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Peer Support Network Updates

Our most recent teleconference, entitled *Centrelink Matters: financial and social issues affecting older people*, took place on Wednesday 26th November and we were thrilled with the turnout. We were particularly pleased that there were so many new participants from Far North Queensland, and we were delighted to welcome several guests from a local multicultural group at our own Brisbane site.

Our speakers were both from Centrelink: Peter Murray is a Financial Information Services Officer and was able to answer questions on various pensions and allowances, including the carer's pension, and share information on the financial matters that Centrelink deals with. His co-presenter, Petrea Rogers, is a social worker with Centrelink, and she was able to address some of the issues she deals with in her line of work. If you would like more information check the Centrelink website (www.centrelink.gov.au) which is very user-friendly with a good search facility. So if you key in 'Carer' for example, everything to do with carers comes up, from pension to suspension!

It was great to receive feedback on the evaluation forms and we have taken note that many of you were aware of background noise, especially in the first ten minutes of the teleconference, which was distracting. I am not sure how we can address that except to request that all participants try to log in punctually and remember to minimise all background noise at their individual sites. A couple of people commented that 2pm is not an ideal time for the teleconference, especially if participants have to travel to take part in it, so we will attempt to rotate the times so that more people can be accommodated.

We will be holding two, hopefully three, teleconferences during 2009. The next one, on March 25th, is only a couple of months away, so make sure you register in good time. We can, unfortunately, only provide a limited number of sites. At this teleconference EAPU will co-present a session on elder abuse and duty of care with Margaret Arthur, a solicitor from a practise specialising in elder law. We are thrilled that she is able to join us and it promises be a good session. Check the notice on Page 4 of the newsletter for more details.

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One cannot consent to creep when one has the impulse to soar — Helen Keller



Peer Support Network: Financial Matters Teleconference

By Rose Marwick
Elder Abuse Prevention Unit

Several participants from the November teleconference suggested topics for future teleconferences, among them capacity issues, enduring power of attorney, elder abuse in CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) communities and accommodation for older people. We have had Di Pendergast from The Office of the Adult Guardian, and Darren Clarke from GAAT (Guardianship and Administration Tribunal) presenting on our teleconferences in 2006 and 2007 and the transcripts can be found on our website, www.eapu.com, along with the excellent talk on Duty of Care which was presented by a specialist in elder law, Brian Herd. They can all be found as information sheets under Peer Support Network resources. There is an information sheet on elder abuse in CALD Communities as well.

A few people commented that they would have liked to have known in advance the questions posed to Peter and Petrea at the teleconference. Ideally, of course, we would be inundated with questions from PSN members weeks before the teleconference and we would have a beautifully compiled list which we would send out the week before and...yeah right! We've all got a hundred other things to do. The reality is that we usually have to scramble to come up with some questions for our wonderful presenters at the last minute. We always welcome questions and comments though and find them extremely helpful for planning sessions, so do please send them in. In future we will endeavour to post questions on our website one week prior to the teleconference, including the ones we pose ourselves.

The dates for our teleconferences for 2009 are March 25th June 17th and September 16th so pencil the dates into your diaries. We will announce the speakers for June and September in the next newsletters.

We are looking forward to presenting *Thinking Outside the Square on Duty of Care on Elder Abuse issues* on March 25th and to being swamped with requests to participate!

Till then.....Rose

Article Request

Queensland Focus welcomes articles on elder abuse issues. If you have a service or an upcoming event that you would like to promote please contact the EAPU with details and we will attempt to include it in the following newsletter.

PH: 1300 651 192 (within Queensland) or 07 3250 1836 (interstate)

Email: eapu@lccq.org.au

Website: www.eapu.com.au



From the Editor:

Domnica Sparkes (EAPU)

Hope everyone had a great break—for those that were fortunate to have one. I know that those who work as carers may not be able to share such a luxury. However, my hope for carers was that you were able to have at least a few hours to enjoy a break and share in the spirit of the season. Last year was a huge year for the EAPU and this year proves to be even bigger. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference (A World of Ideas), on 15th June in Brisbane, was a huge success and many people provided very useful feedback. We are hoping to have another Conference this year to follow on and work towards a brighter future for all.

This year we will also be hosting two Peer Support Network Teleconferences for rural and remote workers. So if you work with older people in remote areas of Queensland please let us know who you are so we can link you in. Keep an eye on our website for more updates about these as Rosey has been coming up with some pretty exciting topics and would love to have your input into topics and issues you would like to receive more information about.

We also have our Multicultural Forum coming up on 6th November, which is always a huge success. So keep this date free in your calendars—as it's sure to be a great day.

On that note I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and those that come. If you come across any innovative programs or feel that there is an issue that needs greater debate and attention please contact me and I'd love to put an article in the newsletter. I'm always looking for articles that may be of interest.

Neighbourhood Watch: Beating Social Isolation

*By Stephen Batterham
Queensland Police Service*

In 2009 the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) program is celebrating their 21st year of operation in Queensland. Significant changes to the NHW program are being made to ensure it remains contemporary and meets the ever changing needs of the communities in which we live. Specifically the programs objectives and types of activities that groups should participate in are being reviewed.

Included in this review process, strategies for NHW groups to adopt in order to reduce social isolation in older people are being examined and it is planned that these and many other general community safety issues will form part of the new NHW program structure. Getting involved in your local NHW group is an excellent way of ensuring you remain connected. To find out more about the NHW program and how you can get involved please visit www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimePrevention/nhw/ or make contact with your local Police Station.

Elder Abuse Prevention Unit's
Peer Support Network for Remote & Isolated Workers Present

A **FREE** training teleconference

“Thinking outside the square on Duty of Care in situations of Elder Abuse”

Date: Wednesday 25th March 2009

Time: 1pm to 2pm

RSVP By: Friday 6th March 2009

Please send in questions or case studies you would like to discuss in advance for us to give to the guest speaker/s.

For further information:

Phone: 3250 1836 or 1300 651 192

Email: eapu.psn@lccq.org.au

Note: The number of sites will be limited due to costs. Priority will be given to existing members of the Peer Support Network and remote or isolated workers. To maximise coverage, participants may be asked if they can attend just one site in the locality.

The Public Advocate (Queensland): Systems advocacy for adults with impaired decision-making capacity

*Adrienne McGee
Office of the Public Advocate*

The Public Advocate in Queensland is a statutory officer, appointed under the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000* (Qld) for the broad purpose of undertaking systems advocacy for adults with impaired decision-making capacity. Under section 209 of this legislation, the functions of the Public Advocate are to:

- promote and protect the rights of adults with impaired capacity for a matter
- promote the protection of the adults from neglect, exploitation or abuse
- encourage the development of programs to help the adults to reach the greatest practicable degree of autonomy
- promote the provision of services and facilities for the adults
- monitor and review the delivery of services and facilities to the adults.

The Public Advocate may undertake advocacy about systems issues affecting older adults when they have impaired decision-making capacity as a result of conditions or disabilities such as mental illness, acquired brain injury, dementia or intellectual disability.

Some of this advocacy is directly related to the protection of older people. For instance, in 2005-2006 the Office of the Public Advocate (the Office) made a submission to the Queensland Minister for Health on the proposed Commonwealth/State measures for responding to elder abuse. At present, the Public Advocate and the Queensland Law Society – Elder Law Section are collaborating on a joint project to review elder law in Queensland.

The project notes the phenomenon of the ageing population and elder abuse rates. As the numbers of older people increase, so might the numbers of people affected be expected to rise. Generally the current Queensland law offers traditional avenues of redress, not specifically tailored to elder abuse situations, and in some instances may make proceeding through the justice system very difficult for older people. The project considers approaches in other countries developed with older people's needs in mind. It is hoped to stimulate discussion and debate which will lead to useful reform of the law.

Many other issues currently targeted for advocacy by the Office may have direct or indirect impact on the lives and wellbeing of older Queenslanders. The Office is currently undertaking advocacy and/or research into areas including chronic homelessness, housing and support options for adults with psychiatric disability, challenging behaviour and restrictive practices, and the hidden and unmet health care needs of adults with decision-making disabilities. All of these issues touch on the quality of life and protection of rights of some older Queenslanders.

While the Public Advocate does not have the resources or mandate to advocate in individual situations, the Office is always interested in hearing from organisations and members of the general public who know of situations which may constitute a failure of systems to adequately protect the rights and interests of adults with impaired decision-making capacity. Information about individual adults' circumstances is recorded, and forms part of the data which may inform future advocacy of the Office.

To contact a research officer and discuss your situation:

telephone (07) 3224 7424
write to PO Box 149, Brisbane QLD 4001, or
email public.advocate@justice.qld.gov.au

For further information about the Office and its advocacy, please access the website at www.publicadvocate.qld.gov.au.

Diogenes Syndrome

*By Rose Marwick
Elder Abuse Prevention Unit*

I recently came across an article detailing a woman who suffers from the so-called Diogenes syndrome and I became fascinated by this terrible condition which is purported to affect some 5 per 10,000 of the elderly population, world-wide. That doesn't sound like very many but it is enough to be of great concern to those who have to come into contact with the sufferer.

Diogenes, as you probably know, was an Ancient Greek philosopher who lived in a tub and who 'advanced the principles of self sufficiency and contentment unrelated to material possessions' (Cooney 1994). Nothing wrong with that, you might think, and an attitude we may all have to adopt with the coming recession, but Diogenes' name has unfortunately become linked with what is also known as 'senile squalor syndrome', something many of you who work in the community might well have come across.

Diogenes syndrome was first described in 1975 by two researchers in the UK who studied thirty older people who lived in filthy conditions, and it has become synonymous with self neglect, domestic squalor and social withdrawal (Donaldson James 2007). Obsessive hoarding can be an additional component of the condition. Programmes like Today Tonight occasionally feature an unfortunate person, presumably suffering from this condition, whose neighbours recount for the cameras the often revolting conditions they have to live alongside.

But what has all this got to do with elder abuse you ask! And of course the answer is not very much at all. Neglect counts as elder abuse, especially when it is intentional as opposed to non intentional, but self neglect does not come within the definition of elder abuse which of course always occurs at the hands of someone who is trusted.

However, Diogenes syndrome can sorely test your definition of duty of care! Those of you who attended one of our teleconferences in 2006 might remember Brian Herd, a well known Brisbane elder law specialist, addressing this very issue in his excellent talk on Duty of Care. He mentioned Squalor Rights, a movement in the USA which supports people who choose to live in the sort of conditions which most of us would espouse. It seems that in the eyes of the law, if a person has their mental capacity it is difficult for others to intervene, but research suggests that 'sufferers' of so called Diogenes Syndrome may not have full capacity in which case it may be possible to approach the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal and request a declaration of capacity. At the very least there might need to be some sort of intervention from health authorities. You can see the transcript of Brian Herd's presentation, along with presentations from Di Pendergast, the Adult Guardian, and Darren Clark from the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal, on our web site. Between them they cover some complex issues so you might like to have a quick look at our website when you get a spare few minutes, to review the issues. (www.eapu.com.au).

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Diogenes Syndrome (continued)

By Rose Marwick
Elder Abuse Prevention Unit

There is a great deal of research on Diogenes Syndrome which can be found on the internet, and there are suggested links with mental illness, and personal catastrophe. Many of the sufferers seem to be highly intelligent. I have listed some of the web sites I visited so check them out-they make fascinating reading. It is even suggested that Beethoven was a sufferer. A famous literary sufferer of course, is Miss Haversham in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, frozen in time in her moth-eaten wedding dress after her wedding was cancelled, with the mouldering wedding cake still on the table many, many years later (Donaldson James 2007).

Dealing with sufferers of Diogenes Syndrome is challenging by all accounts. Part of the condition seems to preclude the sufferers from either seeking or accepting help which can be incredibly frustrating. In the articles I read there are vague suggestions of having a coordinated community response, or dispatching a worker to form a connection with the sufferer over time, but I wonder what really happens.

If anyone out there has first hand experience of dealing with a sufferer of Diogenes Syndrome, I would love to hear about your experience. Either flick me an e-mail (rose.marwick@lccq.org.au) or give me a ring (3250 1946).

But first we had all better clear out our cluttered sheds and basements! It's a fine line!

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SENIORS LEGAL AND SUPPORT SERVICE—HERVEY BAY

By Fiona Payne—SLASS

The Seniors Legal and Support Service was funded, until June 2009, as a pilot project by the State government through the Department of Communities and established in five locations around Qld in 2007. They are located in Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba, Brisbane and Hervey Bay. The service provides legal advice and support to older people who are at risk of, or experiencing abuse. I work as the Support Counsellor with the Hervey Bay Service, which is managed by the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre.

Hervey Bay is one of Australia's most popular retirement cities. It has a high percentage of older people and retirees in comparison to other centres in Qld. 19% are over 60 years old and 42% are over 50 years old. If this trend continues, teamed with a projected population of approximately 60,000 in Hervey Bay and 38,000 in surrounding districts by 2011, the service is highly likely to experience an increase in demand. As there is no other service funded in the Wide Bay area to deal directly with the abuse of older people, an increasing number of our population are going to find themselves in dire need, both financially and emotionally.

The statistics however don't accurately reflect the need for the service and the real difference this service has made to the lives of quite a number of local Hervey Bay and Maryborough residents.

We assisted a man who was forced to live in a caravan park because his son had moved into the house with him, and over a period of time taken 'ownership' of the house. Although the title was still in dad's name, the son had changed the locks and refused to let his father back into the house. We provided short term counselling support and legal advice and advocacy to encourage the son to move out.

We provided support to an elderly man who 'lost' his wife. Another family member just came and took her away and for two years this man had been searching for his wife. In that time he had two heart attacks and was scared he would die before he ever saw her again. They had been married 45 years. We were able to locate her, and assist them to be together again.

A number of women in their seventies and eighties, who lived in domestic violence relationships, have been supported by this service. We provided counselling, legal advice and representation to assist these women to relocate to other accommodation and have obtained protection orders for them.

It seems that one of the most effective strategies that older people are advised to have in place to protect themselves, is also one of the most common mechanisms by which they can be abused. This is the enduring power of attorney, a legal document which gives someone the power to make financial and personal decisions on your behalf, if you are unable to do so for yourself. Unfortunately, some attorneys abuse this power and a great deal of our cases have been around abuse of this kind. Often this abuse occurs because the document was not drafted in a way that would provide protection to the older person. This service not only assists the people that have been abused, but also provides advice on how to limit the possibility of abuse.

As you can see by some of these examples, the Seniors Legal and Support Service often become involved in the later stages of these disputes. In many of these examples, if we had been linked to the clients at an earlier stage, much heartache and despair may have been averted. If you want further information about how our service can help you call us on 4124 6863.

2009 National Conference on Caring – Building the Future with Family Carers



By Louise Corrigan (Carers Queensland)

Exchange and develop knowledge and practice that will enhance carers' health, well-being, financial security and choices – now and into the future at the 2009 National Conference on Caring – building the future with family carers.

The conference will be held at the beautiful Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast on 9 and 10 March.

A stimulating and challenging program has been developed with speakers and presenters including politicians, policy makers, practitioners and, most importantly, carers.

Caring currently attracts unprecedented attention from government, services, business and the community. While some advances have been made there remains much to do to ensure that carers enjoy the same rights and opportunities as other members of the community.

The program will examine the current state and future direction of support for Australia's carers. It will provide a forum to understand and reflect on the landscape of the future, outline challenges, present new plans and showcase initiatives designed to deliver real improvements for caring families.

Whether you are employed in carer support; disability, health, mental health, aged or community care services; are a policy maker; a researcher or a carer, you will be able to engage with the subjects of interest to you.

Held in Carers Queensland's 20th anniversary year, the conference is also an opportune time to reflect on and celebrate over two decades of work with and for carers.

For further information on the conference, including a conference program, visit:

www.astmanagement.com.au/Carers9

HOW TO REGISTER

Register online, download the registration form from the website or request a registration form from the Conference Secretariat.

ASSISTANCE FOR CARERS

A limited number of Carer Subsidies are available to assist carers to attend. Visit the website for further information or contact the Conference Secretariat.

QUESTIONS?

For any questions contact the Conference Secretariat, AST Management, by Mail: PO Box 10508, Southport BC, QLD 4215; Ph: 07 5528 2501; Fax: 07 5528 5291 or Email: carers9@astmanagement.com.au

Research Roundup

by Domnica Sparkes
(Elder Abuse Prevention Unit)

Fox, A. (2008). The cost of unpaid caring. *Housing, care and support*. 11(4); 30-33

Informal carers save the economy by providing care and support for disabled and frail people. The author identified that the role of a carer is one which is very under-recognised and respected. Fox encouraged service providers to involve the carer and be mindful of their needs when making arrangements for the caree's needs. The article provided options for carers to seek and access support to help them provide care and also ensure they are caring for their own needs and health. This article addressed some very pertinent issues for carers and encouraged them to be proactive in seeking support to help them increase their knowledge or their rights and responsibilities. This is important for people in a caring role who may be placed in this position without much warning or training. This article raises issues from a UK perspective however many of these issues are also relevant for carers in Queensland.

Black, B. (2008). The Human Rights of Older People and Agency Responses to Elder Abuse.

Western Australian study aimed to identify service gaps and duplication. There are several key organisations in WA with the mandate to provide elder abuse preventative services: Advocare, Office of the Public Advocate and Older Persons Rights Service. Gaps identified in this research included the high cost involved in accessing legal advice and also the need for a specialist counselling service for seniors,

Found that there was a need for:

- o Social workers to be employed in Residential care facilities.
- o A clear process of how to work with someone who has "borderline" capacity issues and has been deemed to have capacity yet lacks insight into how they would care for themselves when there is clear evidence that they are not able to do so.
- o Education for staff and management of nursing homes of the signs and forms of elder abuse.
- o Wider community and service provider education to "raise awareness of the issue and what can be done about it".
- o Perhaps including financial abuse in the mandatory reporting legislation for aged care facilities.
- o Culturally specific CALD community education
- o Multicultural liaison officer in key services to give CALD workers someone to contact when they do encounter an elder abuse situation
- o "Bi-lingual counselling services for older people be made more accessible and available."
- o Specific Indigenous services to
- o Provide holistic support for older and young Aboriginal people "developed by and for Indigenous people"
- o Develop a culturally appropriate 'refuge' for vulnerable older Aboriginal people
- o Have a culturally appropriate Aboriginal aged care facility.

Culturally specific Indigenous community awareness education to raise awareness of elder abuse issues "targeting Aboriginal people, carers, service providers and the younger generation"

Media Overview



Aged care crisis as Queensland nursing home plans axed http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,24574183-3102,00.html	The Courier Mail	29 Oct 08
Bartlett Government Failing on Elder Abuse Prevention http://tas.greens.org.au/News/view_MR.php?ActionID=3363	The Greens – Media Release	29 Oct 08
Victoria is failing it's most vulnerable http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/victoria-is-failing-its-most-vulnerable-20081106-5jao.html	The Age	7 Nov 08
Task force watches for elder fraud http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2008/nov/10/task_force_watches_elder_fraud/	Lawrence Journal World	10 Nov 08
Victims of elderly abuse blame family in majority of cases http://www.independent.ie/national-news/victims-of-elderly-abuse-blame-family-in-majority-of-cases-1532792.html	Independent.ie	11 Nov.08
'tis the season for elder abuse http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/sundaystartimes/auckland/4759807a6497.html	Stuff.co.nz	14 Nov 08
Money Talks – Elder abuse is not always physical http://novato.injuryboard.com/nursing-home-and-elder-abuse/money-talks-elder-abuse-is-not-always-physical.aspx?googleid=251710	InjuryBoard.com	17 Nov 08
Banks urged to help tackle financial abuse of seniors http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/11/19/2424007.htm?site=centralvic	ABC Central Victoria	19 Nov 08
Age Concern Wirral has launched the third poster in its PEACE campaign, highlighting abuse of the elderly http://www.wirralnews.co.uk/wirral-news/local-wirral-news/2008/11/19/age-concern-wirral-has-launched-the-third-poster-in-its-peace-campaign-highlighting-abuse-of-the-elderly-80491-22283905/	Birkenhead News	19 Nov 08
Estate looting of the rich and famous (How it can happen to you) http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/view/82588	American Chronicle	23 Nov 08
Study on elder abuse of RI women reveals surprising discoveries http://www.projo.com/news/content/OLDER_RHODE_ISLAND_ABUSED_WOMEN_11-30-08_45CC_v49.33e5cd6.html	The Providence Journal	30 Nov 08
Getting older not easy http://www.normantranscript.com/localnews/local_story_338011326	Star Beacon	30 Nov 08
Council discusses elder abuse program http://www.normantranscript.com/localnews/local_story_338011326	The Norman Transcript	3 Dec 08
Training available on identifying elder abuse http://www.northwestgeorgia.com/statenews/local_story_346104548.html	The Daily Citizen	11 Dec 08
Elder abuse reports rising http://www.madison.com/wsj/topstories/index.php?ntid=318559	Wisconsin State Journal	13 Dec 08
Fears for elderly and disabled http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/eveningstandard/4794748a6502.html	Manawatu Standards	16 Dec 08
Financial elder abuse “despicable” http://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/articles/11717/financial-elder-abuse-11.html	LawyersandSettlements.com	28 Dec 08
Reports of abuse of vulnerable adults rise http://www.thisiswesternmorningnews.co.uk/news/Reports-abuse-vulnerable-adults-rise/article-572937-detail/article.html	Western Morning News	29 Dec 08

Upcoming Events

Elder Abuse Training –Darling Downs Region

10-12 February 2009
Miles, Chinchilla, Tara; Queensland
PH: 3250 1836
Email: eapu@lccq.org.au
Website: www.eapu.com.au

Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research—40th Anniversary Symposium

18-19 February 2009
Sydney, New South Wales
Website:
http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/pages/bocsar_symposium

Guardianship and Administration Forum

19 February 2009
Townsville, Queensland
PH: 07 3109 9115
Email: community.liaison@justice.qld.gov.au
Website: www.justice.qld.gov.au/guardianshipforum

Australian Guardianship Administration Council 2009 National Conference

19-20 March 2009
Brisbane, Queensland
PH: 03 9349 2220
Email: info@conorg.com.au

Safe and Confident Living Expo

23 March 2009
Rockhampton, Queensland
PH: 07 4930 7324
Email: andrea.devries@lccq.org.au

PSN Teleconference

25 March 2009
PH: 07 3250 1836
Email: eapu.psn@lccq.org.au
Website: www.eapu.com.au

Academy on Violence and Abuse 2009 Scientific Conference: Sowing the seed of Academic Change, Nurturing New Paradigms

24-25 April 2009
Bloomington, Minnesota, USA
Website: <http://www.stfm.org/ava/>

World Elder Abuse Awareness Conference

5 June 2009
Paris, France
Email: weaad-info@inpea.net

Australian Social Policy Conference

8-10 July 2009
Sydney, New South Wales
PH: 02 9385 7802
Website: <http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/ASPC2009/index.htm>

The 4th International Conference on Community Health Nursing Research: Health in Transition: Researching for the Future

16-20 August 2009
Adelaide, South Australia
Website: www.healthintransition2009.org.au
Or www.alloccasionsgroup.com/index.jsp

PSN Teleconference

16 September 2009
PH: 07 3250 1836
Email: eapu.psn@lccq.org.au
Website: www.eapu.com.au

Additional Date Claimers:

1-31 May Domestic Violence Prevention Month
10-16 May Queensland Law Week
15 June World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
15—23 Aug Senior's Week QLD

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