



National Forum for Background Checks Summary of Meeting held March 03, 2017

Purpose: The March session was a Forum business meeting, with discussion of a related news story.

Agenda

1. Share progress updates on Forum initiatives
2. Discuss Forum response to CNN investigation of sexual abuse in nursing homes
3. Review next hot topics
4. Discuss next steps

Discussion, Decisions, Action Items

1.a Initiative: AHFSA Affiliation and Conference Participation (James Joslin, OK)

- James reported that he attended the AHFSA Quarterly Meeting held in San Diego, CA, where he presented on the Forum and discussed the proposal to affiliate with AHSFA.
 - The precise organization of the Forum within AHFSA has not been determined.
 - AHFSA indicated that hosting the Forum webpage on their updated site (when completed) would be possible.
 - AHFSA asked how the Forum could assist non-participating States to adopt the provisions of NBCP and join the program.
 - **Action Item:** James will provide AHFSA with a link to the Forum's webpage and a write-up detailing how the Forum supports states.
- James reported that AHFSA is very interested in having additional attendees at their annual conference, and asked for information about the number of attendees that may be generated by participation of the Forum. If attendance would justify it, the Forum will be invited to have a "track" at AHFSA's Annual Conference, which will take place in Florida on August 21 – 23, 2017.
 - Conference attendance fees are \$300 - \$500.
 - Survey and certification agencies can incorporate conference attendance into their Medicare budgets as a reimbursable item.
 - **Action Item:** Ernie will inquire whether current grantee States would be eligible for grant reimbursement of AHFSA conference fees.
 - **Action Item:** James will follow up with AHFSA to determine when they require conference attendance estimates from the Forum.
 - **Action Item:** James and Ernie will send out a request for topic recommendations for the Forum's session at the AHFSA conference. They will compile a list of proposed topics and distribute a survey to capture interest in conference attendance, based on the proposed topics and associated costs.



1.b Initiative: Incident Response Kit (Ernie Baumann, CNA):

- Ernie and Jeff Akin (OR) have been developing the concept for an information kit to send to non-NBCP States in response to news stories about abuse or background screening incidents. Due to Jeff's absence from the meeting, Ernie presented the Incident Response Kit slide deck (working version) to the group.
 - Input is needed from States to complete State Profiles to be shared as part of the Incident Response Kit.
 - **Decision:** Forum will complete State profiles and authorize release to non-NBCP States when incidents are reported
 - **Action Item:** Ernie will send the Incident Response Kit slide deck (working version) to the group.
 - **Action Item:** Ernie and James will schedule one-on-one calls with States to gather information to build State profiles to complete the Incident Response Kit.

2. Forum Response to CNN Sexual Abuse Investigation (James Joslin, OK)

- James asked webinar participants how the Forum might respond to the CNN report and other reports of that nature, particularly those with a local angle.
 - Several States noted that they successfully pushed for background check legislation following similar exposés about incidents of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation.
 - It was agreed that following such incidents, the affected States could push out information about the screening programs within the state and whether the current protocol would have prevented the abuser from being employed.

3. Next Hot Topics (James Joslin, OK)

- James proposed that the Forum have a discussion about CJIS audits, focusing on what States have learned going through the audit.
 - **Decision:** The Forum will move forward with the CJIS audit topic for the next webinar.
 - **Action Item:** James will solicit particular questions about the CJIS audit to be addressed during the next call.
- The following future hot topic areas were identified:
 - BCS contracting and hosting
 - Live screen contracting

4. Resource Library (Ernie Baumann, CNA and Steve Gobbo, MI)

- Ernie and Steve are finalizing the Forum's Resource Library.
 - **Action Item:** Ernie and Steve will notify the group when the initial structure and postings to Forum's Resource Library are complete.
- Adjourn: The next Forum webinar will be held on April 7, 2017 at 2:30 EST. It will be a hot topic meeting addressing CJIS audit procedures, questions, and tips.



Recap of Action Items:

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- **Action Item:** Don will determine whether current grantee States would be eligible for grant reimbursement of AHFSA conference fees.
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