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FW: Your help?

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From: Peggy O'Hare Vance [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 7:13 PM
To: Ed
Cc: Maureen O'Hare
Subject: RE: Your help?

Ed,

Your aggression is misplaced and unwarranted. I communicated my visit well in advance and it was not a business trip, even though I took an opportunity to see people in the local office. Attacking me via text and email is not only unproductive, it's cowardly. I asked to meet with you last weekend over a month ago. I called you and you ignored me. Getting together to discuss end of life care options for our mother should have been easy to accomplish. Maureen requested a meeting multiple times because these things are worth talking about, and it would have been helpful to Maureen.

You have repeatedly stated all of the things you want and what you will do, but *you are not in charge*. Maureen is the Durable Power of Attorney of Health Care. Everything I have said or done is to help Maureen and Mom make their decisions. Maureen and Mom never had a plan to sell the house. Whatever thoughts you have on boxing up Mom's possessions and selling her house without her involvement are callous. The Trust does not give you authority without Maureen.

I am an end-of-life care professional. You have no basis to question me on this subject. I'm highly credentialed and have succeeded at the highest levels. I've spoken with and helped hundreds of families deal with these same circumstances. If someone wanted financial advice, I'd send them to you. If someone wanted real estate advice, I'd send them to Dennis. With regard to Mom's care, you should welcome my input as an expert. Instead, you're actively dismissing me.

In my professional assessment, the best care option for a person with Mom's condition is to remain in her home. The clinically recommended course of action for dementia patients is to maintain

routine and familiarity. If change must happen, it should happen slowly with repeated exposure. The patient should be involved in the change. This is done to reduce the likelihood of artificially advancing the dementia as a result of the change. Your idea of selling Mom's house without her involvement is not only legally questionable, it's also contrary to clinical recommendation.

I have never suggested that Mom be permanently taken to any assisted living facility, let alone recommend a particular one. I have only provided information about those facilities if it has been requested by Maureen or, in the case of Brighton, Dennis. (Dennis stated Brighton, not me.) When I have taken Mom to visit a facility, it is because I know introducing her to the environment is the best way to follow clinical recommendations.

Maureen's decision with Mom, whatever it is, will be the right course of action. I fully support her choice whether it's to take Mom to an assisted living facility or to provide care in her home. Mom has the finances to afford either path including what needs to be done to maintain the home. At Maureen's request, I've provided information to her and discussed all of this with her at length. We wanted you to be a part of those discussions too. You chose to not to talk. It is your choice that undermines a sense of family in a trying time. I'll continue to help Maureen, in any way she needs, in order to achieve the only goal that matters: make Mom's last years as comfortable as possible.

What you mischaracterized as "meddling" is a daughter honoring her Mother's wishes. I have a voice in this.

Peggy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Your help?
Date: Tue, 1 Mar 2016 09:24:51 -0500

Peggy,

Just like the last time you're meddling and then, no comments for six months. Now you come to town on the presumption of care for mother. You were here on business and your own personal agenda.

You honestly think Brighton is a solution. This is not a solution but allows everyone to wash there hands of the problem point fingers and yet have a scapegoat. This is what you consider the best care for Mother.

You want to make recommendations I said I would do the follow-up and research myself. Not for you to take Mother to these places and create further issues. I had already considered the Caretel Inns of Brighton and found no reason to take mother.

Things were actually going along well until Maureen started with her non-senses. Oddly began right after her visit with you. And the plan to take mom too Danny's while we sell the house and set things up in another place. Mom has certainly found an easy way to avoid this now.

I will be gone all weekends from June to September as posted on the calendar. I would hope your willing to pick up the slack now since your only five hours away.

Ed

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