

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES

State Board Meeting

Anne Arundel County Police Department Headquarters

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

10:00 am

AGENDA

Welcome/Call to Order Ellen Alexander
November 2012 Minutes..... Ellen Alexander

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Grant Rea Goldfinger
Public Awareness Bonnita Spikes
Legislation..... Scott Beard
..... Barbara Bond
Victim Rights Compliance..... Barbara Bond

AD HOC

Governor’s Luncheon/ Commemorative Day Debra Tall
Memorial Service Patricia Marshall
Board Nominations Debra Tall
Biennial Report Rea Goldfinger

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

2013 State Board Priorities..... Ellen Alexander
Elder Victimization Ellen Alexander
..... Barbara Bond
Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC)..... Ellen Alexander
Adjournment Ellen Alexander

Next Meeting February 6, 2013
Baltimore Child Advocacy Center
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Maryland State Board of Victim Services

MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure that all crime victims in the State of Maryland receive justice and are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victim services.

MANDATES [§11-914: General; §11-919: Grant]

1. Annual written report to Governor (including information on the administration of the Fund)
2. Monitor the service needs of victims
3. Advise the Governor on victim needs
4. Recommend the appointment of the Victim Services Coordinator (to GOCCP)
5. Review and approve the Victim Services Coordinator's (VSC's) plans and annual reports and the VSC's Implementation, operation and revision of programs
 - a. VSC Legislative Mandates:
 - i. Provide staff support to the Board on victim service matters
 - ii. Monitor, assess, and make recommendations on State and local victim compensation programs and procedures
 - iii. Provide technical assistance to local public and private programs that provide victim assistance
 - iv. Research and gather data on victims and victim assistance programs & disseminate that data to the public
 - v. Submit to Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of Public Safety & Correctional Services, and the Board an annual report that includes recommendations on how to improve victim assistance programs (see #1)
 - vi. Ensure that the rights of victims are observed
 - vii. Help victims to get the information to which they have a right
 - viii. Monitor compliance with the guidelines for treatment of and assistance to victims and witnesses under 11-1002 & 1003.
 - b. Other VSC duties:
 - i. Implementation and management of VINE contract
 - ii. Crime Victims' Rights Week
 1. Statewide Memorial Services
 2. Governor's Awards Luncheon
 - iii. Roper Victim Assistance Academy
6. Approve or disapprove each MOVC grant application submitted by GOCCP
 - a. Ensure grant purpose is one of the following:
 - i. Carry out Article 47
 - ii. Carry out guidelines for the treatment & assistance for victims and witnesses of crime & delinquent acts [provided in 11-1002 and 11-1003]
 - iii. Carry out any laws enacted to benefit victims and witnesses
 - iv. Supporting child advocacy centers
 - b. Ensure Legal Services for Crime Victims Fund: unclaimed restitution money [17-317(a)(3)(i)] goes to legal counsel for victims' rights issues
 - c. Ensure grants to child advocacy centers [11-923]: support the development and operation of CACs; supplement and not supplant current funding; annual report to legislature re: CACs.
 - d. Ensure equitable distribution of grants: grants should be equitably distributed among all purposes of the fund
7. Advise the State's Attorney's Coordinating Council on the adoption of regulations governing the administration of the Victim/Witness Protection and Relocation Program; Advise the State's Attorney's Coordinator on the administration of the Program
8. Develop pamphlets to notice victims of Art. 47 & state law rights, services and procedures:
 - a. Brochure 1 (Crime Victims and Witnesses: Your Rights and Services)
 - b. Brochure 2 (Your Rights as a Victim in the Criminal or Juvenile Justice Process)
9. Develop a notification request form (Crime Victim Notification Request and Demand for Rights Form)

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MINUTES

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ATTENDEES

BOARD MEMBERS: Ellen Alexander, Scott Beard, Barbara Bond, Walter T. Coryell, Jessica Dickerson, Linda Fleischer, Rea Goldfinger, Reah Harris, Gary R. Hofmann, Molly Knipe, Patricia Marshall, Laura Martin, Margery Patten, Bonnita Spikes, Debra Tall, Deborah Unitus, Frank R. Weathersbee, Virginia Wolf

STAFF: Anne Litecky, Lauren O'Malley

GUESTS: Michaele Cohen, Laurie Rajala, Lisae Jordon

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: Ellen Alexander, Chair, began the meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m.

- Committee Chair Meeting was held prior to board meeting regarding how to better engage members.

MINUTES:

- Motion: Move to approve Minutes of November 7, 2012
- Vote: Seconded and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ Grant Review Committee

- \$900,000 in requests, \$328,000 rewarded from MVOC Funds, \$75,000 from LSCV
- Three step process:
 - 1) Two outside reviewers, one member of grant review committee reviewed and scored each application.
 - 2) Grant Review Committee reviewed all applications and scores.
 - Future NOFA's should include the organizations past performance.
 - 3) Grant Review Committee voted to accept or deny applications based on scores given by reviewers and other factors.

❖ Public Awareness Committee

- Working on promoting VINE awareness.

❖ Legislative Committee

- Next year: we will request victim agencies to present bills they intend to support to the board after which we will decide priorities well in advance of legislative session.
- Committee will notify members of intent to support certain bills and then present recommendation to Executive Committee who will vote.
- There was some disagreement on this suggested process, and the motion to adopt for this year was withdrawn.
- No agreement made, will meet either in person or via teleconference to decide how to handle this year's legislative agenda.

❖ Victim Rights Compliance Committee

- Will be meeting following the close of the Board Meeting to look at how to make the position most effective.
- Committee intends to look at other state's models and discuss barriers and successes with such models.

❖ **Governor's Victim Assistance Awards and Commemorative Day Luncheon Committee**

- The event will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at the Double Tree Annapolis Hotel in the Harbor Room.
- The cost has been reduced to \$20 per person for a buffet lunch.
- The Committee's goal is to have 350 people because of the combined event.
- There will be a January 10, 2013 teleconference to discuss the event.
- Call for nominations are due Thursday, February 7, 2013, and will be online as soon as possible.

❖ **Memorial Service**

- The 24th Annual Memorial Service will be held Sunday, April 21, 2013.
- Services will be held in Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Dorchester, and Frederick Counties.
- Anne Arundel will use Annapolis High School.
- Prince George's is looking into using Bowie State University.
- Dorchester County will hold their service at the Sailwinds Community Center.
- Frederick County will hold their service at ???
- The color will be peach and shades of peach.
- A Teleconference will be scheduled in the near future.

❖ **Biennial Report**

- Was submitted on Friday, January 4, 2013 and was posted on the website.

❖ **VINE Committee**

- The new vine committee has been resurrected and the chair will determine a course of action soon.

2013 PRIORITIES

❖ **Infant Homicide**

- At the suggestion of Tammy Brown, Ellen Alexander conducted research and found that only .07% of child homicides were infant homicides.
- Most evidence of occurrence was found in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Prince George's County, and it is more of a public health issue.
- More disturbing is the percentage of juvenile deaths in the 14-17 year range.
- Of ___ murdered, 80% was by a handgun.
- It was suggested that we broaden the scope of infant homicide to include child homicide.

❖ **Elder Abuse**

- We need to get a better scope of the problem.
- Motion to make both Child Homicide and Elder Abuse 2013 priorities was unanimously approved.

❖ **Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC)**

- Who can access the new electronic records?
 - Remote access is granted to attorneys only and is intended solely for the legal representation of victims.
- What happens to victims who represent themselves?

MEETING ADJOURNED: Guests and Board members were thanked for their participation. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

**The next Board meeting will be held at the
Baltimore City Child Advocacy Center
on
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**