

## **VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (VSAB)**

January 23, 2020

**Attendance:** Neda Bolourian, Iraina (Liz) Bringanty-Vidal, Quintaria Brunson, Ronald Cohen, Amos Hicks III, Brian Koosed, Jessica J. Leslie, April Marrone, Kathryn Pontzer, Juanita Rogers, Leah Schwartz, Reem Sharaf, Robin Stimson.

**Members Absent:** Cinder Cooper Barnes, Sorell Schwartz, Sally Reid.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Rebecca Marcolini, Annabelle Gerendasy on behalf of Ellen Alexander.

**Support Staff:** Maria Carzon and Rafiah Prince.

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

- The October 24, 2019 and December 5, 2019 minutes were approved.

### **II. Executive Subcommittee updates - April Marrone**

- FY20 Budget advocacy meetings update and vote on letter to send Executive and Council members. The Board approved the letters of support for County judges to sign.  
**Action Item:** April will send the letter to Maria to print on letterhead.
- April will attend the IACH testimony which will be on Wednesday, March 18, from 3-6 pm. at the Rockville library.  
**Action item** – Maria will print on VSAB Board letter head and scan it to April. Liz will go to support and take pictures for the website.
- Domestic Violence Coordinating Council: The next meeting is on March 12, from 5-7 pm. April will testify on the Board's priorities.

### **III. Legislative Subcommittee updates - Robin Stimson and Kathryn Pontzer**

- Legislative meetings: Robin met with Kathleen Dumais, Demi, Leslie Lopez, Delegate Ariana Kelly, Susan Lee and her Chief of staff Winestriker, Kelly Shetty, and Delegate Moon.
- In 2020 they will do letters of support. Delegate Moon wants to increase funding for child support and restitution for CICB.  
**Action item:** Kathryn will draft a letter in support of Restitution bill.
- Legislative Calendar - Robin will send information to her subcommittee to fill in the wholes on the calendar. Please send her any legislative events to add to the calendar.
- Commission for Women Legislative Briefing will be held on January 26, 2020. Kathryn will attend.

### **IV. Public Affairs/Events Subcommittee updates - Sally Reid**

- VSAB promotional items, Rafiah is waiting for approval from Beth Gochrach about the shirt and pins. Business cards are not allowed for Board members.
- Leah is posting every month on Facebook, so please like and share it to the community. Rafiah informed the board on the County Executive calendar on the Montgomery County Government website. If the Board would like to attend events.

### **V. Q/A for service provider interviews - April Marrone**

- Please send them to April. Write answers under the questions, name the document: (i.e, 2020 [enter name of the service provider]) and print your name.

### **VI. The Betty Ann Krahne Shelter (BAK) tour - April Marrone/Rafiah Prince**

- The Betty Ann Krahne Shelter (BAK) tour will be held on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**VII. Compensation Fund Law Bill 21-98 - Rafiah Prince**

- The Board will advocate for the Bill to increase the limits from 2500. To 5000.

**VIII. Court Watch Montgomery reports (<https://courtwatchmontgomery.org/>) -April Marrone**

- They have published a new report that is more informative with accumulative data. It is a great resource for the Board.
- Robin went to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) meeting their focus is on distracted drivers, pedestrian safety enforcement and outreach. There was a discussion about the lack of funding to run the program. Looking at individuals who have opioid addictions and looking into a more holistic approach. The meeting will on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am.
- Robin will follow up with Carolyn Sturgis we need to appoint someone to the CJCC seat.  
**Action item:** Robin will check on how we can nominate another Board member. They will continue this discussion at the next Board meeting.

**IX. Vote on Board position on County alcohol policy - Rafiah Prince and April Marrone**

- The Board will vote at a later time so they can be more informed

**X. Resubmitting for reappointment of terms VSAB - Rafiah Prince**

- To be reappointed, you must submit your request by February 5, 2020.

**XI. Reminder to start getting profile pictures for new members - April Marrone**

Adjournment 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: February 27, 2020, 6:30 - 8:30 PM