

YOU'RE INVITED

AFSI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 18, 2024 10am – 12pm

AFSI monthly meeting presentation and program beginning at 10am

WHO: The Advocates for Senior Issues Members, Guests, and Sponsors

WHAT: An opportunity to advocate, learn, and grow together. There will be a continental breakfast so **be sure to arrive early and bring a guest!**

WHEN: October 18, 2024 10am-12pm

WHERE: Salvation Army Kroc Center
2500 Division Ave S.
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Questions?

Please contact
AAAWM Advocacy & Planning Director
Sheri Harris
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Legislative Speaker

Peter MacGregor

Kent County Treasurer

Program Presentation

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel

“Inside Michigan’s Elder Abuse Task Force”

Please bring all your questions as there will be plenty of time for additional questions from the audience!

Please note: The AFSI Housing Committee will be meeting prior to the regular membership meeting starting at 9am if you wish to participate.

Contact Anne Domanski with any questions: annedomanski@gmail.com

ADVOCATES for Senior Issues

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AGENDA

Call to Order and Announcements:

Lody Zwarenstejn, President

Legislative Presentation

Peter MacGregor , Kent County Treasurer

Peter is currently serving in his first term as the Kent County Treasurer, elected in Nov 2020. As the Kent County Treasurer, Pete serves as the Legislative Committee chair for both the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association. Prior to his new role as County Treasurer, Pete served as the Senate Majority Floor Leader in the Michigan Senate. Pete was also chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. He is a graduate of Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business, and a Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) Fellow, Class of 2004.

Program Presentation

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel

"Inside Michigan's Elder Abuse Task Force"

A former criminal prosecutor and civil rights attorney, Dana Nessel was sworn in as Michigan's 54th Attorney General on January 1, 2019. In 2019, AG Nessel brought together over 55 senior advocacy organizations to form the state's Elder Abuse Task Force (EATF) with the goal of combating the physical, emotional and financial abuse of vulnerable adults. AG Nessel also spearheaded the establishment of the department's Sentinel Project, an initiative that conducts unannounced inspections of nursing homes to scan for safety violations.

Advocates for Senior Issues is a non-partisan organization, affiliated with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan www.aaawm.org/afsi

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Neptune Society | Hulst Jepsen Physical Therapy

Meals on Wheels Western Michigan | Kristyn Vander Zouwen

It is estimated



Michigan seniors are victimized annually

How to report suspected abuse and neglect:

- A few Warning Signs to look out for:
- Unexplained or frequent bruises or injuries
 - Torn or dirty clothing
 - Not socializing or the caregiver won't allow family or friends to visit
 - Sudden changes in banking or spending patterns

If you suspect abuse or neglect, call APS. If abuse is taking place in a licensed long-term care facility, be sure to call the Michigan Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Adult Protective Services:
1-855-444-3911

Long-Term Care Ombudsman:
1-866-485-9393

For More Information:

Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan

616-456-5664 | www.aaawm.org

Federal Trade Commission

www.FTC.gov

Michigan Attorney General

www.michigan.gov



The Source for Seniors



MISSION

Working together to identify, advocate, educate, and seek justice for vulnerable adult abuse in Kent County.

www.protectkentseniors.org

About the Coalition

The *Kent County Elder Abuse Coalition* is a large group of agencies representing non-profit, profit, and government organizations including:



The coalition meets monthly to discuss current older adult and vulnerable adult cases in Kent County.

About Elder Abuse

Elder abuse refers to the intentional or negligent acts by a caregiver or trusted individual that causes harm to a vulnerable adult. Elder abuse can take many forms including:



PHYSICAL ABUSE



EMOTIONAL ABUSE



FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION



(SELF) NEGLECT



SEXUAL ABUSE

Be Part of the Solution

SCHEDULE AN OUTREACH PRESENTATION

The coalition offers elder abuse presentations to groups, agencies, and organizations on a variety of elder abuse-related topics and we can tailor the presentation to your needs. Our most frequently requested presentations include:

- Elder Abuse 101
- Scams
- Caregivers and Elder Abuse

The presentations are offered throughout Region 8, which covers the following counties: Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Lake, Newaygo, Mason, and Osceola.

Call 616-456-5664 or visit www.protectkentseniors.org to request a presentation.