

VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

May 23, 2024

Attendance: Shanquenetta Anderson, Wendy Ayala, Neda Balourian, Brian Koosed, Kathryn Pontzer, Leah Schwartz.

Members Absent: Larry Center, Alan Schulman, Heather Thompson, Jasmin Whitfield.

Ex-Office Members Absent: Ellen Alexander,

Support Staff: Dana Bell.

I. Additions to Agenda

No additions to Agenda.

II. Roll Call– Brian Koosed

- The chair will call the roll to establish a quorum.

III. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2024, Meeting – Neda

- The April 25, 2024, Minutes were approved.
- Motion – Neda; Second- Shanquenetta

IV. Executive Subcommittee Update– Brian

a. Update on County Executive Follow Ups – Brian

- County Council Member Friedson reached out to Leah to inquire about meeting.
- Potential dates for June or July to have a 30-minute Zoom.

b. Update on CJCC or other Meetings–Neda, Kathryn

- Transitions; Reviewed/informed of google documents; list for offices, agencies, people or other entities to be added to master list.
- CJCC meeting held on May 22, 2024.
- Upcoming transition-Kathryn to step off of VSAB and CJCC in December 2024
- VSAB member to apply in October 2024 through Beth to be a CJCC liaison; Lindsay is the staffer.
- CJCC has its full meeting every other month.
- Retirement of Chief of Police
- Legal updates per Judges- crime cases down for four months
- Reports- MCPS updates on truancy and attendance; number of college trackers have decreased; hunger, housing discussed; Juvenile Justice Reform Act
- There is a bill that establishes certain certification requirements for any organization that operates a domestic violence program.

V. Legislative Subcommittee Update– Kathryn

None

VI. Update on Vacancies and Nominations for New Chair Elections– Brian and Neda

- Six applications received, one deemed ineligible and five applicants to interview.
- Interviews will include standard interview questions, 20 minutes in length via Zoom.
- Nominating Committee- Brian, Leah and Neda.
- There is no requirement that they have a certain job or certain background to apply for the VSAB.

- Shanquenetta Anderson, Wendy Ayala able to reapply to remain on the board.
- New chair elections tentatively scheduled for June's virtual meeting.

VII. Annual Report – Survey Review/Approval, Provider Assignments Brian/Neda

- List of programs to be interviewed reviewed.
- Survey review
- Survey list and assignments completed by those in attendance.

Motion: Accept survey questions with changes

Motion- Shanquenetta; Second- Kathryn

VIII. Public Affairs/Events Subcommittee updates– Leah

- June National Safety Month and PTSD Awareness Month.
- Walk-in maternity clinic is available and increasing at the Rockville Library
- DV Legal walk-in clinic available for DV clinic and supports 12 – 4 pm on Wednesdays.
- Purple Alert signed by Governor Moore and goes into effect on October 1, 2024

IX. Announcements/Comments/New Business

- June meeting may change from June 27, 2024, to June 20, 2024, due to anticipated low board attendance/availability.
- Narcan training for VSAB- tentative dates discussed. Proposed September or October 2024 meeting for Narcan Training

Next Meeting:

June 18, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (VIRTUAL)