) – Presentation by **Joyce Massey-Smith, Karey Perez and Sarah Maness-Richardson with the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services**

**“Improving North Carolina’s Adult Protective Services”**

**March 16,2022** (Virtual) – Presentation by Duke Law Professor**,** Jesse McCoy.

**“NC Housing: Is There a Crisis?”**

Presentation materials from all NCP3A General Meetings can be found on our website, <http://www.ncp3a.org/meetings.html>, and streamed on Facebook Live[**https://www.facebook.com/ncpartnership**](https://www.facebook.com/ncpartnership)**.**

**NCP3A Committees:**

 **Education Committee**: **Ann Elmore and Tadra Martin, Co-Chairs**

The Education Committee is responsible for scheduling speakers for NCP3A General Meetings as well as organizing the Annual Conference.

The Education Committee invites **suggestions for speakers and topics** that enlighten, enable, and motivate progress against elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Please share your ideas with aelmore@sosnc.gov and/or tadra.martin@disabilityrightsnc.org.

The next meeting of the whole**,** or **General Meeting, is July 20, 2022**, from 9:30 AM until 11:30. Speaker details are not yet confirmed but will be announced in the coming weeks via the Partnership’s Facebook page and website, <http://www.ncp3a.org/>.

**Advocacy Committee: Nancy Warren, Chair**

The Advocacy Committee is responsible for activities related to advocating for public policy and legislation that enhance the safety and well-being of older adults and adult with disabilities who are vulnerable to abuse, neglect and exploitation.

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The Partnership is an active participant with the National Network of State Elder Justice Coalitions, <https://www.elderjusticecal.org/national-network.html>, the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), [www.napsa-now.org](http://www.napsa-now.org), and collaborates with the NC Coalition on Aging, the NC Senior Tarheel Legislature, the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging, the NC Association of County Directors of Social Services, the NC Conference of District Attorneys and the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services to promote improvements to NC’s APS program.

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**Awareness Committee: John Maron and Stephanie Bias, Co-Chairs**

Awareness of the issues relating to adult abuse and exploitation is the shared responsibility of all Partnership members and allied organizations. The Partnership’s Awareness Committee is co-chaired by Stephanie Bias, NC Department of Insurance, SMP Program Coordinator, and John Maron, Director, Investor Education Program with the Securities Division of the NC Department of the Secretary of State. They and their colleagues, Kevin Robertson (NC Department of Insurance)and Ann Elmore (NC Department of the Secretary of State), make many presentations across the state each year regarding Medicare and financial fraud and abuse. At each of those presentations they raise awareness of NCP3A and its work to expand public understanding of the issue of victimization of older adults and adults with disabilities.

Understandably, the COVID-19 pandemic and the mass gathering restrictions has had a huge impact on awareness activities since March 2020. That being said, for the period 1 May 2021 through 20 April 2022, Stephanie did 7 Media and Outreach events reaching a total of 564,000 individuals. For group outreach and education, she and Kevin did a total of 72 events reaching 11,131 individuals. For the same period, John and Ann conducted 101 media and educational outreach events reaching at least 14,463 individuals. In several instances, presentations or messages were recorded, so they continue to be seen by people after the fact and all across the state. We continue to promote the Partnership in appropriate settings, and whenever we convene the NC Senior Consumer Fraud Task Force. We also gratefully acknowledge and thank our long-time partners at AARP NC, especially Steve Hahn and Lisa Riegel, for their support and continuing efforts to find ways to help the Partnership promote awareness of adult abuse and exploitation.

**Communications Committee:** **Allison Crossman and Autumn Cox, Co-Chairs**

The Communications Committee ensures open and smooth communication channels between the Executive Board Members, the Conference Planning Committee and provides communications to the General Members of the NCP3A. This committee is responsible for our web site.

**Membership and Nominating Committee: Kevin Robertson, Chair**

This committee is responsible for recruitment of members and shall recommend policies and procedures to stimulate recruitment and retention of members. This committee is also responsible for presenting a slate of qualified nominees to the Executive Committee and shall make an effort to achieve a balanced slate representing a broad spectrum of persons, organizations and /or agencies from various geographical areas in North Carolina who can support and further the purposes of The Partnership. This Committee shall maintain and make available a list of all members and committees.

**Bylaws Committee lead by Chair Elect Kevin Robertson**

The Chair Elect shall examine the Bylaws and recommend revisions as need arises, but not less than once every two years.

No changesproposed this year. NCP3A Bylaws can be found online at <http://www.ncp3a.org/leadership.html>.

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