

SECTION 6001 – INTRODUCTION

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The District Attorney of each Judicial Circuit may establish an Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team (A/N/E MDT) for the purposes of coordinating, collaborating and responding to suspected case of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Adult Protective Services (APS) shall designate representatives to and participate fully in A/N/E MDTs established in accordance with O.C.G.A §30-5-11.

**BASIC CONSIDERATIONS**

The establishment of A/N/E MDTs shall be at the discretion of the district attorney serving each judicial circuit. Level of participation will vary throughout the State. There may be APS regions without an A/N/E MDT, other regions with multiple A/N/E MDTs and A/N/E MDTs with representatives from multiple APS regions.

The district attorney shall create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that shall include but not be limited to team procedures; operational details; and confidentiality requirements. All MOUs shall be reviewed by the State office and may only be signed by the DHS Commissioner.

Requirements as outlined in this policy section only pertain to those MDTs operating under O.C.G.A §30-5-11 and in possession of a MOU signed by the DHS Commissioner. APS staff shall adhere to standard confidentiality rules when participating in MDTs not operating under O.C.G.A §30-5-11.

**REQUIREMENTS**

When requested by the district attorney, APS will identify and appoint at least one representative from each APS region served by an established A/N/E MDT.

**Attendance**

Meetings must be held at least twice a year but may be held more often if indicated by the operational detail of the MOU. APS representatives will make every effort to attend all scheduled A/N/E MDT meetings or designate a substitute representative.

**Case Reviews**

APS representatives will participate in the case review of suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults. Case may or may not have been previously known to APS. Reviews may be initiated at the request

**REQUIREMENTS****Cont.****Record Sharing**

of APS staff or A/N/E MDT members.

Records held by the Department pertaining to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults with disabilities or elder persons shall be available to the members of an A/N/E MDT.

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**REFERENCE**

[\*O.C.G.A §30-5-11\*](#)

[\*Georgia Judicial Circuit\*](#)

[\*Georgia Judicial Circuit Map\*](#)