

# **VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

## **January 23, 2025**

**Attendance:** Shanquenetta Anderson (H), Wendy Ayala, Larry Center, Debra D'Agostino, Sadia Green, Chelsea Hughes, Franklin Marks, Christina Ingram, Anand Verma, Celeste Iroha, Dolores Briceno, Cathy S, Sadia Green

**Members Absent:** Chelsea Hughes, Celeste Iroha, Alan Schulman Ellen Alexander.

**Ex-Office Members Absent:** Ellen Alexander

**Support Staff:** Dana Bell and Liz Briganty and Carla

### **I. Additions to Agenda – Wendy Ayala**

- No additions to Agenda.

### **II. Roll Call & Virtual Meeting Procedures – Wendy Ayala**

- The chair will call the roll to establish a quorum.

### **III. Approval of Minutes from Past Meetings – Wendy Ayala**

- The December 05, 2024, Minutes were approved.
- Motion – Shan; Second- Christina and Larry

### **IV. Executive Subcommittee Update – Shan Anderson**

#### **a. Update from CJCC Meeting**

- The CJCC has the meeting last Thursday every other month.
- Sadia will sign to attend the CJCC meeting.
- The next CJCC meeting will be on March 6, 2025.

#### **b. Update on Outreach to County Council and County Executive**

- Wendy gives and update of the meeting with County Council Glass.
- The board has a meeting with the staff of County Council member Glass on February 5, 2025.
- Shan was contacted by Council Member Sayles and gave some updates to the board.

### **V. Legislative Subcommittee Update – Wendy Ayala**

- The board will focus on procedures to advocate for their priorities.
- The co-chair encouraged board members to get more involved with the bills.
  - a. Wendy asked how to approve bills for advocacy faster (e.g., via email vote).
- b. **Update on Legislative Advocacy Work**
  - Wendy provided updates on Legislative Advocacy efforts.
  - The board would like more members to participate in this quorum.
  - Christina and Shan volunteered to work on Legislative Advocacy.

### **VI. Membership and Recruitment – Wendy Ayala**

#### **a. Update on Vacancies**

- There are not updates on vacancies.
- The board has seven vacancies available.

#### **b. Share Reminder About Attendance**

- Shan provided information about the attendance to the new members.

### **VII. Public Affairs/Events Subcommittee updates – Celeste/Chelsea**

- Liz provided an update about Facebook access.

a. **Share Community Events to Attend**

- Wendy emphasized the importance of sharing information about upcoming events.
- Wendy requested that any event information be emailed to the board.
- Celeste shared the MCASA Legislative Reception date which took place on 01/16/25.

**VIII. Trauma Services Presentation-** Dana Bell, Supervisory Therapist for Trauma Services

- Dana presented on Trauma Services, their services, referral sources, and service delivery.

**IX. Discussion of future presentations**

- No new presentations were discussed.
- Franklin expressed interest in hearing more about the State's Attorney.
- Dolores agreed to do a presentation about the State's Attorney Office.
- Larry requested updates and crime patterns from Montgomery County PD regarding Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.

**X. Announcements/Comments/New Business**

- Liz provided clarification to the board about voting.

**Next Meeting:**

February 27, 2025 (Virtual)