

VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (VSAB)

June 24, 2021

Attendance: Neda Bolourian, Larry Center, Amos Hicks III, Jessica J. Leslie, Kathryn Pontzer, Juanita Rogers, Leah Schwartz, and Robin Stimson.

Members Absent: Quintaria Brunson, Brian Koosed, Jill Pargamont, Reem Sharaf and David Young.

Ex-Officio Members: Ellen Alexander.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Dolores Briceno.

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

I. Additions to Agenda

- No addition to the agenda.

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

- The May 27, 2020 minutes were NOT approved.

IV. Guest Speaker (45) – Jill Larson, LCSW-C, Program Director and Clinical Director, Betty Ann Krankhe Center

- Jill Larson, LCSW-C, Program Director and Clinical Director, Betty Ann Krankhe center presented a power point sharing what BAK (Betty Ann Krankhe) does and what their mission is.
- Jill Larson, LCSW-C has been a therapist for ten years and worked for seventeen years in law enforcement did undercover services for FBI.
- Betty ANN Krankhe shelter (BAK) is a facility shelter with sixty beds which serves Montgomery County residents who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
- Betty ANN Krankhe shelter BAK has a clinical staff team who are diverse and have experience on survivor's trauma for over 62 years.
- Provides immediate crisis stabilization support for survivors.
- There has been an increase on Mental health, substance disorders and strangulation cases.
- Betty ANN Krankhe shelter BAK connects children and teenagers who present substance abuse during the pandemic with Safe start and Bart T.
- Betty ANN Krankhe shelter BAK collaborates with Child Protective Services CPS for those who experience domestic violence and child abuse.
- Betty ANN Krankhe shelter BAK provides daily activities to promote wellness and self-care.

- Betty ANN Krankhe shelter BAK is currently at maximum capacity which is not usual for this time of year.
- Bridge housing and permanently housing is one of the Boards priorities.

V. Executive Subcommittee updates – Juanita Rogers/Kathryn Pontzer

- Apricot and other electronic record system are being considered for the department.
- In September, the Board will have more than one speaker to talk about victim services.

VI. Legislative Subcommittee updates – Kathryn Pontzer

- A discussion needs to take place about the next subcommittee.
- The Board needs to have a conversation about what the subcommittee should be working on
- **ACTION ITEM** Kathryn would like to give some ideas for letters coming up in the future.

VII. Board Member spotlight- Leah Schwartz

- Review of what has been beneficial about the work done by the Board.
- The Board members should share their knowledge to the months to come ahead.
- There is a need to have a strategy session to discuss what the priorities for the Board should be.

ACTION ITEM: Increasing knowledge and sharing out to the public.

ACTION ITEM: Leah will send an email to the Board members to encourage sharing out to the public.

VIII. Public Affairs/Events Subcommittee updates– Leah Schwartz

- Praises to Amos who has been doing a tremendous job about posting this last month
- Currently forty new followers in a month, outreach has been expanded.
- Everyone welcomed to invite their friends to the Board page in Facebook.
- Members spotlight to come within the next month.
- Looking up for new community events and in person activities.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The Board members will be sharing emails containing information done by the subcommittee.

IX. Announcements/Comments/New Business

- Monday night the Board will be presenting the quarterly meeting to Dr. Crowel
- The Board will be presenting priorities such as Bridge housing, COVID-19, and Staffing issues.

ACTION ITEM: Reach out to other members that have missed the meetings to approve the Minutes from previous and current meetings.

Adjournment 8:30 PM

Next Meeting:

July 22, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

