



Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
Elder Abuse Project
 King County Administration Building
 500 Fourth Avenue, Room 840
 Seattle, WA 98104

5th Annual
**Making the Case
 for Justice:**
 Investigation and Prevention of
**Crimes Against Elders
 and Vulnerable Adults**

Save the Date: Sept. 10 & 11, 2008

Conference Information

Eligibility

This conference is open to all personnel within law enforcement and prosecution agencies, members of the Ombudsman's office, members of DSHS and other government agencies, bank investigators and members of other relevant non-profit organizations.

Conference Tuition

The registration fee for the conference is \$100. Please make checks payable to the King County Prosecutor's Office. This rate is possible due to the generous contributions of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Department of Social & Health Services, Disability Rights Washington, King County VAWA Stop Grant, Developmental Disabilities Council, Washington State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Washington State Office of the Attorney General, Seattle Police Foundation and Seattle Police Department.

Conference Schedule

The conference hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 10 and 11th, 2008. Check in begins at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11th.

Conference Registration

To register and to view the conference schedule on line, please go to <http://www.meydenbauer.com/cgi-bin/cmr.cgi?event=40>. Please call or email Cyndee with any questions, 206-296-8797 or cyndee.cavanah@kingcounty.gov, she will be happy to assist you.

Conference Location

The conference will be held at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, Wash., 20 miles northeast of SeaTac Airport and 11 miles east of downtown Seattle. Parking at the Meydenbauer is \$14 per day. For directions, go to www.meydenbauer.com or call 425-637-1020.

Hotel

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Red Lion Hotel with a group rate of \$140/night. Please contact Cyndee for the code and then call the Red Lion directly at 425-455-5240 to reserve your room.



Agencies involved in the planning of this conference include the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, King County VAWA Grant, Seattle Police Department, Disability Rights Washington, Washington Long Term Care Ombudsman, and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, and the Attorney General's Office.

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**A Two-Day Conference
 September 10 and 11, 2008
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Featuring locally and nationally recognized experts:

- ❖ **Dr. Catherine Hawes, Texas A&M University**
- ❖ **Nancy Alterio, MA, Disabled Persons Protection Committee**
- ❖ **Trooper Tim Grant, Massachusetts State Police**
- ❖ **Dr. Richard Harruff, King County Medical Examiner**

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Speaker / Conference Information

Nancy A. Alterio was hired in May of 1999 as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC). She served as one of the three Commissioners to DPPC for a year prior to her appointment of Executive Director. Before her employment at DPPC, Ms. Alterio spent over fifteen years in the private, not for profit sector assisting persons with disabilities in meeting their vocational, medical, financial, social and housing needs. Ms. Alterio's academic background includes a Bachelor's of Science degree in the legal aspects of human services. Ms. Alterio is a founding member of the Building Partnerships for



Nancy Alterio

the Protection of Persons with Disabilities initiative (BPI) and is co-chair of the steering committee. In conjunction with the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), Ms. Alterio and other members of BPI wrote *Crimes Against Persons with Disabilities; A practical guide to the Reporting, Investigation and Prosecution*.

9:05 - 10:35 Keynote Speakers: Nancy Alterio and Trooper Tim Grant

Historically, abuse, neglect and crimes committed against persons with disabilities have been underreported. Frequently, the abuse that is reported to Adult Protective Service (APS) agencies is not reported to law enforcement. As a result of underreporting and a lack of coordination between agencies, crime victims with disabilities have, at times, been denied equal access to the criminal justice system and as such may suffer repeated victimization. Massachusetts has created a successful statewide initiative linking law enforcement, adult protective services (APS), human service agencies and others to address violence committed against persons with disabilities using a multidisciplinary response. Through this multidisciplinary effort, crimes committed against persons with disabilities are efficiently and effectively reported, investigated and prosecuted, providing victims with disabilities equal access to the criminal justice system. This presentation examines the development and operation of this initiative, providing participants with tools and strategies for implementation in their own community. In addition, the efficacy of replicating this model to address crimes against elders will also be discussed, as Massachusetts recently demonstrated through a pilot project in the Northwestern District.

Timothy F. X. Grant is a 20 year veteran of law enforcement. For the past six years Trooper Grant has been assigned to the State Police Detective Unit (SPDU) attached to the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC). Trooper Grant reviews DPPC's intake reports for criminal activity and investigates crimes committed against persons with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth. He works collaboratively with district attorneys, municipal police, adult protective service investigators, medical personnel, agencies providing services to persons with disabilities and others to ensure persons with disabilities receive the same protections and rights as the public at large. Trooper Grant has participated in the development of national and state training videos and training curricula. He has presented locally, statewide and nationally on issues relating to crimes committed against persons with disabilities and the role of law enforcement.

Protection Orders for Vulnerable Adults

As our aging population continues to grow, more and more elders may need to seek relief from the courts for protection from abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. As a result, this presentation is designed to help the community that serves elders to become more aware of the civil legal options designed to provide relief and protection. The focus of this presentation will be on the different types of civil and criminal court orders, how they can be obtained and the relief they provide. The second half of the presentation will be a more in-depth review of the Vulnerable Adult Protection Order.

Catherine Hawes, Ph.D. is a professor of health policy and management and directs the Program on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy in the School of Rural Public Health at Texas A&M University System Health Science Center. She has been active in research, teaching, and policymaking in long-term care for more than 30 years, with an emphasis on defining, measuring and assuring quality in long-term care. She has led several projects on assisted living and residential care, including a project for the National Institute of Justice on how states detect, investigate, and address elder abuse in assisted living and residential care facilities; quality measurement and improvement in residential care and assisted living for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; a national study of assisted living facilities for the frail elderly and another study of the effect of regulation on the quality of care in board and care homes for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; and a study of how family members of residents with dementia define quality in assisted living. She has also been active in research on nursing home quality and regulation, including projects on how to improve the nursing home complaint investigation process and the performance of the Nurse Aide Registries in detecting, investigating and resolving cases of elder mistreatment in nursing homes.



Catherine Hawes

Mental Illness and Elder Abuse

**Donald G. Slone, Ph.D. and
Jeni Gregory, M.S.W.**

September 11, 2008 – Summary

"Mental Illness and Elder Abuse" will focus on aspects of mental illness as they impact elder abuse. Mental illnesses and issues to be considered include dementia, anger, paranoia, depression, mania, PTSD, and care-giver stress. Key symptoms and issues that help clarify these disorders will be described. The potential impact on elder abuse issues will be explained. Basic management strategies will be explained.

V.A.L.O.R.

**Vulnerable Adults:
Linked Organization Response**

An Holistic Approach

Multi-agency task forces are quickly becoming more popular in many areas of law enforcement. Vulnerable adult victimization is one of the areas in which programs have been and are continuing to be developed. Many of these programs are limited in scope and do not address all the necessary aspects of vulnerable adult victimization. Programs such as V.A.S.T. and F.A.S.T. will be briefly discussed and compared to a new model of response, that of V.A.L.O.R. concept of community response.

Secondary Trauma and how to reconcile its impact

As human beings, we are affected by our surroundings. When exposed to hardship, crises, stressful circumstances, and/or trauma we attempt to make sense of what we see, hear and experience the best we can. In this workshop we explore how we are impacted by our society, work and/or careers. Through a larger backdrop of systematic oppression and liberation theory we come to understand the shifts that occur in us personally and professionally and why we adapt the way we do. The discussion focuses on how to reconcile what we experience in our work and the world around us in a way that is both compassionate and honest as well as accountable and sustainable. Whether one may be experiencing fatigue, cynicism, guilt, a sense of not doing enough or any other number of consequences of demanding work, we come to understand how we can make choices that will allow us to interact with our work and our lives in such a way as to remain true to ourselves and those we serve. While respecting the seriousness of the issues at hand, this path incorporates much humor and a profound sense of hopefulness by drawing on a broad base of clinical approaches, social justice theory and spiritual traditions. This workshop has been conducted locally, nationally and internationally for a dizzyingly broad array of workers – including public health agencies, domestic violence workers, the humane society, the United States Air Force, firefighters, educators, human rights advocates, public health workers, immigrant and refugee attorneys, doctors and nurses and many others with a commitment to their field and their communities.

Directions/Parking/Alternative Commuter Options

Traffic in Bellevue is often congested during commuting hours. You may want to consider taking a bus to Bellevue Transit Center (<http://tripplanner.metrokc.gov>).

Sample Routes: Route: 565 Federal Way Express
Route: 532 Everett

Route: 535 Lynnwood
Route: 555/556 Issaquah Express
Route: 560 West Seattle via Airport Express



Parking at Meydenbauer costs \$14 for 8-12 hours and \$18 for an in/out pass.

Lunch

Lunch is on your own. Please pick up a list of nearby restaurants at the registration desk. Please contact Cyndee Cavanah if you need assistance in getting a meal.

Meydenbauer Center is located adjacent to Interstate 405 at N.E. 6th Street and 112th Avenue N.E. in downtown Bellevue – just nine miles east of downtown Seattle. The most convenient off-ramp from I-405 is at NE 4th Street (Exit 13A)

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