

VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (VSAB)

December 3, 2020

Attendance: Neda Bolourian, Quintaria Brunson, Larry Center, Amos Hicks III, Brian Koosed, Jessica J. Leslie, April Marrone, Jill Pargamont, Kathryn Pontzer, Drena Reaves-Bey, Juanita Rogers, Leah Schwartz, Reem Sharaf, David Young.

Members Absent: Robin Stimson

Ex-Officio Members: Dolores Briceno and Annabelle Gerendasy.

Guest: Lisae Jordan Esq.

Support Staff: Maria Carzon and Rafiah Prince.

I. Additions to Agenda

- No additions.

II. Virtual Meeting Procedures – Juanita Rogers

- The rules for a virtual Board meeting are as follows:
The chair will call the roll to establish a quorum.
Members need to identify themselves when they are talking.
Members may be asked to identify anyone who is present with them during the call.
The public may be asked to mute the call on their end to avoid interruptions.
The public may be muted by the chair.
Public bodies might wish to consider including any ground rules in the meeting notice.

III. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2020 meeting

- The October 22, 2020 minutes were approved.

IV. Guest Speaker Lisae Jordan: Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)

- The marriage bill will be supported by the Board again.
- The police do not want the police reform bill to pass, they would rather have better policies.
- To support the bills, the Board should target key committees and appropriations committees.

V. Welcoming the new VSAB members/ Introductions:

- The Board welcomed new members Larry Center, Jill Pargamont, Drena Reaves-Bey and David Young.

VI. Executive Subcommittee updates- Juanita Rogers/Kathryn Pontzer

- Kathryn testified on November 19, 2020 at the County Council HHS Committee Work Session on Policy Issues. Councilmember Gabe Albornoz suggested that the Board collaborate with the police around the new 911 mobile app which victims can use to text for help. Kathryn will follow up with Vivian Yao.
- Councilmember Evan Glass Proclamation – The Board sent a thank you letter to Mr. Glass. He would like to attend a Board meeting.
- The board will be making it advocacy rounds with council members and HHS's department heads.
ACTION ITEM: Kathryn will set up a meeting with Raymond Crowel and Rolando Santiago. She will also send her testimony to the Board.
- The Executive subcommittee members will target an office to reach out to.
ACTION ITEM: Kathryn will send the updated list of council members to target tomorrow.

VII. Legislative Subcommittee updates – Kathryn Pontzer

- Members continue to reach out in preparation for 2021 General Assembly & Outreach to Legislative Offices.

VIII. Public Affairs/Events Subcommittee updates – Leah Schwartz

- They will share some COVID resources from VASAP, MCASA and the County. Please share any resources with the public affairs team so they can share on Facebook.
- January 31 is the virtual Women's Legislative Briefing. The cost is \$20.00 for registration by Jan 28. Afterwards, it will be \$30.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-womens-legislative-briefing-registration-128800049415>
- They would like to feature Board members on FACEBOOK, answering 8 questions.
ACTION ITEM: Leah will send the questions to the Board.
ACTION ITEM: Please send pictures of yourself wearing blue by Jan 5th.
- A section to the agenda for Board members to share to what is going on at work will be added.
ACTION ITEM: Please send events, resources, or calls to actions to the Public Affairs subcommittee so they can update the calendar.

IX. Annual Report Update/Planning for upcoming report – Rafiah/Chairs

- Rafiah is working on the Annual report and it will be completed next week.
- The goal is to have a draft for next year to be approved by the July 2021.
ACTION ITEM: New Board members please send your head shots in.

X. Announcements/Comments/New Business

- Thanking April for her 4 years of service. Her leadership has really helped the Board achieve their goals in the last years.

Adjournment 8:30 PM
Next Meeting:
January 28, 2020, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM