

# VICTIM SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

## September 26, 2024

**Attendance:** Shanquenetta Anderson, Wendy Ayala, Debra D'Agostino, Sadia Green, Chelsea Hughes, Christina Ingram, Celeste Iroha, Franklin Marks, Kathryn Pontzer, Anand Verma.

**Members Absent:** Neda Bolourian, Larry Center, Brian Koosed, Alan Schulman, Leah Schwartz, Jasmin Whitfield.

**Ex-Office Members Absent:** Ellen Alexander

**Support Staff:** Dana Bell, Liz Briganty and Carla Bradley.

### **I. Icebreaker– Wendy Ayala**

- Introduction for the new VSAB members.

### **II. Additions to Agenda– Shan Anderson**

- No additions to Agenda.

### **III. Roll Call & Virtual Meeting Procedures– Shan Anderson**

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

### **IV. Approval of Minutes from Past Meetings– Shan Anderson**

- The June 18, 2024, Minutes were approved.
- Motion – Shan; Second- Christina.

### **V. Executive Subcommittee Update– Shan Anderson**

- Welcome our new VSAB members.
- The VSAB member introduced themselves to the new members.
- Dana spoke about the virtual meetings and the various ways to participate in them.

#### **a. Update on CJCC or other Meetings – Kathryn**

- Kathryn discussed the CJCC meeting, including their format, frequency, and participant eligibility.
- The Boards Commissions and Committees are required to work with the staff and board to answer questions.
- Kathryn read the questionnaire from the BCC.
- The board discussed some of the issues faced by the court system and updated some of the statistics from the meeting.
- Kathryn shared that there are two mental health doctors in the county.
- The BCC will have testimony in October.
- In October, the VSAB member need to discuss who would like a seat at the CJCC.

#### **b. Assignments for Upcoming County Council and County Executive - Wendy Ayala**

- VSAB members are working with the County Council members on their budget for the new year FY26.
- Wendy offered to share contact information for the upcoming County Council meeting with the new board members.
- Wendy wants to add the new VSAB members to the Google folder.

#### **c. Women Giving Back – Shan Anderson**

- Shan shared information about the Women Giving Back Program.
- The Women Giving Back Program helps women and families with clothing other supplies.

**VI. Legislative Subcommittee Update– Wendy Ayala**

- No updates.

**VII. Update on Vacancies– Wendy Ayala**

- VASAP has five new vacancies.

**VIII. Annual Report — Wendy Ayala & Shan Anderson**

- There is some delay in obtaining certain information required to complete the annual report.
- Larry will be editing the annual report.

**a. Review Draft**

- Wendy will be responsible for sending the draft to the board members.
- The draft will be about 30 pages long.

**IX. Public Affairs/Events Subcommittee updates– Leah Schwartz & Neda Bolouria**

- The two social media members are stepping away in December.
- Facebook is the main social media platform for the VSAB.
- The public affairs keep the board members inform about upcoming events.

**X. Announcements/Comments/New Business (5 Minutes)**

- Dana announced that in October at the BCC meeting that the meeting venue agenda be added.

**Next Meeting:**

**October 24, 2024 (Virtual)**