

Financial Security Coalition Meeting: Research and Policy Workgroup 11/7/2019

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Action Items:

- Explore participation from financial institutions
- Identify key focus areas and deliverables to present to group at next meeting

Meeting Notes and Key Takeaways:

- Adult Protective Services (APS) statute and mandatory reporting statute do not align – about 35% of adults APS serve do not meet the criteria outlined in the mandatory reporting statute

It may be useful to develop a flowchart or visual for how reports are handled

- Even with the rise of email and phone-based scams, family and friends are still the most likely to commit mistreatment
- Financial institutions make up about 4% of mandatory report – service providers, health care workers, and family are the most common reporters
- The majority of Elder Abuse Taskforce recommendations from 2012 have been implemented – Guardianship pilot is only partially funded
- University of Denver, Knoebel Institute of Healthy Aging submitted an in-depth proposal to the Attorney General's Office which was ultimately denied – are there components of this proposal that could inform working group direction?