Opportunities for Improving Intergovernmental Coordination and Collaboration
Process Overview

- Create framework to improve collaboration and coordination

  - Identified:
    - Key Themes from Fall 2017 EJCC Meeting
    - Other Emerging Issues

  - Created Working Groups to develop action steps:
    - Research & Grant Making
    - Data Collection & Sharing
    - Information Dissemination
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Ensure federally-funded elder justice efforts are relevant and cost-effective by identifying ways to increase coordination on:

- research on elder maltreatment, as well as
- federal grants related to elder maltreatment (including non-research grants)
R&G: Proposed Activities

1. Share information about funding opportunities before grants or contracts are made
2. Share information about who has been awarded grants or contracts
3. Share information about findings
4. Identify research gaps/needs
R&G: Activity 1

Share information about funding opportunities before grants or contracts are made

- Develop a separate email list for EJWG members who are interested in providing feedback on RFPs

- Add a Research & Grants discussion item to every EJWG meeting agenda
R&G: Activity 2

Share information about who has been awarded grants or contracts

- Encourage all EJWG members to share this information on the EJWG listserv
- Create a bi-annual report on all federally-funded research/grants on elder mistreatment and disseminate to EJWG and EJCC
- Work with the Dissemination Subcommittee to identify other ways to share information with larger audiences, as appropriate
R&G: Activity 3

Share information about findings

- Encourage all EJWG members to share this information via the EJWG listserv
- Encourage all EJWG members to share final reports with DOJ’s Elder Justice Initiative research database
- Invite elder maltreatment researchers to present their findings to full EJWG
R&G: Activity 4

Identify research gaps/needs

- Invite current grantees to come together to discuss their research and to identify research questions that are still unanswered
## Data Collection & Sharing

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Identify the federal-level data needs that will:
• Improve understanding of the scope and implications of elder abuse and exploitation
• Meet regulatory and other requirements.

Make recommendations to meet those needs through a coordinated inter- and intra-agency approaches
DCS: Proposed Activities

1. Conduct a preliminary scan of current national level sources of data on EAMN and characteristics of these data sets

2. Identify knowledge/data gaps

3. Assess the extent to which the information needs (Task 2) are not met by current data collection efforts (Task 1)

4. Make recommendations for how and to what extent existing federal data collection efforts could meet the needs identified
DCS: Task 1

Conduct scan of current national level data sources, & Enumerate to determine:

- Purpose for the collection
- Type of collection
- Content of the collection
DCS: Task 2

Identify knowledge/data gaps

- Data needs at the national level, bifurcated into:
  - Statutory and similar requirements
  - Knowledge about the scope and impact of elder abuse and exploitation to improve the federal response

- Core set of indicators of importance about elder abuse and exploitation
Victim Characteristics

- Age
- Other demographics – race, sex, income
- Disability Status – by type
- Health status at time of incident
- Residence – community-based; nursing home, ALF

Offense/Abuse Type

- Physical abuse – non-sexual physical assault; rape and sexual assault
- Financial exploitation
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Self-neglect

Perpetrator characteristics

- Demographics – race, sex, age, income
- Health status
- Relationship to victim
- Residence – cohabiting with victim, resident in same facility

Outcomes of the incident

- Changes in victim’s
  - Disability status
  - Mental health status
  - ADLs/IADLs
  - Financial stability, Medicaid status
  - Mortality/morbidity
- System outcomes
  - Justice-related
  - Health-related
  - Human services-related
Assess extent to which information needs (Task 2) are met by current data collection efforts (Task 1)

- Delineate coverage of the scope and impact of elder abuse and exploitation provided in the current sources of data

Key questions—
- Which aspects of elder abuse victimization can currently be estimated at the national level?
- Which types of elder abuse and exploitation do not have sufficient data collection efforts focused toward them?
- How do the gaps in data on elder abuse affect the ability to assess prevention and intervention efforts and other programs?
Make recommendations for addressing gaps in existing federal data collection efforts

- Of the types of elder abuse and exploitation that could benefit from additional data collection efforts—
  1. Are there existing data collection vehicles through which those data could be gathered?
  2. What burden is associated with enhancing existing collections to collect additional information?
  3. Would some of the gaps require entirely new data collection efforts to address?
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ID: Goal

Identify, create, and make recommendations on, current methods and future opportunities for coordinating dissemination of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation materials to the public and to professional audiences.
ID: Activities

- Gathered information about each agency’s dissemination channels for elder abuse and financial exploitation materials to the public and to aging professionals

- Identified areas of current agency coordination

- Identified areas of potential agency coordination in the future

- Identified gaps in dissemination channels and approaches to fill the gaps
ID: Recommendation 1

Continue to coordinate on dissemination of educational materials to the public through:

- Websites
- Webinars
- Videos
- Listserves
- E-newsletters
- Conference presentations
- Pamphlets distributed in bulk to the public at relevant events/in-person meetings
Continue to coordinate on dissemination of educational materials to professionals in aging through:

• Websites
• Webinars
• Videos
• Listserves
• E-newsletters
• Professional Conference presentations
• Dear colleague letters
• Toolkits
ID: Recommendation 3

Develop a plan to enhance coordination on the dissemination of materials to the public and to professionals in aging with a particular focus on:

- Materials in foreign languages (initially in Spanish)
- Strategies to optimize dissemination to special populations such as Native American elders and rural elders
Subcommittee monthly conference calls to identify opportunities for continued coordination on disseminating information/materials to the public and to professionals in aging
Thank you

--Elder Justice Working Group