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Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP/BSCI) Advisory Board
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/brd-qezc-fsx?authuser=0&hs=122
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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:

District Court of Maryland	Associate Judge, Montgomery County District Court	Honorable Marina Sabett
ROAR Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore	Executive Director	Lydia Watts
Maryland Office of the Public Defender	Public Defender	Natasha Dartigue
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health	Associate Professor	Shannon Frattaroli
Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions	Senior Advocate for Implementation and Federal Affairs	Spencer Cantrell
Maryland Hospital Association	Senior Legislative Analyst	Jane Krinke

Staff:
James "Jim" Rhoden, Assistant Director, Centers of Excellence, GOCPP
Alexandra "Lexy" Smith, Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCIP) Coordinator, GOCPP
Martin "Marty" Hammond, Director, Criminal Justice Programs, GOCPP
Bethany Young, Director of Policy and Legislation, GOCPP
Rebecca "Becky" Allyn, Manager, Victim Services Initiatives, GOCPP
Melissa Bitting, Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (VIPP) Coordinator, GOCPP

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Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Chair Representative, Jim Rhoden. Jim welcomed attendees and introduced Alexandra Smith as the new BSCI Program Coordinator with the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP). Due to the absence of a quorum, previous meeting minutes could not be formally approved.

II. Report from GOCPP

Jim provided updates on recent developments and ongoing efforts to promote the current Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Regional and Local ERPO Liaison program. Challenges in obtaining a broader range of applications were acknowledged, but the Board remains committed to outreach and exploring innovative strategies to increase participation.

III. Open Forum

Feedback and Suggestions: The Board discussed the importance of expanding engagement strategies and refining communication efforts to boost awareness and application submissions.
Exploration of New Funding Possibilities: Members highlighted potential adjustments, including incorporating behavioral health partnerships and community-focused initiatives to align with the program's objectives.
Jim emphasized the importance of assessing current responses and considering expanded strategies that could provide broader community support. Members were encouraged to share further ideas to strengthen program outreach and impact.
Alexandra Smith's role will involve overseeing these initiatives to enhance program success.

VII. Next Steps

Await final application submissions for the current NOFA.
Board members will review submitted applications and reconvene to discuss funding recommendations.
Jim encouraged members to submit additional funding strategy ideas via email for consideration in future plans.

VIII. Good of the Order and Adjournment

The meeting concluded with a reminder of ongoing efforts to enhance community safety through innovative programs. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Representative Jim Rhoden at 2:10 p.m. The date for the next meeting will be announced once the current NOFA review is complete.