

VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 23, 2019

Attendance: Liz Briganty Vidal, Ronald Cohen, Cinder Cooper Barnes, April Marrone, Anita Pinto, Kathryn Pontzer, Sally Reid, Leah Schwartz, Reem Sharaf, and Robin Stimson.

Members Absent: Kecia Lopes, Sorell Schwartz and Alana Ward.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Rebecca Marcolini and Michael Subin.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Ellen Alexander.

Guests: Drena Reaves-Bey and Richard Shermanski.

Support Staff: Nadja Cabello, Maria Carzon and Rafiah Prince.

I. Additions to Agenda

- No additions to the Agenda

II. Approval of Minutes

- The April 25, 2019 minutes were approved.

III. Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) update – Michael Subin

- Michael distributed a list of House and State Bills.
- The Board does not want to lose our vote in the CJCC meetings that Sorell attends. The Board suggests that Robin could be the official Representative and Sorell could attend.

IV. Legislative Sub-Committee Update Robin Stimson

- They have prepared questions to send to Russell Butler, Director for the Maryland Crime Victim's Resource Center who will be a guest speaker for the June 27, 2019 Board meeting.

V. Directory Sub-Committee Update April Marrone

- The directory is completed and needs to be posted on the County website.
Action item: Rafiah and April will ask the Director or acting Director of HHS at the next Boards and Commissions Committee meeting about placing it on the County's website.

VI. Public Affairs/Events Sub-Committee Updates Sally Reid

- Reem has been posting on Facebook and she is attending events, she asks for materials Rafiah can get it prepared for them.
Action item: Rafiah will send Reem the VSAB brochure to post.
- Wear Orange weekend starts June 7 in honor of National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Leah will try to get a table at the Silver Spring Civic Center hosting a Unity Walk.

Action item: Rafiah will bring VASAP/VSAB props to show what we have to use when we do events.

VII. Annual Report Update April Marrone

- Profile photos were taken prior to the Board meeting.
- April asks for Board members to please fill out the following:
 - Name (including credentials)
 - Month/year you began serving on the Board
 - A quote for why you joined the Board
- If you have not taken a profile photo or turned in your Bios, please send them to April Marrone ASAP.

Adjournment 8:30 PM
Next Meeting: June 27, 2019
6:30 – 8:30 PM