

Baltimore County Commission for Women
Thursday, April 20, 2023

The meeting began at 6 pm

Attendees:

Commission Members: Cherie Peay, Cylia Lowe-Smith, Kara Beverly, Teresa Messler Sarah Curry, Ruth Howard, Audrey Potter, Yvette Hicks, Amy Blank, Sabrina Jones, Carmen Christina, Rosalyn Berkowitz. Michele Greer, Morgan Phillips, Latasha Blackmond, Cheryl Brooks
Guests: Georgie Mussini, Karen Keyser, Audrey Bergin, Alicia Bickoff, Shelby Frink, Amanda Rodriquez, Elizabeth Sachs

Georgie Mussini – Baltimore County Police – bcdv@baltimorecountymd.gov – 410-887-5901
5/16-5/17 @CCMC Dundalk from 8 am to 3 pm

Alicia Bickoff – Chana -410-234-0030

Audrey Bergin- **Dove**

- Home visits with officers
- Lots referrals
- Attorney on
- Job assistance
- Mental Health and therapy services.
- Focus on Healing
- Art therapy.
- Encourage provider participation.

Karen Keyser – Social Services, Baltimore County – 410-236-2412

- 5/12/2023, 12-2 – Domestic violence meeting
- Assists with protective orders.
- Services are available to all religions, races, and genders.
- Partner with Parole and Probation
- Encourages counseling.
- Victim Advocates
- Help to link them to community partners
- Comprehensive, case managers

Shelby Frink – Shelby@familycrisiscenter.net- **Family Crisis Center** – looks at the entire family, not just 1 individual.

- Streamline access.
- Eliminate redundancies.
- Amplifying individual strengths
- Regional hub
- Must be broader than victim services –How do we become stable? Housing, health, employment

Amanda Rodriguez – Turn Around – comprehensive domestic violence – services, Howard and Baltimore counties. arodriquez@turnaroundinc.org

- Crisis response
- 24-hour response
- Emergency housing
- Crisis counseling
- 100 people in the shelter
- Collaborate with Dove and Family Crisis Center.
- Specialized care for each client
- Human trafficking, domestic violence
- Tracey – intake services call to arrange a tour.
- Drop in center.
- Vocational training
- Ind and group counseling
- Case management
- Accompaniment with law enforcement for DV cases
- Service 5000 people a year
- 10000 calls for services last year (due to the pandemic)
- 60 people staff
- Hybrid/ remote services
- We need to Build up the community to respond to needs that exist on the far ends of the county.
- Housing is the greatest need!
- Waitlist
 - o Therapy since July 2020, IPP independent practitioners program
 - o Legal services- would like to do an IPP program for attorneys.

Elisabeth Sachs - DSS

Critical needs:

- Ensure that someone is always at the court.

New Business

Welcome new commissioners

- Latasha Blackmond
- Morgan Phillips
- Ruth Howard - returning

Woman of the Year

- The contract for the venue has been signed.
- Looking for a keynote speaker
- June 22, 2023 9 am – 11:30, Towson Sheraton
- Still accepting applications
- 70 people including past awardees.
- Under budget
- Using the friend account as a backup
- Attendees: County executive, county council, engagement
- Currently, only 3 applications have been received.
- All commissioners will be invited for free.

Strategic communications

Public policy – The bill did not go anywhere.

June meeting to be used as a retreat.

Nominations in May and Vote in June

Nominating committee votes:

Kara Beverly
Michelle Greer
Ruth Howard
Cheryl Brooks

The committee needs 5 people as required by the by-laws; therefore an additional person is needed to join the committee.

Today is Sarah Curry's last meeting.

Teresa Messler – Health department, 5/9/2023 1:30 webinar to provide information to providers about services offered

The next meeting is May 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm