

REPORT TO MEMBERS: Highlights of NCPEA Work in 2011

National Center on Elder Abuse:

NCPEA is a subgrantee in the new [National Center on Elder Abuse \(NCEA\)](#), funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging, run by University of California-Irvine, under the direction of Laura Mosqueda, MD and Mary Twomey, MSW. NCPEA's role, beginning September 2011 for the next three years, is to document and provide informational resources for local elder justice coalitions. We are proud to continue our involvement with NCEA, which began in 1998.

In June, 2011, we concluded the fourth year of our grant as an NCEA partner, under the direction of NCPEA Board member, Pam Teaster, PhD. This work included:

Promising Practices and Legal Information: Dr. Teaster solicited and highlighted new evidence-based programs in the promising practices database and related briefs for professionals. With Stetson University College of Law's Center for Excellence in Elder Law we tracked and analyzed elder abuse laws and statutes and provided technical assistance on legal natured elder abuse.

Elder Justice Community Coalition-Building:

With the help of Area Agency on Aging-Region One, NCPEA trained the rest of the fourth cohort of Elder Justice Mini-Grantees. In 2011 trainings were held for:

1. Council on Aging of Etowah County, Glasden, AL
2. Southern Crescent Area Agency on Aging, Franklin, GA
3. Triangle J Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging, Research Triangle Park, NC
4. Blue Ridge Legal Services, Harrisonburg, VA
5. Central Council Tlingit and Haida Juneau, AK

Additional Coalition Training:

NCPEA, through Area Agency on Aging-Region One, also trained emerging groups organized by three Arizona agencies on Aging, bringing the total number of local and state coalitions we have supported through our NCEA grant, up to 51.

- Western Arizona Council of Governments, Kingman, AZ
- Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization, Sierra Vista, AZ
- Western Arizona Council of Governments, Yuma, AZ

NCPEA provided a **webcast for the National Center on Elder Abuse**, "*Successful Elder Abuse Coalitions Share Lessons Learned*", April 14, 2011, featuring project staff and speakers from several coalitions. The webcast is archived at <http://playback.telspan.com/cr2?replaycode=34622780>.

Board Member/Coalition Project Director Mary Lynn Kasunic presented a workshop about NCPEA's coalition training project at the **n4a Annual Conference** in July, in Washington DC.

National Adult Protective Services Resource Center

NCPEA is a subgrantee (2011-2014) for the grant from Administration on Aging to the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) to develop a National APS Resource Center. NCPEA will help to identify research that can be utilized by APS workers.

NCPEA /Texas Regional APS Board Conference on Neglect: The Education Committee, led by Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, President Bettye Mitchell, Membership Co-Chair, James Booker with NCPEA colleague Mary Breaux, produced a conference co-sponsored by Texas Region 6

APS Board: *Neglect of Vulnerable Adults: Clinical and Legal Response*. Mr. Booker is the Regional Director with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Ms. Breaux is a part of Mr. Booker's Regional Management Team. The event, on March 16, 2011, had 125 attendees, a keynote address by Dr. Carmel Dyer, and workshops led by board members Georgia Anetzberger, Bettye Mitchell and Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik with other experts from Texas. These speakers, as well as NCPEA Clerk Paula Mixson also lent extensive support to the event.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2011:

- Thanks to all members who provided news of their local WEAAD efforts . These show a range of creativity and achievement, and are now documented on the NCPEA website to inspire others (see <http://www.preventelderabuse.org/events/WEAAD2011.htm>).
- Jeff Beam, NCPEA's Communications Manager, and a musician, wrote a special song for NCPEA to distribute with a WEAAD message (available for download from our website). Board member Jim Vanden Bosch of Terra Nova Films produced a youtube music video to accompany the song (see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csKHmGOUt98>).
- NCPEA board members Bob Blancato and Trudy Gregorie testified at an **Elder Abuse Forum hosted by the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus** in Washington DC.
- NCPEA was a collaborating sponsor of the **International Federation on Aging (IFA)** "*International Forum on Sexual Safety for Older Women*" in Toronto, Ontario, on WEAAD. Board members Pamela Teaster, Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik ,and Elizabeth Podnieks presented on "*What's Age Got To Do With It? - Sexual Assault of Older Women*" and Dr. Teaster also served on a panel: "*Beyond Abuse and Moving Forward*". Elizabeth Podnieks was Co-Chair of the event.
- Board member Pat Brownell presented in London, England on "*The New York State Elder Abuse Study*" at **The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)** WEAAD Forum.

Advocacy:

- NCPEA submitted testimony written by Paula Mixson, Clerk, to the **Senate Special Committee on Aging**, in conjunction with their March 2, 2011 hearing on elder financial abuse.
- Board member Bob Blancato, National Coordinator of the Elder Justice Coalition, testified before the **Senate Special Committee on Aging** field hearing on strengthening federal support for state efforts to end elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, in Hartford, CT in August, 2011.
- **NCPEA's Public Policy Committee**, led since April by Board member, Pat Brownell, continues to advocate for the implementation of and appropriations for the Elder Justice Act as a key legislative priority. The committee is also supporting Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women's Act, the Elder Abuse Victims Act and the Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act.
- *Also see testimony to Victims Rights Caucus, in WEAAD above.*

Law, Justice, Courts, Victim Services:

- NCPEA is now a member of the **Elder Abuse Commission of Ohio Attorney General Mike Dewine**, represented by President Elect Georgia Anetzberger. Board member Judge Thomas Swift is involved as a representative of the Ohio Association of Probate Judges. Board member Bob Blancato also addressed the Commission in February 2011.
- President Bettye Mitchell presented four workshops: *1. Protecting Vulnerable Adults: Hidden Faces; 2. Elder Abuse, Identification, Assessment and Treatment and Intervention; 3. Multidisciplinary approach to Elder Abuse; 4. Multiculturalism in Service Delivery*, **8th Annual Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) Conference: Preventing, Assessing and Treating Child, Adolescent and Abuse in Later Life**, Honolulu, HI, March 2011.
- Board member Lisa Nerenberg presented *The Psychology of Undue Influence, Connections that Count... Linking Legal, Clinical and Social Work Professionals for Elder Justice* conference sponsored by **Legal Assistance to Seniors**, Oakland, CA June 20, 2011.
- Board member Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik presented at the **National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges** annual conference for judge training on the topic of elder sexual assault, in New York City, July 2011.
- President Bettye Mitchell and Vice President Jim Vanden Bosch, *Abuse in Later Life*, National Child Protection Training Institute, a project of the **National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence (NPEIV)**, University of Winona, Winona, MN, July 2011. Bettye Mitchell chairs the NPEIV Training and Mentoring Workgroup, and is collaborating with Co-Chair Victor Vieth in bringing elder abuse into Work Across the Lifespan.
- Board Member Pat Bomba presented *The Fragility of Capacity and the Importance of Advance Directives and Medical Orders* at the "Be A Planner, Not A Gambler" Summit at the **NYC Bar Association**, New York, NY, August, 2011.
- President Elect Georgia Anetzberger was on two panels: *Advancing the Field of Elder Mistreatment for Victims: Toward More Theoretically Oriented Research, Policy, and Practice*, and plenary panel *Healing and Intervention on Trauma and Abuse Across Cultures and the Lifespan*, **Annual International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma: Linking Research, Policy, and Practice**, San Diego, CA, September 13, 2011.

Guardianship:

- Pamela Teaster, Winsor Schmidt & co-authors presented *A National Examination of Public Guardianship: A Twenty-Five Year Retrospective on Public Guardianship*, Subcommittee on Adult Guardianship, **Advisory Committee on Children, Families and the Courts, Supreme Court of Ohio**, Columbus, OH, February 18, 2011.
- NCPEA was a co-sponsor of the **Third National Guardianship Summit, Salt Lake City, UT**, October 2011, a follow-up to the 2001 Wingspan conference, which spawned the National Guardianship Network. Board member, Judge Thomas Swift, spoke and Directors Pamela Teaster and Winsor Schmidt were also delegates to this Summit. see: <http://www.guardianshipsummit.org>.

- Winsor Schmidt presented:
 - *Public Guardianship: In the Best Interests of People with Incapacities?*, Grand Rounds, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, **University of Louisville School of Medicine**, Louisville, KY, January 27, 2011.
 - *Guardianship Issues in Geriatric Psychiatry*, **American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry** 2011 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 19, 2011.
 - *Standards of Practice and National Trends in Guardianship*, Fall Guardianship Seminar, **Eagle Guardianship and Professional Services LLC**, Spokane, WA, October 7, 2011.
 - *The Relationship Between Type of Professional Guardian Experience and Guardian Sanctioning*, **Certified Professional Guardian Board** invited presentation, Seattle, WA, October 10, 2011.
 - *Proposal for a Study of Guardianship Services for Vulnerable Adults in North Dakota*, Human Services Committee, **North Dakota Legislative Management**, Bismarck, ND, October 25, 2011.
 - *Certified Professional Guardian Board: Overview*, invited presentation **Certified Professional Guardian Board Public Meeting**, Seattle, WA, November 14, 2011.

Financial Exploitation:

- NCPEA was a co-sponsor of the **Elder Financial Protection Network (EFPN) Call to Action: San Francisco**, their 8th annual national summit on elder financial abuse prevention, March 31, 2011. Board members Bob Blancato and Lisa Nerenberg were presenters.
- NCPEA (Pam Teaster and Bob Blancato), with **MetLife Mature Market Institute** and Virginia Tech, released a second study on financial abuse, [*Crimes of Occasion, Desperation, and Predation Against America's Elders*](#), adding to [*Broken Trust: Elders, Families and Finances*](#). We (Paula Mixson, Bettye Mitchell, Georgia Anetzberger) also edited a new MetLife FAQ brochure on elder abuse.
- **University of Kentucky Justice Center for Elders and Vulnerable Adults**, directed by NCPEA board member, Pam Teaster, held a *Fall 2011 Conference : Broken Trust – Elder Financial Abuse* with Mickey Rooney as guest speaker.

Other Multidisciplinary Work:

- Winsor Schmidt, *Medicalization of Aging: The Upside and the Downside* **Marquette University Law School Elder's Advisor Spring 2011 Symposium: Drugs and Money in Long Term Care**, Milwaukee, WI, March 25, 2011.
- Bob Blancato, Georgia Anetzberger, Lisa Nerenberg, Jim Vanden Bosch, Susan Aziz and Pat Brownell presented various workshops, **American Society on Aging** annual conference, San Francisco, late April 2011.
- Georgia Anetzberger, *Elderly Hoarders: Beyond Reality Television*, **Annual Ohio Professional and Student Conference on Aging: Advocating for Change—Empowering Older Adults and Their Families**, Columbus, OH April 15, 2011.

- Georgia Anetzberger , Plenary, *Elder Abuse Research in Ohio: Various Perspectives*, **Ohio Elder Abuse Research Symposium**, Columbus, OH, May 17, 2011.
- Lisa Nerenberg, *Mobilizing Communities to Promote Elder Justice*, keynote address, *2011 Idaho Summit on Elder Abuse & Exploitation*, **Idaho Commission on Aging, Idaho Department of Insurance, and the Center for the Study of Aging at Boise State University**. Boise, ID June 16, 2011.
- Patricia Bomba, *Advance Care Planning - A Beyond the Basics Analysis of Execution and Implementation*, the 3rd **Annual Leadership Summit on Hospice and Palliative Care**, Chicago, IL, June 24, 2011.
- Georgia Anetzberger, Pat Brownell, Lori Delagrammatikas, Bob Blancato, Pat Bomba and Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik led workshops and AATI training sessions at the **NAPSA** annual conference, "*Stemming the Tide of Elder Abuse: National Perspectives*," Buffalo, NY, September 2011.
- Georgia Anetzberger presented the Plenary, *Elder Abuse: A World View*, Annual **LeadingAge** Conference Pre-Conference *Elder Abuse Prevention: Global Models*, Washington, DC, October 15, 2011.
- Bob Blancato received **The State Society on Aging of NY's** Presidential Award for his leadership in the field, and spoke at their 39th Annual Conference *Seasons of Change: Promoting the Well-Being of Older Adults in a Challenging Environment*, Saratoga Springs, NY, October, 2011. Pat Brownell presented there in the Elder Abuse symposium.
- Georgia Anetzberger, presented at **National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care** Grand Rapids, MI, October 25-28, 2011.
- James Booker co-hosted, and Daniel Sheridan, Randy Thomas, Georgia Anetzberger and Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik presented various workshops at the **28th Annual Texas APS conference**, San Antonio, TX, November 2011.
- Georgia Anetzberger presented Symposium panel, *The Sum of Their Parts: Surveying Elder Justice Summits and Coalitions*, Annual Scientific Meeting of the **Gerontological Society of America**, Boston, MA, November 22, 2011.
- Lisa Nerenberg and Lori Delagrammatikas continue to organize statewide program, policy and advocacy initiatives through the **California Elder Justice Workgroup (CEJW)**. In 2011 they released: *Improving California's Response to Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation: A Blueprint*.
- NCPEA is partnering with the **NYC Elder Abuse Center** (which operates a multi-disciplinary team) to supervise a graduate social work student in local and national elder abuse work.

Research and Publications:

- We continue our partnership with publisher Taylor and Francis in the production of the [*Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*](#) (JEAN). Volume 23, Issues 1-4, published in 2011, included an assortment of articles on research, reporting, oppression, financial exploitation, elder abuse and neglect in Chinese communities in Canada, and prevention in Flanders,

Belgium. Georgia Anetzberger, who has served as Editor-in-Chief for JEAN since 2006, concludes her term by the end of 2011, as she transitions to her new role as President of NCPEA.

- Two brief articles were published in VED regarding the joint NAPSA/NCPEA Research Committee written by NAPSA's Carol Dayton and edited by Contributing VED Editor and NCPEA Board Member, Holly Ramsey Klawsnik.
- Also see *Financial Exploitation* – for new MetLife publications.

NCPEA/NAPSA Research Committee

- New articles were written by: 1) Jason Schillerstrom and Joy Ernst, surveying and summarizing APS-based research over 15 years; 2) Kathleen Quinn and Paula Mixson, on APS policy requested by the *Public Policy and Aging Report*; 3) the committee, summarizing a study on Self Neglect from the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.
- The "Research-to-Practice" group produced their Quarterly Webinar Series hosted by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD). **APS Research to Practice Webinars in 2011** included: 1) Deborah O'Connor, Ph.D., RSW, *Conducting a Person-centered Assessment of Decisional Capacity in a Context of Abuse: Guidelines and Considerations (Part II)*, February 28, 2011; 2) NCPEA Board members Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawsnik and Dr. Pamela B. Teaster: *The Study of Sexual Abuse of Vulnerable Adults in Care Facilities*, April 20, 2011; 3) Jilene Gunther, MSW, JD, *A How to Guide on Calculating the Cost of Financial Exploitation in Your State*, August 1, 2011. (archived at <http://www.nccd-crc.org/nccd/initiatives/adult-protective-services-aps-webinars.html>)

Rosalie Wolf Award: In September, Paula Mixson was named by the **Education Committee** to receive the *NCPEA 2011-2012 Rosalie Wolf Award* for her decades of service, scholarship and volunteer efforts to the field, including 23 years at APS, formerly editing *Victimization of the Elderly and the Disabled*, authoring over 20 publications, working as a certified Guardian and a Certified Validation Group Practitioner and providing training in the US and abroad.

International collaboration:

- NCPEA, with Ryerson University, University of Kentucky, Cleveland State University, and the International Federation on Ageing (IFA) launched "*World Elder Abuse Scan II*" to build on the original "*WorldView Environmental Scan*" (Podnieks, Anetzberger, Wilson, Teaster, & Wangmo, 2010). The research seeks to further increase knowledge of elder mistreatment and why people abuse on a global scale.
- NCPEA joined the **Global Alliance for the Rights of Older Persons** to support a UN Convention for the Human Rights of Older Persons. This built on the groundwork of board members Susan Aziz and Pat Brownell, who participated in the August 2011 United Nations Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing, whose purpose is to strengthen the protection of the human rights of older persons, established by the UN General Assembly by Resolution 65/182 on December 21, 2010.
- Lisa Nerenberg presented *Victims of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation*, 11th Asian Postgraduate Course on Victimology and Victim Assistance sponsored by the **World Society of Victimology and the Tokiwa International Victimology Institute**. Depok, Indonesia, July 22, 2011.

- Also see: *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day* (above)

Selected Other Workshops and Presentations by NCPEA Leaders:

- Georgia Anetzberger, *Incidence and Prevalence*, **Harvard Kennedy School Elder Abuse Webinar Series**, January 27, 2011.
- Paula Mixson, *Public Policy, Elder Abuse and APS*, webinar hosted by the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), **National Center on Elder Abuse**, January 31, 2011.
- Bettye Mitchell, *Protecting Vulnerable Adults: the Aging Network*, **Albemarle Area on Aging**, Elizabeth City NC, March 2011.
- Georgia Anetzberger, *A Professional Dialogue on Ethics and Elder Abuse*, **Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services**, Columbus OH, March 25, 2011.
- Winsor Schmidt, *Public Health and Aging*, PHMS 603 Legal and Bioethical Aspects of Public Health, Louisville, KY, September 21, 2010
- Executive Director, Beth Rosenthal, *Elder Abuse: Open our Eyes and Hearts*, **NYC Housing Authority** resident leaders forum, November 1, 2011.
- Georgia Anetzberger, Plenary, *Framing the Issue: Emerging 'Truths' about Elder Abuse*, Annual Geriatric Symposium of the **Michigan Geriatric Education Center: A Community Response to Elder Mistreatment**, Lansing, MI, December 2, 2011.
- Pat Brownell, **Adult Abuse Training Institute**, **Jewish Association for Services to the Aging**, NY, December 2011.

Organizational Development:

- NCPEA was identified by Philanthropedia/ Guidestar as a “**2011 top nonprofit**” working in aging services. See <http://www.myphilanthropedia.org/top-nonprofits/national/aging>
- **New NCPEA Directors** were approved by the membership to join our Board for 2011-2013 terms: Mohammad Bader, MS, NCC, LPC, Bennett Blum, MD, Rabbi; James Grant Booker, MA; Patricia Brownell, Ph.D, MSW; Lori Delagrammatikas, MSW; Lisa Nerenberg, MSW, MPH. The Board met in April, August and September.
- **NCPEA moved headquarters from Washington DC to New York City** during the summer. New address: 151 First Avenue, #93 New York, NY 10003. Phone: 646-462-3603.
- With help from **Membership Committee** chairs James Booker and Mohammad Bader, **NCPEA membership** increased, including 48 members in a new category for Coalitions. NCPEA hosted a gathering for Bay Area members and colleagues in April, and held our annual Membership Meeting in Buffalo in September, with keynote address on the new MetLife study, by Bob Blancato.
- **Communications:** Led by Denise Nelesen and the Website/Communications committee, we improved our online communications options for members, and created an email listserv

of members and other colleagues and send news out frequently. With support from the San Diego District Attorney's office and Med America, our website www.preventelderabuse.org, is evolving as a place for feature stories, member interaction and updates on news about NCPEA and the field. In 2011 we created online committee and coalition workspaces for shared work and ongoing dialogue. We are beginning to use social media – with our NCPEA Facebook page and Twitter feed. Members are encouraged to visit and “like” NCPEA at <<http://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Committee-for-the-Prevention-of-Elder-Abuse/165226316870641>>

- **Staff:** Beth Rosenthal joined NCPEA as Executive Director in October 2010, and has been helping to coordinate our activities, raise funds, upgrade operating systems, develop staff, and focus our work with members and colleagues in the field. Office and membership services are keeping pace with our expansion, thanks to the help of a part-time Communications Manager, Jeff Beam (who joined NCPEA in January 2011), two high school student interns, Jardonna Constant and Ajeliz Maldonado, and a social work graduate student, Mary Olsen.
- In December 2011, **Bettye Mitchell concludes her two-year Board Presidency**, during which she has strengthened NCPEA's administration and fundraising efforts, launched new programs and comprehensive workplans. Her recent focus has been to lead the board through revisions of our by-laws and financial policies, to better align practice and policy, and streamline our operations. We are grateful to Bettye for her long range vision, management expertise, diplomacy and perseverance.