



National Forum for Background Checks Summary of Meeting held May 05, 2017

Purpose: The May session was a meeting to get updates on Forum potential attendance at the AHFSA conference, address organizational affiliation questions, and to share ideas and topics for the AHFSA background check sessions.

Agenda

1. Potential conference attendance and affiliation with AHFSA
2. Topics for sessions of the background check track
3. Discuss next steps

Attendees

Representatives from 8 States attended.

Discussion, Decisions, Action Items

1. AHFSA Affiliation and Conference Attendance (James Joslin, OK)

- James reported that 15 States are interested in attending the background check track at the AHFSA conference in Florida on August 21 – 23, 2017; we expect to get a dedicated meeting room, and he is coordinating to get us fully integrated into the conference planning process.
- Asked for an update from members will or may attend the conference.
- Described his efforts to get the Forum officially recognized by AHFSA.

2. Topics for Background Check Sessions

- James presented the potential list of topics, organized into two focus areas: outreach to non-NBCP States (some who are in the formative stages of thinking about applying or those that are filling out applications now) and program maturity and evolution.
 - Outreach to non-NBCP States
 - FBI checks for same price as name-based State check
 - 483.12 compliance in one search
 - Protect vulnerable population AND create employment opportunities for the greatest number qualified and suitable
 - Building support for legislation
 - Grant accomplishments
 - Program Maturity and Evolution
 - Expanding programs
 - State of programs/States



- Measuring performance
- State experiences → best practices
- **Assessing ANM cases**
- Developing a clearinghouse
 - **Highlighted** = topics of interest per member preferences poll
- The group discussed the topic of assessing ANM cases and registries.
- Steve suggested a round-table session to get related information from non-NBCP States.
- The group discussed preparation to address questions of States who are not yet in the NBCP.
- Group discussed the topic of financial sustainability without grant funds.

Action Items:

- **Action Item:** James will follow up with the group after his discussion with the AHFSA conference coordinator.
- **Action Item:** Ernie will reach out to more States about attending the AHFSA conference.
- **Action Item:** Tom will reach out to his director about attending the conference.