

209.005 Elder Abuse Committee -- Membership -- Duties -- Annual report.

- (1) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall create an Elder Abuse Committee to develop a model protocol on elder abuse and neglect in the Commonwealth, that shall be comprised of various agency representatives that include but are not limited to:
 - (a) The Department for Community Based Services;
 - (b) The Department for Public Health;
 - (c) The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities;
 - (d) The Department for Aging and Independent Living;
 - (e) The Office of Inspector General's Division of Health Care;
 - (f) The Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman;
 - (g) Area Agencies on Aging;
 - (h) Local and state law enforcement official; and
 - (i) Prosecutors.
- (2) The committee shall address issues of prevention, intervention, investigation, and agency coordination of services on a state and local level through interaction with local groups or entities that either directly or indirectly provide services to the elder population, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Senior citizen centers;
 - (b) Local governmental human service groups;
 - (c) The Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky;
 - (d) Long-Term Care Ombudsmen; and
 - (e) Other organizations or associations dedicated to serving elder citizens and their families in the Commonwealth.
- (3) The committee shall:
 - (a) Recommend a model protocol for the joint multidisciplinary investigation of reports of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the elderly;
 - (b) Recommend practices to assure timely reporting of referrals of abuse, neglect, or exploitation required under KRS 209.030(12);
 - (c) Explore the need for a comprehensive statewide resource directory of services for the elderly;
 - (d) Enhance existing public awareness campaigns for elder abuse and neglect; and
 - (e) Provide forums for the exchange of information to educate the elder population and their families on the rights of elders.
- (4) The committee shall produce an annual report of their activities, products, and recommendations for public policy to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission.

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