

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF VICTIM SERVICES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 6, 2016**

**ATTENDEES**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Wes Adams, Anne Bean, Barbara Bond, Jessica Dickerson, Glenn Fueston, Lou Gieszl, David Wolinski on behalf of Rhea Harris, Gary Hofmann, Steve Kelly, Molly Knipe, Patricia Marshall, Scott Beard on behalf of Cindy Pease, Jill Ritter, Alonzo Robertson and Lisa Spicknall-Hornor

**STAFF:** Kim Herndon, Richard Hoffmann and Monique Mitchell

**GUESTS:** Michaele Cohen, Lisae Jordan, Mona Mentz and Diana Potts

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:** Steve Kelly, Chair of the Board began the meeting at approximately 10:02 a.m. and introduced Glenn Fueston, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Control & Prevention. Glenn Fueston was the Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence and Information Sharing at the Washington/Baltimore Area High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), a federal grant program administered by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Mr. Fueston expressed his excitement about furthering the Governor's initiatives on heroin and data driven results.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

❖ **Motion:** Move to approve December meeting minutes.

➤ **Corrections**

- **Justice Reinvestment Initiative**
  - Senate Bill 602 not 605 (2015)
  - Insert Chapter #42
  - Refer to as Council not Committee
- **Mandated Brochures**
  - Add MDEC
- **Governor's Luncheon**
  - Include Memorial Awards, list the awards.

❖ **Vote:** Seconded and unanimously approved with changes

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

❖ **Maryland Victims of Crime (MVOC) Grant, FY17**

- MVOC grant applications have been reviewed.
- Results from grant reviews will be emailed to the Board for voting on recommended funding.
- Over 50 applications were received; totaling \$1.5 million in requests.
- 9 continuation applications will be awarded.

❖ **Statewide Victim Services Needs Assessment**

➤ **Overview**

- The Needs Assessment is complete and the final report was released June 24, 2016.
- The report identified many gaps and challenges to victim services specifically in rural areas, transportation, training and awareness
- Mr. Fueston explained that the report will be used to facilitate progress and as a tool to gauge the needs of victims. It will be used only as a tool. The Governor wants to fund programs based on data driven decisions and evidence based practices. He suggested the Board develop strategies to determine how to measure the effectiveness of programs statewide and how programs can continue to have sustainability.
  - **Motion:** To create a Strategic Committee to address ways to streamline victim services statewide.
  - **Vote:** Seconded and unanimously approved.

- ❖ **VOCA Funding**
  - There is an increase in funding from \$36 million to \$40 million.
  - VOCA Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) is under Executive review. GOCCP is expecting to post it within 7-10 days.
  - Applicants will have five weeks to submit their application. Applicants are required to submit one application for all projects email to Kim Herndon.
  - There is no cap for awards. Awards will be for two years and budgets should reflect as such.
- ❖ **Committees/ Workgroups**
  - **Committees**
    - Motion: To re-establish the Legislative and the Luncheon Committee (renamed the Maryland Victims of Crime Victim Rights Conference)
    - Vote: Seconded and Unanimously decided
    - Motion: To establish a Victim Services Committee
    - Vote: Seconded and Unanimously decided
  - **Legislative Committee**
    - Members will represent the Board on GOCCP's committee for Restitution and the Reorganization of State Government.
    - The Board makes recommendations to the Governor. It does not take any positions on legislation.
  - **Victim Services Committee**
    - Will work to ensure that the Board is working within the statute for Maryland State Board of Victim Services. (i.e. brochures, VINE and the State Coordinator)
  - Members are asked to email Kim Herndon the committee they are interested in working with.
- ❖ **New Appointment Procedures**
  - Per Annapolis, new appointments are to be submitted directly to the Governor's Appointments office via Govappointments@maryland.gov. Resumes, CV and Ethics form should be emailed to Kim Herndon after applicants have applied.
- ❖ **VINE**
  - Monique Mitchell, VINE Program Manager advised Board of an upcoming meeting with Appriss (VINE vendor), DPSCS and GOCCP to address issues with backdating and incorrect data entry.
  - Monique is in the process of planning a statewide training for VINE.
- ❖ **Board Member Retreat**
  - Steve Kelly, Board Chair expressed interest in having a strategic planning retreat. However, in order to have Anne Seymour as the facilitator, we have to follow the State Procurement Process.
  - If any member is interested in coordinating the retreat, please email Kim Herndon.
- ❖ **Open Forum**
  - YWCA has begun a capital campaign for a Domestic Violence Safe House Shelter. They have reached \$3 million dollars. The second phase of the campaign will be for a sex trafficking shelter for minors.
  - MD Children's Alliance (MCA) is actively seeking a Chapter Director; the job description is posted on the MCA website.
  - Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) has awarded \$4.2 million dollars in 2015, which is an increase of \$400,000 from last year. There are also 150 more applications, which are being processed in 58 days.
  - GOCCP is partnering with University of MD's CESAR to revamp the MD Community Services Locator to include all service providers from faith based services to mainstream national providers.
- ❖ **Meeting Adjourned:** Guests and Board members were thanked for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20am.

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 5, 2016 at 10am.**