

Governor's Family Violence Council
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Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
100 Community Place, 1st Floor
Crownsville, MD 21032
Thursday, April 6, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Jeanne Yeager, Chair
Lillian Agbeyegbe
Kelly Burrell
Michaele Cohen
Jessica Dickerson for Secretary Sam Abed
Debbie Feinstein
V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Verna Jones for Senator Bryan Simonaire
Dorothy Lennig
Michael Lore for Senator Susan Lee
Helga Luest
V. Renee McKee for Secretary Lourdes Padilla
Lynne Muller for Dr. Karen Salmon
Lisa Nitsch
Colonel William Pallozzi
Candy Edwards Roach for Arlene Lee
Scott Patterson
Manuel Ruiz
David Shultie
Reverend Anne Orwig Weatherholt
Dave Wolinski for Secretary Stephen Moyer
S. Lee Woods for Secretary Dennis Schrader

Guests:

Captain Holly Barrett, Maryland State Police
LaTisha Carter, My Covenant Place
Brittany Luzader, Address Confidentiality Program- Secretary of State
Beverly Wilson, Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services

Staff:

Becky Allyn, Juvenile Justice and Victim Services Program Assistant, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Kimberly Herndon, Director of Victim Services, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

Jessica Wheeler, Senior Director of Juvenile Justice & Victims Services, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Updates

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Glenn Fueston thanked those who attended the regional Memorial Services for Crime Victims and their Families on Sunday, April 2, 2017. Mr. Fueston encouraged everyone to attend the 2nd Annual Maryland Crime Victims' Rights Conference on Friday, April 7, 2017 in Ellicott City, MD. He also asked that members assist with spreading awareness about National Crime Victims' Rights Week and the conference through social media.

Mr. Fueston updated Council members on current grant opportunities that the Office has and invited members to assist with spreading the word about the Notice of Funding Availabilities for those opportunities. They can be found on the Office's website at www.goccp.maryland.gov.

II. Chair's Remarks

Jeanne Yeager welcomed everyone and stated that she is eager to discuss the strategic plan with outcome based performance measures during today's meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

Members were provided with minutes from the January 19, 2017 meeting. Captain Holly Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Nitsch seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Membership Updates

Becky Allyn announced that Kelly Burrell has been newly appointed to the Council. Additionally, Senator Susan Lee was appointed to the Council by Senate President Miller. There are currently no vacancies for membership on the Council.

V. Workgroup Updates

a. Gun Removal Implementation Workgroup

Dorothy Lennig, Chair, provided members with updates on SB 224 and HB 294, which came out of the workgroup, to clarify that if a defendant gets probation before judgment for a domestically related 2nd degree assault, s/he would be disqualified from possessing a firearm. The House bill has passed over to the Senate and is currently on the 3rd reading. The Senate bill is in the House but hasn't gotten as far yet.

b. Healthy Teen Dating Workgroup

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Debbie Feinstein, Chair, explained that the workgroup has sent out the questionnaire to health supervisors and stakeholders to compile information on healthy teen dating curriculums present throughout Maryland. The goal is to report back to the Council on the findings by the July meeting. The next meeting is Monday, April 24, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Family Justice Center located at 600 Jefferson Plaza, Fifth Floor, Rockville, MD 20852.

c. Abuser Intervention Program/Certification & Guidelines Workgroup

Lisa Nitsch explained the e-vote that was disseminated to members regarding the certification of Abuser Intervention Programs who are taking part in a second study led by Dr. Richards and Dr. Murphy. Members were asked to vote on whether the programs should be exempt from the 2017 certification if they are taking part in the second study. The second study is expected to be complete by December 2017 and those programs would have to re-certify in 2018. The Council voted to exempt the abuser intervention programs taking part in the second study from 2017 certification and the Office will notify them.

Ms. Nitsch is working with the Office to schedule a meeting for the Abuser Intervention Program Certification and Guidelines Workgroup. Applications for program certification are due in May and this group will help to review the applications.

VI. Old/New Business

a. Fingerprinting Live Scan Update

Beverly Wilson from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Department) presented on the Live Scan fingerprinting pilot program as a result of discussions at the last Council meeting. Ms. Lennig had informed the Council that there is no way to track offenders who receive probation before judgment, citation or summons for a domestically related crime because they are not ordered to be fingerprinted after their hearing. When there is no fingerprint taken, there is no way to link the crime as domestically related in CJIS-CR (Criminal Justice Information Systems-Central Repository).

There are currently four Live Scan fingerprinting machines in Baltimore City courts that are participating in the pilot program. The purpose of this initiative is to allow the courts to submit offender's fingerprints electronically as "real-time" court activities occur. Court order of fingerprints at the time of the hearing and sentencing events will create the full event in the CJIS-CR and close the gap in missing arrests to link disposition outcomes.

Council members still saw an issue because judges are not ordering the defendants to be fingerprinted and attorneys are not aware that they can ask for the defendant to be fingerprinted at sentencing. David Shultie mentioned that the Domestic Violence Subcommittee through the Administrative Office of the Courts has this topic on the agenda for their next meeting. Ms. Wilson also stated that the Department is actively

engaged with the Baltimore City courts to remedy the issue. Mr. Fueston asked that Mr. Shultie and the Department provide meeting minutes and updates to the Council on this issue.

b. Family Crisis Center Site Visit Update

Ms. Allyn discussed a complaint during a previous Family Violence Council meeting that prompted a site visit to the Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George's County from the Office. The Office has investigated the complaint, issued recommendations to the Center and will continue to monitor its progress.

c. Family Violence Council Proxies

Ms. Allyn asked those who are proxies for a member of the Council to complete the new Family Violence Council Proxy Form so that the Council has a formalized way to track this information. If anyone needs a form, they are on the Office website at: <https://goccp.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/fvc-member-proxy-form.pdf> or members can contact Ms. Allyn.

VII. Strategic Plan for Domestic Violence in Maryland

The Council has been tasked with creating a strategic plan to ensure the state is providing services to domestic violence victims and guiding the grant dollars effectively. The deadline for the initial plan is July 1, 2017, however, Mr. Fueston noted that this plan will be a living document.

Ms. Yeager provided the Council with draft documents of a logic model and report back form for members. The logic model is a chart to document outcomes for the strategic plan, how to measure the outcomes, a timeline, outputs (activities, participation, benefits) inputs and external factors. The report back form is to be used for members to submit their recommendations to the overall plan.

Members discussed what potential outcomes would be and how they would like to use the logic model and report back form. Based on input from the Council, the report back form is not needed. Council members agreed that there should be three logic models, one for each of the main goals: safety, self-sufficiency and awareness. Members will be emailed the three logic model documents and they will submit to the Office upon completion. Members also discussed forwarding these logic models to experts in the state, beyond the Council, who would help with creating the strategic plan. Members agreed that dissemination beyond the Council would occur in the next phase of the strategic planning process once the basic structure is in place.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Follow Up Items

- Ms. Allyn and Ms. Yeager will edit the Family Violence Council Strategic Plan logic model for 3 separate models for each outcome: safety, self-sufficiency and awareness (include definitions)
- Ms. Nitsch will work with the Office to schedule a meeting for the Abuser Intervention Program Certification and Guidelines Workgroup
 - This workgroup will help to review Abuser Intervention Program Certification Applications which are due in May
- Follow up with the Live Scan fingerprinting issue (David Shultie and DPSCS)

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Main Conference Room, 1st Floor, Side A
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.