

## **VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

**June 26, 2025**

**Attendance:** Shanquenetta (Shan) Anderson, Dolores Briceno, Larry Center, Debra D'Agostino, Chelsea Hughes, Celeste Iroha, Franklin Marks, Christina Ingram, Anand Verma, Ryan Spiegel.

**Members Absent:** Wendy Ayala,

**Ex-Office Members Absent:** Ellen Alexander, Dyan Owns

**Support Staff:** Liz Briganty and Carla Bradley

### **I. Additions to Agenda**

- No additions to Agenda.

### **II. Roll Call & Virtual Meeting Procedures**

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

### **III. Approval of Minutes from Past Meetings**

- May 27, 2025 Minutes were approved.
- Motion – Christina; Second- Anand

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

#### **a. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Update**

- Shan provided updates about the last CJCC meeting, where Judge Bonifant (MD Circuit Court Judge), Judge Koch (MCPD Judge), and Judge McCarthy (State's Attorney's Office) gave a presentation about crime trends in Montgomery County.
- At the CJCC meeting the judges talked about new laws and discussed how to pass them.

### **V. Legislative Subcommittee Update – Christina Ingram**

#### **a. Update on Bill VSAB Supported**

- Christina provided updates about a couple of bills from the Maryland General Assembly; she mentioned that no further actions were taken on those bills.
- Christina shared with the board how to prepare for next year's General Assembly.

#### **b. Explanation on Process for Next Legislative Session**

- Christina will put the process on the spreadsheet and share with all the board members.

### **VI. Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Members:**

#### **a. Montgomery County Police:** Ellen Alexander

#### **b. Office of Public Defender:** Dyan Owens

#### **c. State's Attorney's Office:** Dolores Briceno

- Dolores talked about the State Attorney's Office and mentioned that the grant application they submitted for three positions in the victim witness unit was approved.

#### **d. Department of Health and Human Services:**

- Rosalia "Rose" Scotman provided updates regarding criminal justice.
- Trauma Services have a pilot AIP (Abuse Intervention Program) for those who experienced DV (Domestic Violence) at home during their adolescent years.
- Trauma Services has a new vendor that has taken over the contract for BAK for domestic violence shelter services and the Save Passages Program; these two programs will now be run by JSSA (Jewish Social Services Agency).
- Trauma Services are doing campaigns for SA (Sexual Assault) and Human Trafficking.

### **Special Presentation:**

Delegate Rayn Spiegel; review of the state budget and advocating for victim funds not to be reduced.

### **VII. Membership and Recruitment**

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

- Liz informed the board that there are vacancies for Clerk and Mental Health positions for recruitment. Has been actively engaging with BCC lead to receive the application.

### **VIII. Proposed Changes to VSAB Manual**

#### **a. Voting on Removal of Presentations Limitations**

- Chelsea updated to the board member that she is looking only for free events

#### **b. Discuss Any Other Recommended Changes to Manual**

- The VSAB members needs to change the name of the APP (Abused Persons Program) in the manual to the Trauma Services Program.
- The board agreed to remove the name of the chief department of Police from the VSAB handbook.
- They stressed the importance of attending in-person meetings since they only happen three times a year.
- The handbook needs to be reviewed every year.
- Shan read all the activities that the VSAB members have for FY26.

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

- Franklyn talked about the housing event that he attended on June 26, 2025.

### **X. Discussion of future presentations**

- a. Interfaith Works for July 24
  - An educator is coming to do a presentation.
- b. Updates on Other Presentations – Debra & Larry
  - Larry is working on having a presenter.

### **XI. Announcements/Comments/New Business**

- Shan provided information regarding the schedule and time changes for the VSAB board meeting.

Next Meeting:  
July 24, 2025 (Virtual)