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Subject: RE: Beth Monroe - Waccamaw County

Dale and I just spoke to Ms. Monroe. We told her that when answers were obtained from the AAA we would be back in touch with her.

Gerry

From: Danny Varat [<mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Dickinson, Gerry ; Catherine McNicoll ; Broome, Darryl
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Subject: Re: Beth Monroe - Waccamaw County

Someone please let the lady know that we're checking.

From: Dickinson, Gerry <gdickinson@aging.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 11:20 AM
To: Catherine McNicoll; Broome, Darryl; Danny Varat
Cc: Watson, Dale
Subject: RE: Beth Monroe - Waccamaw County

Catherine, I will check with Kim Harmon to see if the senior ever requested services and was assessed by either the Waccamaw AAA or one of its providers before the AAA started conducting assessments in July 2017. If the senior was assessed I will hopefully find out why transportation or meals were not provided to her. The AAA will not be in a position to address what happened in senior housing or at DSS. I'll let you know what Kim says.

Gerry

From: Catherine McNicoll [<mailto:CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov>]
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Subject: Beth Monroe - Waccamaw County

Good Morning,

I just received a call from Beth Monroe regarding the low income senior housing she is the manager of in Waccamaw County on Pawley's Island. She had a resident transfer from Horry County in September 2017. The resident almost immediately attempted suicide, resulting in a court order that she attend counseling at Waccamaw Mental Health. This presented a challenge because of transportation, in addition to the counseling was via computer at the Waccamaw Mental Health facility. After beginning counseling she made two more attempts. On the later attempt Georgetown hospital sent her to Lancaster via cab, where her sister was unable to assist with her care, they then sent her back via cab a few days later. The resident committed suicide 5 days ago and was found yesterday. Waccamaw Mental Health did not do a wellness check in that time. Additionally, before her death they had never been able to get any transportation services or meals on wheels through the AAA. Also Waccamaw DSS told the Ms. Monroe that they did not have time for wellness checks on seniors they were too busy with the children.

Ms. Monroe lists the following as specific concerns and says not to blame the local agencies because they don't have the resources:

Transportation

Waccamaw Mental Health's Handling of the situation

Resources for Seniors through the AAA

She is also very upset that the seniors are still paying for VC Summer in their electric bills when they can barely afford them to begin with.

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Please advise.

Best Regards,

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