

**Governor's Family Violence Council**  
**Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention**  
**100 Community Place, 3rd Floor**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Jeanne Yeager, Chair  
Lillian Agbeyegbe  
Captain Holly Barrett for Colonel William M. Pallozzi  
Cathy Brockmeyer for Attorney General Brian Frosh  
Jessica Dickerson for Secretary Sam Abed  
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.  
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama  
Dorothy Lennig, Esq.  
Vanessa Lyon for Glenn Fueston, Jr.  
John McGinnis for Superintendent Karen B. Salmon  
V. Renee McKee for Secretary Lourdes Padilla  
Senator Susan Lee  
Lisa Nitsch  
Scott Patterson, Esq.  
Manuel Ruiz  
David Shultie  
Jaclin Warner Wiggins  
Reverend Anne Orwig Weatherholt  
David Wolinski for Secretary Stephen Moyer  
S. Lee Woods for Secretary Robert Neall

**Guests:**

Anna Barton, YWCA of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County  
Michael Lore, Maryland General Assembly  
Darren Mitchell, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence  
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  
Don Hogan, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Sabraya Knight, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention  
Jessica Wheeler, 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**

Ms. Lyon informed Council members that Justice Schisler is now Chief of Programs overseeing the grants unit in the Office. The Office is awaiting the federal FY18 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) solicitation and the Family Violence Prevention & Services (FVPSA) solicitation to be released from the Office on Violence Against Women. Ms. Lyon also announced that Notice of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs) will be posted over the next several weeks for competitive funding sources that begin 7/1/2018.

The Office hosted two events in partnership with the Maryland State Board of Victim Services during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. On April 8, the Annual Memorial Services for Crime Victims and their Families were held in Calvert, Howard, Montgomery and Queen Anne's Counties. The 3rd Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference was held on April 12 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Approximately 400 people attended the conference and participated in workshops on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), victims' rights, intersections of domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse, human trafficking and more.

The Office hosted two Handle with Care trainings on April 30. This promising initiative connects law enforcement, schools and treatment providers to mitigate the negative effects experienced by children's exposure to trauma. The Office, under the direction of Governor Hogan, is tasked with implementing this program statewide.

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the January 31, 2018 meeting were provided to members and guests. Mr. Shultie made a motion to approve the minutes; Captain Barrett seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

## **IV. Membership Updates**

Ms. Allyn informed members that the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) is close to hiring an Executive Director. Once that position is filled, the Office will work to fill the vacancy on the Council with the MNADV Executive Director.

## **V. Legislative Updates**

Ms. Lennig and Mr. Hogan provided members with a legislative overview from the 2018 General Assembly. The Family Violence Council provided letters of support for the following bills:

- *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. Effective Date - Upon enactment

- *House Bill 247/Senate Bill 963 - Criminal Procedure - Victim Services Unit - Victims' Compensation:* This bill transfers the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Program under the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, allowing the SAFE program to bring approximately \$800,000 through federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds for victim services, and establishes a new unit that will focus on restitution collection. Effective Date - July 1, 2018
- *House Bill 328/Senate Bill 121 - Family Law - Domestic Violence - Definition of Abuse:* This bill expands the way abuse is defined in the protective order statute to include revenge porn. Effective Date - October 1, 2018
- *House Bill 388/Senate Bill 170 - Criminal Procedure - Violation of Conditions of Release:* This bill makes a violation of a pretrial no contact order a crime. Effective Date - October 1, 2018

## **VI. Abuse Intervention Programs**

Ms. Allyn informed members that the 2018 Abuse Intervention Program Certification Application has been posted on GOCCP's website and applications are due Friday, May 4. There are 10 programs that need to re-certify this year. Members are encouraged to participate in the application review process.

## **VII. Workgroup Updates**

### *a. Healthy Teen Dating*

Ms. Feinstein updated the Council that the workgroup has finalized the healthy teen dating resource guide, titled *Healthy Teen Dating: A Guide for Educators and Youth Service Professionals*. Governor Hogan will provide an opening message. Once approved, the guide will be posted on the Office's website and linked to the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) Educator Portal.

The resource guide was originally planned to be incorporated into the HB 72 Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program Toolkit with the MSDE but changes with staffing have put this on hold. The next workgroup meeting will be Tuesday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Family Justice Center to discuss next steps for the guide and discuss the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence grant funds to implement a healthy teen dating education program.

### *b. Strategic Planning*

Ms. Yeager reminded members that at the previous meeting it was decided that agencies and programs can demonstrate the success of their programs by aligning with best practices and evidence-based programs. These best practices and evidence-based programs would be incorporated into the Strategic Plan. Ms. Allyn provided *The 2016 Biennial Report: The 2016 Biennial Report to Congress on the Effectiveness of Grant Programs under the Violence Against Women Act* to members electronically prior to the meeting. The *Biennial Report* separates services to victims, criminal justice disciplines, and underserved victim populations which aligns with the logic models developed in the

Strategic Plan. The report indicates evidence based approaches, interventions and tools that enhance victim safety, increase awareness of services, and increases a victim's ability to become self-sufficient. The report indicates activities and services within criminal justice disciplines and victim service agencies that engage victims and create positive outcomes for the victim. Members agreed to further research the report before including it in the Strategic Plan.

#### **VIII. 2018-2019 Workgroup Topics**

Members discussed new workgroup topics for FY 19. One suggestion was to develop best practices for domestic violence shelters. MNADV agreed to provide a presentation at the next Council meeting on standards that they developed for their members several years ago.

Another suggestion was to continue to study live scan fingerprinting to ensure arrests are linked to disposition outcomes. There are several committees looking at this issue and members agreed that an update should be presented at the next meeting.

#### **IX. Old/New Business**

- a. *NeShante and Chloe Davis Domestic Violence Task Force Recommendations*  
Members were asked to review the report and recommendations. Several recommendations were made around communication and training. The Council members will revisit the Task Force recommendations and Baltimore City Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team 2017 recommendations to determine the areas that the Council may be able to have an impact.

#### **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

Main Conference Room, 1st Floor - Side B

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