

VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (VSAB)

December 2, 2021

Attendance: Neda Bolourian, Larry Center, Amos Hicks III, Brian Koosed, Jessica J. Leslie, Kathryn Pontzer, Reem Sharaf, Leah Schwartz, Juanita Rogers, and David Young.

Ex-Officio Members: Dolores Briceno.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Ellen Alexander.

Support Staff: Dr. Rafiah Prince and Maria V. Solis.

I. Additions to Agenda

No additions. Had a guest (Ms. Tondalayo Royster).

II. Roll Call & Virtual Meeting Procedures- Juanita

- 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 28, 2021 meeting– Juanita

- The October 28, 2021 Minutes were approved.

IV. Board Member spotlight (30) – Leah Schwartz

N/A

V. Discussion on Board Priorities for 2021-2022 (30) – Juanita Rogers/Kathryn Pontzer

- Board meetings with County Executive and County Council are to be scheduled.
- Board members who are interested to meet with a specific County Executive and County Council let Rafiah and Kathryn know.

VI. Executive Subcommittee updates (20) – Juanita Rogers/Kathryn Pontzer

- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) when reporting any police crime involved would go back to a centralized unit.
- For Police accountability a Board will be created by the Council and Executive members.
- Quarterly review of disciplinary reports at a macrolevel to overlook patterns within the county.
- Disciplinary actions to police officers according to a threshold nationwide.
- Larry joined the police meeting.
- Larry shared: that the level of honesty and openness in the meetings and the way people are welcoming are admirable.
- There are many challenges that police officers face such as violence in high schools
- Level of violence in schools has increase substantially.
- Board members explained how the board can help the police officers when facing these issues.
- The role of the Victim Services Advisory Board VSAB is to be supportive and to help referring people within the county to other services that are needed.
- Commission for women, human trafficking committee join these meetings with the police department.

VII. Legislative Subcommittee updates (15) – Kathryn Pontzer

- There are fifteen bills for the board members to proceed.
- The ideal number of bills that should be addressed is ten and write ten letters, but the board can support many others.
- Bills VSAB supported in 2021 that will be re-introduced in 2022 include: Repeal of Spousal Defense, Drunk Driving Offenses, Ghost Guns, Probation Before Judgment/Extend Lack of Conviction to Federal Law, Stalking/Electronic Tracking, Interim and Temporary Protective Order/Virtual Petition and Hearing, Police Training/Stalkerware, Business Regulation/Innkeepers/Records and Human Trafficking Awareness Training, Body Cameras/Victim Privacy, Explanation of Decision Not to Prosecute, Safe Harbor/Child Sex Trafficking, Tender Heart Doctrine/Hearsay Exception, Child Custody/Visitation/Reasonable Effort to Protect, Child Sex Abuse/Expanding Statute of Limitations, Child Sex Abuse/Person in Position of Authority.
- Kathryn will send a list with the revised bills to proceed.
- Delegate Moon's office has not gotten back to Brian.
- Each of the outlined bills will be supported.

VIII. Public Affairs/Events Subcommittee updates– Leah Schwartz

- Post more about the legislation.
- If you go to meetings please let us know, to report in facebook.
- As the meeting come up it would be good to post in Facebook.

IX. Announcements/Comments/New Business

- Dr. Rafiah thanked for those who helped with the interviews.
- People who were interviewed in November will be working with the Board possibly next meeting.
- Jessica Leslie will be leaving the Board. (moving to Washington State).
- Board Members to vote on the Bills to support in 2022.

Adjournment 8:30 PM

Next Meeting:

January 27, 2022, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM