

**VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**May 22, 2025**

**Attendance:** Shanquenetta Anderson (H), Christina Ingram, Larry Center, Chelsea Hughes, Franklin Marks, Dolores Briceno, Debra D'Agostino

**Members Absent:** Wendy Ayala, Dyan Owens, Anand Verma, Carla Bradley, Celeste Iroha

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

**Support Staff:** Melodie Monroe and Liz Briganty

- I. **Additions to Agenda** – Shanquettta Anderson
  - No additions to Agenda.
- II. **Roll Call & Virtual Meeting Procedures** – Shanquettta Anderson
  - The chair will call the roll to establish a quorum.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from Past Meetings** – Shanquettta Anderson
  - March 27, 2025, Minutes were approved.
    - Motion – Franklin; Second – Chelsy
  - April 24, 2025, Minutes were approved.
    - Motion Larry; Second- Christina
- IV. **Executive Subcommittee Update** – Shan Anderson
  - **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Update**
    - Next meeting is last Wednesday of the month, May 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Picked up 15 attorneys that had been relieved of their duties from other counties
    - MoCo taking precedence in hiring federal employees who lost their jobs under current administration
    - MoCo's unemployment rate is the lowest it's ever been at 3% per Wes Moore
    - Briefings and Meeting notes can be found in google drive folder.
    - 230 law enforcement officers to be hired to work in MCPS as Community Engagement Offices; Criteria listed on google drive
    - Will pass along May minutes and briefings at June Meeting
    - CJCC can have one member a year from VSAB sit in on meetings
      - This can be rotated by members
      - Shan testified last year in front of the Council
- V. **Legislative Subcommittee Update** – Wendy Ayala (Absent)
  - Updates from Wendy at the next meeting
- VI. **Ex-Oficio, Non-Voting Members:**
  - **Montgomery County Police: Ellen Alexander** -no updates
  - **Office of Public Defender: Dyan Owens** – no updates
  - **State's Attorney's Office: Dolores Briceno** – no updates
    - Franklin wanted to mention that he had a very good experience with the SAO after experiencing a carjacking last year.
  - **Department of Health and Human Services: Vacant**
- VII. **Membership and Recruitment**
  - **Update on Vacancies**
    - Boar Vacancies announcement will be going out soon
      - Email is ready to go out just awaiting link to apply for jobs
      - 11 Vacancies; All members must be residents of Montgomery County
        - Mental Health
    - Legal

- Medical
- Dental or Nursing Professions
- One member of the clergy
- The rest can be community residents
- DHHS position must be appointed
- **Question on the floor**
  - Is there a teenage board seat?
  - Liz will confirm; If there is
    - What the age requirement is
    - Can students receive SSL hours

#### **VIII. Update to VSAB Handbook – Shan**

- Please look at manual on Google and take notes on any proposed changes and be ready to suggest at the June meeting

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

- If you know of any upcoming events you can add them to the events folder on google or email Shan and Liz
- Shan will update and remove past events
- Upcoming events
  - Double Dutch Day September 20, 2025
    - Men and teens fleeing domestic violence
  - Empowerment Fair
    - Teens facing domestic violence
- Question on the floor
  - Can save the dates be sent directly to board members or do they need to go through Liz first?
    - Need answer from Liz on this
    - Shan will put this topic on the June agenda
- Still waiting for approval for Instagram and Facebook pages
- There are printed brochures that can be given out at events

#### **X. Discussion on future presentations**

- Christina Suggested “General Assembly”
  - To discuss
    - the states funding for victim services
    - outlook they may impact services done by VSAB and housing
  - Debra will reach out to see who the POC from the GA is
- County Council Members
  - Larry will take the lead on reaching out to council members
- Presentations normally start around 7:30 pm

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

- Attendance reminder
  - Members are allowed to miss 3 meetings a year
  - Please send an email to Shan & Wendy if you know you will be absent
  - With proper notice they can make sure that there is a hybrid option
- Next meetings
  - There will be a meeting in June & July and VSAB will rest in August and start back in September.

**Next Meeting:**

**June 26, 2025 (In-Person)**