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Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP/BSCI) Advisory Board

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual

Advisory Board Goals and Objectives

- To develop recommendations that guide the implementation of Byrne SCIP funding, as established by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339).
- To provide oversight of the Landscape Analysis and curation of the Byrne SCIP Plan and Budget.
- To establish statewide performance measures to gauge sub-recipient progress in meeting Byrne SCIP goals.
- To review applications and recommend programs for funding based on best- and/or most promising practices to reduce gun violence in Maryland.

Participating Members:

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy	Executive Director	Dorothy Lennig, Esq. (Chairperson)
Maryland District Court of Maryland	Associate Judge, Montgomery County District Court	Honorable Marina Sabett
Maryland Department of State Police	Assistance Bureau Chief, Criminal Investigation Bureau	Major Andy Johnson
Maryland Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association	Executive Director	Sheriff Darren Popkin (Ret.)
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Executive Director	Jeanne Yeager
Maryland State's Attorneys' Association	State's Attorneys' Coordinator	Steve Kroll
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health	Associate Professor	Shannon Frattaroli
Maryland Hospital Association	Senior Legislative Analyst	Jane Krienke
Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions	Senior Advisor for Implementation and Federal Affairs	Spencer Cantrell
ROAR Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore	Executive Director	Lydia Watts

Staff:

Quentin Jones, Criminal Justice Grants Division Director, GOCPP
Bethany Young, Director of Policy and Legislation, GOCPP

James “Jim” Rhoden, Assistant Director, Centers of Excellence, GOCPP
Tatiana Reyes, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Centers of Excellence, GOCPP
Nathan Kemper, Director of Maryland Statistical Analysis Center, GOCPP
Pritesh Jain, Data Analyst, Centers of Excellence, GOCPP
Alexandra Smith, Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (BJAG) Policy and Data Analyst, GOCPP

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Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at **10:33 A.M.** by Executive Director, Dorothy Lennig. The Advisory Board (Board) approved the meeting minutes for the convening held on April 18, 2024.

II. Report from GOCPP

Chairperson Lennig opened the meeting by expressing her gratitude regarding the extensive collaboration among Board members to complete a comprehensive draft of the FY25 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

Chair representative, Jim Rhoden, followed with staff updates including the departure of the Byrne SCIP Coordinator and introductions of a community representative, Lydia Watts, and the new Maryland District Court representative, Honorable Marina Sabett; Board members then introduced themselves to the new members.

Mr. Rhoden provided an additional update on the strategic plan submission, detailing that the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has approved the submission allowing the Office to move forward with objectives.

III. Open Forum

Chair representative, Jim Rhoden, asked the Board for feedback on the FY25 NOFA, provided to Board members via email before the meeting. The Board discussed concerns regarding the breakdown of eligible regions and localities, leading to updated lists reflecting the Maryland Court’s district breakdown.[1] The Board agreed that the new breakdown ensures all jurisdictions have centralized programming tailored to specific needs; the Board then approved the draft allowing the Office to proceed with the release process.

Mr. Rhoden also clarified the NOFA’s anticipated release and closing dates, leading to a discussion regarding the window for application submissions taking place during the summer months. Board members discussed innovative ways to share the NOFA with their networks. The Director of Policy and Legislation, Bethany Young, assured the Board that the Office will also utilize its various social media platforms to spread awareness of the funding opportunity.

[1] https://www.mdcourts.gov/courtsdirectory

Mr. Rhoden then informed the Board that the previously scheduled July meeting would be rescheduled for sometime in August or September, depending on the release of the FY25 NOFA; this meeting will be held virtually to review applications and make official recommendations.

Regarding the 2024 federal funding strategy, Board members briefly discussed potential priority areas to include in the Office's application to the BJA. A suggestion to expand upon ERPO navigators to enhance wrap-around services was discussed among Board members. Mr. Rhoden encouraged Board members to submit additional ideas via email, expressing that the Office will apply by July 29, 2024.

He concluded the open forum by asking members for additional comments or concerns. Board members discussed a potential presentation from Baltimore's Crisis Response Inc. This presentation will be scheduled after hiring a new Byrne SCIP Coordinator.

VII. Next Steps

The FY25 NOFA suggestions will be reflected and shared with Board members via email. The FY25 NOFA will be released in mid June and will be open for 60 days. The Office anticipates funding to begin October 1, 2024.

Upcoming meetings will be rescheduled depending on the release of the FY25 NOFA.

The new federal solicitation for Byrne SCIP funding has been released and is being worked on by the Office.

VIII. Good of the Order and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by James 'Jim' Rhoden at **11:15 A.M.**