## **Document 4**

# Elder Justice Case Review Referral Considerations – Guilford County

### **Description:**

This document outlines the criteria that must be met for a case to be eligible for review by the Guilford County Elder Justice Committee. It also describes the case review process used by their team.





## ELDER JUSTICE CASE REVIEW REFERRAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Recent assault (typically within 72 hours)
- 2. Physical injury
- 3. Strangulation
- 4. Victim involved in dual cases (ex. Physical and financial)
- 5. Perpatrator is a caretaker, living in the home with the victim, or preventing the victim from leaving
- 6. Victim shows signs or reports neglect (malnourishment, weigh loss, lack of access to healthcare/medical TX, etc)
- 7. Victim sought medical TX for abuse sustained
- 8. Financial explitoitation causing an immediate threat to victims safety/financial wellbeing
- 9. Victim has barriers to access services due to physical limitations and/or defendant
- 10. Allegations of sexual abuse/unexplainable STD's
- 11. Abuse allegations take place in a nursing home setting
- 12. Defendant has pending charges
- 13. Warrants involved
- 14. Weapon involved
- 15. Defendant violates a court order (no contact order, 50B, etc)
- 16. History of violence
- 17. Severity of the defendant's threat
- 18. Defendant has threatened to kill self/victim, or has significant mental health issues

#### **Case Review Process:**

A multi-disciplinary team will convene and will include all partners directly involved with the case. (Ex. DA, law enforcement, probation and parole, advocacy, legal, etc.)

Case presentations will include a timeline/history of major events with the parties involved. The MDT will review the history of victimization and the offender's criminal history to aid in determining next steps for offender accountability and victim safety.

Elder Justice Coordinator will maintain notes from High Risk Team meetings and support partner follow-up as needed. The Elder Justice Coordinator will also follow-up for a status update on High Risk Team cases within 60 days.

Depending on the facts of the case and the plan devised by the MDT, additional case consultation and discussion with the full Elder Justice Committee may be warranted.

#### **Referrals for High Risk Team:**

Any FJC/EJC partner can request a High Risk Team meeting. The request should be sent to the Elder Justice Coordinator via email or in person. FJC staff will help determine which partners need to be present for the staffing and will schedule the team meeting. Partners are requested to gather as much historical information on the case being referred as a timeline/violence history will be created as part of the process. Due to the nature of these meetings they are typically scheduled within 72 hours of the request from a partner.