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Meeting Notice

Date: January 17, 2019

Location: Portland Country Club

Time: 4pm-6pm

Topic: Elder Abuse & Exploitation – Panel Discussion

Candice Simeoni, President/Founder – York County Elder Abuse Task Force

Candice started in Law Enforcement and graduated from the 9th Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 2004. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Organizational Leadership Studies from the University of Southern Maine. Candice has had the opportunity to complete extensive training in the field of Elder Abuse, Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance. She is the President and founder of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force which was established in 2005 and a leader in elder exploitation investigations in her State. Candice has been part of many riveting advances in combating Elder Abuse and establishing successful community policy approaches. She has been featured on nationally-recognized media productions, she sat on the board who guided the Martha's Cottage project and is known for many successes generated from her York County Elder Abuse Task Force. Candice has a passion for being the voice for our vulnerable populations and has a deep soft spot for the elderly and those with disabilities. Candice has been awarded "Great Person Award", Golden Shovel award, 2016 Tri-Chamber Municipal award and acknowledged at the State capital for her community work and had been chosen to speak nationally for her proactive approaches to educating on challenging elder abuse topics in today society.

Denis Culley, Sr. Staff Attorney - Legal Services for the Elderly

Denis Culley graduated University of Maine School of Law, Cum Laude, in 2003. He served a one year clerkship in the Kennebec Superior Court and then went to work as a staff attorney with Legal Services for the Elderly in 2004. In that position he represented elders in civil litigation in all Maine courts and administrative hearings before various agencies. He was a founding member of the Augusta Area Elder Abuse Task Force and has served on Maine's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, the Maine Board of Environmental Protection, the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse and the Maine Financial Abuse Specialty Team (F.A.S.T.). In 2014 he was the recipient of the Thomas P. Downing Award for dedication to poor and vulnerable Maine residents. Currently he serves as a member of Maine Civil Rules Committee. From April of 2016 through February of 2018 Denis served as an Assistant Attorney General prosecuting financial crimes and securities matters. In February of 2018 he returned to Legal Services for the Elderly and continues his service to Maine's at risk elderly as a Senior Staff Attorney. Denis lives in Mercer in a house he built himself (actually, still building) with his wife, Betty, who is a young adult novelist (premier novel, *Three Things I Know Are True*, to be published in spring 2020 by Harper Collins) and an RN. Together they garden extensively, tend a large crab apple orchard and manage their woodlot. They homeschooled their two children.

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