

Governor's Family Violence Council
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100 Community Place, 1st Floor
Crownsville, MD 21032
Wednesday, January 31, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Jeanne Yeager, Chair
Captain Holly Barrett for Colonel William M. Pallozzi
Jessica Dickerson for Secretary Sam Abed
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.
Jessica Wheeler for Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Dorothy Lennig, Esq.
John McGinnis for Superintendent Karen B. Salmon
V. Renee McKee for Secretary Lourdes Padilla
Lisa Nitsch
Candy Edwards Roach for Jaclin Warner Wiggins
Philip Arthur Selden
David Shultie
Neshanna Turner
David Wolinski for Secretary Stephen Moyer
S. Lee Woods for Secretary Robert R. Neall

Guests:

Anna Barton, YWCA of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County
Nakita Long, TurnAround, Inc.
Tianna Mays, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Dr. Chris Murphy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Dr. Tara Richards, University of Baltimore
Roma Shah, Johns Hopkins University
Michelle Siri, Women's Law Center

Staff:

Rebecca Allyn, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Lashonde Beasley, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Ellen Blonder, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Kimberly Herndon, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Quentin Jones, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Tamara McDonald, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

I. Welcome, Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:07 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. GOCCP Updates

Jessica Wheeler informed Board members that the Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks held its first meeting earlier this month. The Council has developed objectives focusing on data sharing, legislation, budget, and operations. Ms. Wheeler reported that the New Futures Bridge Subsidy Program has housed 258 family members to date. This program started in the summer of 2017 in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development, the Maryland Department of Human Services, and the local comprehensive victim service programs. It aims to provide rental assistance for domestic violence victims and youth aging out of foster care for one year.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 11, 2017 meeting were provided to members and guests. Captain Holly Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes; Dave Shultie seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Membership Updates

Ms. Allyn announced that Michael Cohen has resigned from the Council. Her seat will be filled by the Executive Director of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, once a new Executive Director has been hired.

V. Abuse Intervention Programs (AIP)

a. AIP Process Analysis Presentation

Dr. Tara Richards and Dr. Chris Murphy conducted a process analysis of the certified abuse intervention programs in Maryland in 2016. Dr. Richards and Dr. Murphy examined the AIP processes and content, philosophies and goals, relationships with referral and monitoring organizations, and familiarity and compliance with state guidelines. Twenty certified AIPs agreed to participate in the study, serving 18 counties in Maryland. The study showed diverging views on the value of structured program materials, and the efforts and capacity to assess and address individual problems that may influence response to the program. AIP coordination with referring sources is highly variable. The study highlighted a need for evaluation on the association between AIP completion and future recidivism. The study showed that barriers to implementing AIPs were limited training and credentialing options and the current level of financial and infrastructure support for AIPs is inadequate to promote complete implementation of best practices. Dr. Richards recommended AIPs should create sustained partnerships with clinical programs at universities.

Dr. Richards and Dr. Murphy are currently conducting a second AIP study on AIP completion and future recidivism, which was a recommendation from the process analysis. Seven certified AIPs are participating in the study which is focusing on 2014-2015 clients, with a total of 1,692 offenders. Preliminary data from the study shows that

44.1% of the 1,692 offenders reached a successful discharge from the AIP, 24.1% had an unsuccessful discharge and 23.6% failed to appear after intake. The study is due to be completed in the summer of 2018.

VI. Legislative Updates

Dorothy Lennig provided updates on domestic violence related legislation. The Family Violence Council recently provided a letter of support for *House Bill 1/Senate Bill 2 - Family Law - Child Conceived Without Consent - Termination of Parental Rights (Rape Survivor Family Protection Act)*. This bill authorizes a court, under certain circumstances, to terminate the parental rights of an individual convicted of or found to have committed an act of non-consensual sexual conduct against the other partner that resulted in the conception of a child. The bill passed second reading in the Senate and is being heard by the House Judiciary Committee on 1/31/18.

The Council provided a letter of support for *House Bill 388/Senate Bill 170 - Criminal Procedure - Violation of Conditions of Release*. This bill would make violation of a pretrial no contact order a crime. There is a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on 2/6/18.

The Council also provided a letter of support for *House Bill 328/Senate Bill 121 - Family Law - Domestic Violence - Definition of Abuse*. This bill would expand the way abuse is defined in the protective order statute to include misuse of telephone facilities, misuse of electronic communication, revenge porn, and visual surveillance. A hearing before the House Judiciary Committee is scheduled for 2/1/18.

House Bill 255 - Secretary of State - Address Confidentiality Programs - Shielding of Real Property Records would amend the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) statute and create a system for recording deeds and protecting the confidentiality of an ACP participant's address. A hearing before the Environment and Transportation Committee is scheduled for 2/6/18.

Senate Bill 491 - Family Law - Domestic Violence - Permanent Final Protective Orders would expand the current permanent protective order statute to include any crime, not just one of the enumerated crimes, and apply even if the crime was not the act of abuse that led to the issuance of the final protective order. A hearing before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee is scheduled for 2/8/18.

House Bill 301/Senate Bill 270 - Courts - Evidence of Sexually Assaultive Behavior - Admissibility (The Repeat Sexual Predator Prevention Act of 2018) would provide that in a prosecution for certain specified sexual offenses, evidence of other sexually assaultive behavior by the defendant occurring before or after the offense for which the defendant is on trial may be admissible. There is a hearing before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on 2/7/18.

VII. Workgroup Updates

a. Healthy Teen Dating

Debbie Feinstein informed the Council that the workgroup has been working with Roma Shah, an intern from John Hopkins University, to draft the healthy teen dating resource guide. Ms. Shah informed Council members that she reviewed the survey responses and conducted a literature review to examine the effectiveness of healthy teen dating and teen

dating violence prevention programs. Ms. Shah explained that the resource guide will categorize programs based on length of time necessary, targeted age groups, and evidence-based methods and she envisions the guide to detail if the programs are designed for classrooms or assemblies, are project-based, and if the programs are geared towards sexual violence prevention. Victim service provider information will also be included in the resource guide.

Ms. Feinstein hopes to provide the draft resource guide to the workgroup by the end of February and then distribute it to the Council for review. Once completed, the Maryland State Department of Education will incorporate the workgroup's healthy teen dating resource guide into the HB 72 Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program toolkit. The workgroup is also collaborating with the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence to use grant funds to implement healthy teen dating education programs.

b. Strategic Planning

Ms. Yeager informed members that the workgroup has applied the strategic plan model to certain disciplines and victim populations. Logic models were drafted for non-English Speaking victims, law enforcement, and State's Attorneys to be incorporated into the strategic plan. Members discussed how these outcomes will be measured, especially for agencies that don't provide follow-up services to victims. It was agreed upon by members that agencies and programs can demonstrate the success of their programs by aligning with best practices and evidence-based programs. The next steps for the workgroup will be to look at best practices and research and develop specific outcomes for service providers.

VIII. Old/New Business

a. DVCR Update

Ms. Lennig informed Council members that the Council's letter was sent to the Administrative Office of the Courts regarding the Domestic Violence Central Repository access issue for victim service providers and the issue was resolved almost immediately.

b. NeShante and Chloe Davis Domestic Violence Task Force Recommendations

Members were asked to review the report and recommendations. The recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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