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, 1st Floor
Crownsville, MD 21032
Wednesday, July 12, 2017
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
Kelly Burrell, Esq.
Michaele D. Cohen
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.
V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama
Dorothy Lennig, Esq.
Michael Lore for Senator Susan Lee
John McGinnis for Superintendent Karen B. Salmon
V. Renee McKee for Secretary Lourdes Padilla
Lisa Nitsch
Manuel Ruiz
Reverend Anne Orwig Weatherholt
Carrie Williams for Attorney General Brian E. Frosh
David Wolinski for Secretary Stephen Moyer
S. Lee Woods for Secretary Dennis Schrader

Guests:
Zoe Collins, House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.
Nakita Long, TurnAround, Inc.

Staff:
Danielle Whitestone, Juvenile Justice & Victim Services Program Coordinator, Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Becky Allyn, Victim Services Coordinator, Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Jessica Wheeler, Senior Director of Juvenile Justice & Victim Services, Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Megan McDermott, Statistical Analyst, Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Justice Schisler, Chief of Planning and Implementation, Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention
I. Welcome, Introductions, and GOCCP Updates
The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:08 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Glenn Fueston thanked those in attendance and mentioned that the Council is making significant progress in outcome based strategic planning. Mr. Fueston introduced Danielle Whitestone of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention as the new Juvenile Justice & Victim Services Program Coordinator, charged with staffing the Family Violence Council.

Mr. Fueston announced the development and disbursement of drink coasters that have the capability of testing for the presence of date rape drugs in beverages. The Office has purchased a small order to distribute, as a pilot, through existing college campus sexual assault programs.

II. Chair’s Remarks
Jeanne Yeager welcomed members and guests and was excited to discuss the success of the strategic plan draft.

III. Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the April 6, 2017 meeting were provided to members and guests. Manuel Ruiz made a motion to approve the minutes; Michaele Cohen seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Membership Updates
The Council currently has one members’ re-appointment pending approval from the Governor’s Appointments Office and one vacancy. There is a possibility that the vacancy will be filled by a member of the NeShante and Chloe Davis Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force which was Chaired by Senator Muse and staffed by the Department of Human Services. There are currently two members on the Family Violence Council who are also members of the Task Force (Michaele Cohen and Reverend Anne Orwig Weatherholt). Additionally, Dorothy Lennig testified before the Task Force and briefed the Task Force on the work of the Family Violence Council.

V. Abuse Intervention Program Certification Updates
Recommendations for three new applications received by the Office after the e-vote was disseminated were presented to the Council. Reverend Anne Orwig Weatherholt made a motion to approve the recommendations. John McGinnis seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the recommendations were approved.

A brief discussion ensued around the process of handling deficiencies or “conditional recommendations” placed on applications as well as offender accountability for the programs. Ms. Allyn confirmed that the Office has set a deadline for those applicants missing pertinent information. Moreover, applications are to indicate that the program submit updates to the courts and Department of Parole & Probation surrounding the progress of the referred offender. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has updated their Offender Case Management System (OCMS) with the updates developed through the workgroup. The updated
system will be able to capture conditions such as completion or non-completion of Abuse Intervention Programs (AIP) and other probation conditions.

VI. Workgroup Updates
Debbie Feinstein, Chair of the Healthy Teen Dating (HTD) workgroup, reflected on the progress and discussed the continuation of the workgroup. She indicated that each member continues to contact designated jurisdictions to collect information on their healthy teen dating curriculums in schools. At this time, the workgroup has not made successful contact with five jurisdictions. The workgroup has been inviting guests to present on their HTD programs and curriculums to the group at meetings.

An obstacle has been going through the chain of local education agencies (LEAs) being that there is several layers that need be on board with program implementation. Thus, there is great difficulty in implementing a statewide HTD program. The ultimate goal of the workgroup is to devise a resource guide for school districts surrounding the topic of HTD with the hope of adopting one or more curriculums. Once the resource guide is created, a goal would be to integrate an advocacy campaign to promote HTD curriculums in schools.

Mr. Fueston expressed concern with the infrastructure of the resource guide as well as who will be tasked with updating and housing it. There was also discussion as to whether the HTD resource guide could be integrated into similar projects such as opioid addiction training in schools. Additional concerns rest with having schools constantly changing curriculums and each school having a different means of technology. Ms. Yeager suggested having organizations present to school nurses and sports programs since there is a larger opportunity to interact with students.

Ms. Feinstein proposed that the workgroup continue actively collecting data, building relationships with each jurisdiction, and hosting presenters on the topic of HTD. Ms. Feinstein and the workgroup welcome any feedback from the Council regarding the content and updates to the resource guide as well as funding opportunities.

VII. Strategic Planning Discussion
The strategic draft plan was provided to the members and guests.

Ms. Yeager updated the Council on the progress of the strategic plan. Since the last meeting, members provided logic models surrounding the three ultimate goals to be achieved: victims are safe, victims are self-sufficient, and victims and the community are aware. With the model, members drafted outcomes and produced activities, outputs, and other attributes that are needed to achieve the outcomes for each goal.

The next step is to expand the strategic planning workgroup to include representatives within the fields of prosecution, law enforcement, courts, parole & probation, as well as specialized populations. Expansion of the workgroup will help demonstrate how services are making an impact in various disciplines. Members were encouraged to participate in the expansion of this workgroup.
Members discussed the procedure for amending the strategic plan moving forward. Ms. Yeager insisted that the draft is a “living document” which can be modified at any time and should be used as a model for writing a grant application and the development of outcomes.

Ms. Lennig made a motion to approve contents of the plan; Ms. Feinstein seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the draft plan was approved.

**VIII. Workgroup Topics for Next Year**
The Council voted to expand on the Strategic Planning workgroup and to extend the Healthy Teen Dating workgroup for one additional year. Ms. Lennig suggested creating a workgroup to examine the issues with criminal summonses and fingerprinting. Ms. Yeager asked that Ms. Lennig submit a written proposal for the Council’s consideration.

**IX. Old/New Business**
Ms. Allyn stated that the Maryland State Board of Victim Service is currently drafting their strategic plan. Once drafted, the plan will be shared with the Family Violence Council to ensure a seamless comprehensive plan to address all victims in Maryland.

The DV in the Presence of a Child workgroup developed a brochure, “Fighting in the Home: Is Your Child Being Affected?” The brochures were printed by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) who is also working to get these distributed. Michaele Cohen indicated that Amber Guthrie of MNADV will bring these brochures to the next Maryland Abuse Intervention Collaborative (MAIC) meeting on July 14 for those interested. John McGinnis stated that the schools are assisting with dissemination through counseling offices.

**IX. Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:49 a.m.

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**NEXT MEETING:**
Tuesday, October 11, 2017
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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