

GOVERNOR'S FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 18, 2016
Heritage Office Complex – Chesapeake Room

ATTENDEES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lillian Agbeyegbe on behalf of Akeda Pearson, Michael Blady on behalf of Colonel William Pallozzi, Michaele Cohen, Jessica Dickerson on behalf of Secretary Sam Abed, Michelle Fager, Debbie Feinstein, Verna Jones on behalf of Senator Bryan Simonaire, Dorothy Lennig, Vernice Renee McKee on behalf of Secretary Sam Malhotra, John McGinnis, LaDonna Morgan on behalf of Adam Rosenberg, Lisa Nitsch, Scott Patterson, Manuel Ruiz, David Shultie, Carrie Williams on behalf Attorney General Brian Frosh, Brett Wilson, David Wolinski on behalf of Secretary Stephen Moyer, S. Lee Woods on behalf of Secretary Van T. Mitchell, and Jeanne Yeager.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jack R. Smith, Arlene Lee, Susan Lee, Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Delegate Kriselda Valderrama

STAFF: Kim Herndon, Nakita Long and Monique Mitchell

GUESTS: Anna Barton, Latisha Carter, Angelique Green-Manning, Chris Murphy, Tara Richards, Michelle Siri, Joan Stine, and Shareka Weaver,

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Nakita Long, Council Coordinator began the meeting at approximately 10:04 a.m. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ❖ Motion: Approved the Minutes of April 27, 2016
- ❖ Vote: Seconded and unanimously approved

NAKITA LONG'S RESIGNATION

- ❖ Nakita Long announced as of July 19, 2016, she will no longer be with the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. Monique Mitchell, current MVOC Program Assistant, was introduced as the new Family Violence Council Coordinator. Monique introduced herself and expressed her excitement about working with council members and learning more about the field of Domestic Violence.

2016 MARYLAND CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS CONFERENCE

- ❖ Members provided feedback to GOCCP staff on the Maryland Crime Victims' Rights Conference. Members expressed their satisfaction with the workshops presented, the Governor being present and the number of attendees.

LEGISLATION

- ❖ A proposed legislative agenda will be determined by the recommendations from this year's areas of study.

WORKGROUPS

- ❖ Abusers Not Meeting Conditions of Court Orders
 - Cornelius Woodson advised that all of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) is in the process of developing the module for violation of probation tracking, swift and certain sanctions. It is expected to be completed by February 2017.
- ❖ Domestic Violence in the Presence of a Child
 - Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) has agreed to include the cost for printing and disseminating the “Fighting in the Home: Is Your Child Being Affected?” brochure in its upcoming VOCA grant. Once printed, MNADV will disseminate the brochure to victim service and government agencies. Monique Mitchell will work with John McGinnis, Maryland State Department of Education in an effort to have the brochures disseminated in schools and libraries in Maryland.
 - The attempt to incorporate a training into the law enforcement in service training is on hold.
- ❖ Best Practices for Family Justice Centers
 - The goal of organizing a second focus group continues to be the focus of this work group.
- ❖ AIP Certification and Audit Process Review
 - Dr. Tara Richards, University of Baltimore and Dr. Chris Murphy, University of Maryland reported on the progress of the research. Deliverables of the final results are due in September, 2016. As it stands, the report will be submitted on time.
- ❖ Domestic Violence Mapping Project
 - Data mapping has historically been used to map crime data. The Domestic Violence Mapping workgroup is working with Washington College to map domestic violence data.
 - An updated Domestic Violence Analysis was provided to Council members using data from the Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence looking at the services received by clients, lethality screenings, location distance from service providers and location distance from transportation.
 - Jeanne Yeager reported that the data received from mapping revealed challenges in transportation, communication and lack of reporting due to social isolation/cohesion.
- ❖ New Workgroup Topic – FY 2017
 - Members decided to combine Healthy Teen Dating Initiative and Social and Emotional Learning after discussing the goals and proposed agenda for each group.
 - Members voted on Gun Removal Implementation and Health Teen Dating/Social and Emotional Learning as the two areas of study for FY2017
 - Motion: To adopt these areas of study
 - Vote: Seconded and unanimously approved
 - Members were reminded they are to required to participate in at least one work group.

ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION (2016)

- ❖ Four Programs applied for recertification:
 - Lower Shore Abuser Intervention Program (Life Crisis Center)
 - Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc.(FCC of Baltimore County)
 - Abuse Intervention Program (The Dove Center)
 - Alternatives Crisis Intervention Program (Calvert County Health Department)
- ❖ All programs are recommended for recertification pending council approval
 - Motion: All four programs are recertified
 - Vote: Seconded and unanimously approved

VINE PROTECTIVE ORDER:

- ❖ VPO Statistics
 - During the month of April, 2016, there were 3,905 protective orders issued. There were 530 registrations; 14% of the total numbers of protective orders issued had related VPO registrations.
 - During the month of May, 2016, there were 4,276 protective orders issued. There were 590 registrations; 14% of the total numbers of protective orders issued had related VPO registrations.
 - During the month of June, 2016, there were 3,892 protective orders issued. There were 573 registrations; 15% of the total numbers of protective orders issued had related VPO registrations.
- ❖ Training
 - Nakita Long and Monique Mitchell are working with Appriss, Maryland's VPO vendor, to schedule a statewide training at the MD Police and Correctional Training Commissions for sometime in late October early November 2016 and also to host Webinars throughout the year.
 - Monique Mitchell will take on the role as VPO Program Manager
- ❖ Issues
 - No issues were noted however, FVC members were reminded to contact Nakita Long should they experience any issues while using VPO.
- ❖ Brochures
 - Brochures will be ordered soon and disseminated to law enforcement, commissioner's offices, courts and victim service agencies.

FVC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- ❖ The membership term for several Council members is set to expire on June 30, 2016.
- ❖ There is a new procedure to seek reappointment.
 - All applicants need to apply by submitting a resume; CV and Ethics form online at govappointments.maryland.gov.
 - Once all documentation has been submitted online, a copy of each document should be emailed to the Family Violence Council Coordinator at nakita.long@maryland.gov with an email indicating that the forms have been submitted.

ADJOURNMENT:

- ❖ Meeting adjourned approximately 11:43am

NEXT MEETING:

- ❖ TBA