



## National Forum for Background Checks Summary of Meeting held June 02, 2017

Purpose: The June session was a meeting to finalize the session topics for the background check track at AHFSA, and to review the status of forum initiatives and champions.

### Agenda

1. AHFSA update
2. Topics for sessions of the background check track
3. Activities and initiative champions
4. Discuss next steps

### Attendees

11 Representatives from 10 States attended.

### Discussion, Decisions, Action Items

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

- James reported that AHFSA has officially agreed to background check track at the 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 who 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 and results of the member preference poll, 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.