Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT Initiative

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TODAY’s TOPICS

• What Happens at an Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team Meeting?
• What Makes Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Teams Enhanced (E-MDTs)?
• E-MDT ‘specialty’ services:
  o Forensic Accounting
  o Geriatric Psychiatry
  o Community Legal Services
• E-MDTs: Coordinator Roles
• History and Overview of Elder Abuse and E-MDTs (key milestones)
• Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDTs: 2017-2020
• Next Steps
• Questions
What Happens at an Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Meeting?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLrBqJVqu-A
Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs)

The E-MDTs are composed of professionals from various disciplines whose primary focus is to investigate, intervene, and prevent financial exploitation of older adults.

What makes it “Enhanced”?

- Focus specifically on cases of financial exploitation
  - Access to a forensic accountant
  - Access to a geriatric psychiatrist
  - Access to community legal services
MDTs Streamline and Coordinate Responses

- MDTs convene professionals from across disciplines and systems to assess and respond to complex elder abuse cases together
Key Response Systems Typically Involved with the E-MDT and at the table:

* Specialty Services

- Forensic Accounting;
- Geriatric Psychiatry; and
- Community Legal Services
(Some of) the Benefits of Elder Abuse Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Teams (E-MDTs)

- Provide person-centered approach to care
- Improve system coordination
- Efficiently use scarce resources
- Provide "checks and balances"
- Access to specialists
- Rapid response
- Identify service gaps
- Increase knowledge
- Collaboratively collect data
- Strengthen professional connections
Key Outcomes of Elder Abuse Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Teams (E-MDTs)

• Harm reduction in all types of abuse

• Reduce risk

• Prevent further maltreatment/exploitation

• Coordination and access to needed services
Purposes of the E-MDT

• Bring together agencies to provide improved and effective system collaboration

• Bridge system gaps to offer a prompt and holistic response

• Efficiently use scarce resources

• Provide relief to the victim at the earliest possible juncture, stop the abuse, prevent further inappropriate use of funds, restore sense of safety and security

*No single agency can do it alone!*
E-MDT Specialty Services:
Forensic Accounting
Geriatric Psychiatry
Community Legal Services
Role of Forensic Accountant

- In-depth review of bank, credit card, investment statements
- Analysis of transactions - what belongs to victim and what belongs to the alleged abuser
- Prepare report of findings
- Provide recommendations
- Testify in court, if needed
Role of Geriatric Psychiatrist

- Differential diagnosis
- Explain medications victim is using and impact
- Explain medical diagnosis and impact on victim
- Evaluate injuries, medication use/misuse
- Interpret medical and capacity evaluation reports (often at E-MDT meetings)
- Capacity evaluation (home visits), from time-to-time
- Conduct trainings on medical/psychiatric problems
Role of Community Legal Services

At E-MDT meetings:

- Participate in case consultations by discussing if there are potential civil actions and remedies.
- Review documents.
- Answer questions about the law and legal processes.
- Help develop action steps for the case.
- Suggest the legal expertise or type of counsel needed to handle the case.

Case Referrals *:

- Assist elder abuse victims referred by the E-MDT with legal services (e.g., POA execution, revocation).

* Case referrals will require a developed referral process. This is not to be construed that an attorney at the table should automatically get the referral.

Community Legal Services will be part of the Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT 2017-2020 expansion.
E-MDTs: Coordinator Roles
Roles of the E-MDT Coordinator
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- **Cases:**
  - Intake/Triage/Coordinate cases/Prepare case for E-MDT
  - Provide limited services to victims, including home visits
- **E-MDT Meetings:**
  - Coordinate and facilitate
  - Improve meetings based on feedback
- **Trainings:** conduct outreach and trainings
- **Data:** collect, track, report
- **Network building:**
  - Develop strategic alliances
  - Present at community meetings
- **Administrative:**
  - Develop case-finding processes
  - Develop and revise policies & procedures
How did we get here…
History and Overview
Elder Abuse and E-MDTs
Factors Influencing E-MDT Expansion

Elder justice field -- determines multidisciplinary team priority

2004
• NYS Summit

2007-2010
• NYS Under the Radar Prevalence Study

2010
• NYS Elder Abuse Summit
• NYC Elder Abuse Center -- Brooklyn MDT launches

2012
• NYS Office for the Aging (ACL-funded Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions - EAPI)

2014
• Federal -Elder Justice Roadmap
• MDTs: Planning for the Future Symposium in NYC (NYCEAC)

2016
• NYS Prevention and Intervention Services Survey
• NYS Legislature sustains and enhances EAPI

2017
• OVS and NYSOFA funds Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDTs in NYS
• NYC – Department for the Aging (DFTA) funds E-MDT expansion in NYC
Key Milestone #1: New York State Elder Abuse Prevalence Study
Under the Radar – Project Partners

➢ Lifespan of Greater Rochester Inc. (Lifespan)
➢ Weill Medical College of Cornell University (Cornell)
➢ The New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA)

Principal investigators:
Mark Lachs, MD (Cornell)
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The project was partially funded by the New York State Children and Family Trust Fund, a program administered by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services
Major findings of the Self-Reported Study

Incidence (one year rate)

- 4,156 respondents surveyed in all sectors of state

- A few key findings
  - 7.6% one–year incidence rate documented
  - Most common form of elder abuse: major financial exploitation (4.1% of older adults in one-year period)
  - Only 1 in 24 cases reported to any service system
Key Milestone #2: NYS Elder Abuse Summit 2010

• Among the priority Action Steps:
  
  • Utilize federal Elder Justice Act and state elder abuse resources and education resources to establish and promote cross-system collaboration and multidisciplinary teams at the local level.

(NYS 2010 Elder Abuse Summit Final Report, nyselderabuse.org)
Key Milestone #3: New York City Elder Abuse Center (NYCEAC) Launches Brooklyn MDT
Working collaboratively to improve responses to the needs of victims.
Together we can stop elder abuse.

Quick Clips
Watch elder justice experts respond to a video-based dramatization of a case of elder abuse/neglect. Each of the 16 "quick clips" is just a few minutes long, packed with solid, practical information.

Blogs, Events, Podcasts
Elder Justice Dispatch: Engaging Professionals to Prevent Elder Abuse - is the go-to blog for elder justice news, resources, practice issues and more. Our events page announces upcoming elder justice events - and our podcasts feature elder justice thought.

The Teams
Our multidisciplinary teams improve case assessment and interventions; identify service gaps and reduce fragmentation; and develop creative solutions to complex problems. More info here!
Key Milestone #4: Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Initiative

…Opportunity knocks in 2012!
Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Initiative (EAPI)

E-MDT Pilot
2012-2015
Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions (EAPI)

Project Goal (2012-2015)

- Pilot an intervention that prevents and addresses financial exploitation and elder abuse by:
  - Bringing together entities with unique resources, skills;
  - Forming coordinated, enhanced multi-disciplinary teams (E-MDT); and
  - Providing improved and effective cross-systems collaboration and specialized responses, resulting in restored safety and security to older adults.
Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions (EAPI)


Basic demographics

N = 221 cases:
Finger Lakes and Manhattan from April 2013 – December 2015

30% of cases:
Financially-related interventions

200 referrals:
Access to professional services

Financial Outcomes

81.5% of cases:
Reduction in exploitation of assets

68.9% cases
End to fin exploitation

Restitution - Finger Lakes:
Court ordered or agreed restitution: $1,000,000+ with $200,000 repaid to victims through 2017

*NORC (2016). Developing and conducting an evaluation of AoA’s program to prevent elder abuse. (pending release).
Key Milestone #5: State and City Funding

...Opportunity knocks again in 2016 and 2017!
E-MDT Expansion: 2016

- State legislature allocates $500,000:
  - Sustained E-MDTs that were piloted (EAPI grant)
  - Enhanced NYCEAC’s Brooklyn team
  - Expanded E-MDTs to other localities
    - Cases no longer need financial exploitation as the trigger to go to a team
- New York City Council allocates $1.5m expanding NYCEAC’s E-MDTs to all 5 boroughs
Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams in NYS Counties - 2016
Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDTs
2017-2020
Goal

- Provide sustainability, expansion, and enhancement of the E-MDT Initiative that addresses financial exploitation and elder abuse of older adults, bringing together entities with unique resources and skills.

- Form Coordinated E-MDTs in each county by 2020.
2017-2020 Elder Abuse Interventions and Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team (E-MDT) Initiative

Purpose

To provide improved and effective cross-systems collaboration and specialized responses to complex cases, resulting in restored safety and security to older adults in New York.
2017-2020 Elder Abuse Interventions and Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team (E-MDT) Initiative

Agencies Involved:

- NYS Office of Victim Services (OVS)
- NYS Office for the Aging (NYSOFA)
- Lifespan of Greater Rochester
- New York City Elder Abuse Center (NYCEAC)
- E-MDT Host agencies
- Specialty services (Forensic Accounting, Geriatric Psychiatry, Community Legal Services)
Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT Initiative: Expansion 2017-2020

- NYS Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) and NYS Office of Victim Services (OVS)
- NYSOFA Administering the Initiative
- Leverage state funds to draw down federal VOCA (Victim of Crime Act) funds annually:
  - $2.0m from OVS with VOCA funds
  - $500,000 state legislature 25% matching funds

**AIM: EXPAND E-MDTs to be available in every county of New York State**
Features of Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT Expansion - 2017

• Timetable: 2017-2020

• E-MDTs in each county over three years

• “Hub” model for E-MDT Coordinators

Application Process
Readiness assessment
Features of Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT Expansion -2017

Specialty Services:

• Access to Forensic Accountant services

• Access to Geriatric Psychiatry services

• Community Legal Services
Features of Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT Expansion -2017

Technical Assistance and Support:

• Technical Assistance

• Monthly webinars
Features of Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT Expansion - 2017

• Statewide Elder Justice Center Hub

• Pilot initiatives

• Statewide Database
Next steps
Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT Initiative: YEAR ONE

• Began September 2017
• June 21- convening current participating E-MDTs
• Readiness Reviews
• Data Work Group
• Monitoring and Feedback
• Technical Assistance
• Elder Abuse Interventions and E-MDT Statewide Hub
• Begin planning for Year Two
QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU