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Maryland Byrne Advisory Board
Date: Monday, April 14th, 2025
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 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:

Maryland Department of State Police	Assistance Bureau Chief, Criminal Investigation Bureau	Major Andy Johnson
ROAR Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore	Executive Director	Lydia Watts
Maryland Office of the Public Defender	Public Defender	Natasha Dartigue
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Executive Director	Jeanne Yeager
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health	Associate Professor	Shannon Frattaroli
District Court of Maryland	Associate Judge	Honorable Marina Sabett
Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions	Assistant Scientist, Health Policy and Management	Spencer Cantrell
Maryland Hospital Association	Senior Legislative Analyst	Jane Krienke
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy	Director of Policy and Legislation	Bethany Young

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James "Jim" Rhoden, Assistant Director, Centers of Excellence, GOCPP
Alexandra "Lexy" Smith, Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) & Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCIP) Policy & Data Analyst, GOCPP
Melissa Bitting, Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (VIPP) Coordinator, GOCPP
Quentin Jones, Criminal Justice Programs Grant Manager, GOCPP

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Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. by Chair Representative, Jim Rhoden. Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present. Members approved the meeting minutes from January 6, 2025. Motion to accept were initiated by The Honorable Marina Sabett and seconded by Lydia Watts.

II. Report from GOCPP

GOCPP staff provided updates on the FY25 BSCIP Regional and Local ERPO Liaison Site Program Grant. Each of the three funded ERPO Liaison Sites continues to build capacity, engage with local stakeholders, and implement ERPO-related training and outreach efforts in alignment with their respective scopes of work. GOCPP received informal program updates from all three subrecipients.

GOCPP staff also reported that fourteen applications were received in response to the FY25 ERPO Liaison Site Partner Program NOFA, which focused on supporting the three Liaison Sites.

III. Open Forum

The Board engaged in a detailed discussion regarding the FY25 BSCIP ERPO Liaison Site Partner Grant applications and preliminary funding recommendations presented by GOCPP. Members discussed key themes emerging from the proposals, including:

- The importance of avoiding duplicative efforts and ensuring that all proposed activities align with the goals of the ERPO Liaison Site Program
- Strategies for reinforcing cross-jurisdictional collaboration, particularly where applicants seek to support more than one Liaison Site.
- The need for applicants to clearly articulate how their proposed activities build on or complement existing Liaison Site work, rather than operate in parallel.
- Considerations around program readiness, implementation feasibility, and the practical challenges of ERPO data access, especially for projects seeking to develop tracking or awareness tools.

The Board emphasized the continued importance of coordination among funded partners, including participation in local ERPO working groups and alignment with Liaison Site priorities. Members also noted that technical assistance from GOCPP and the Maryland Byrne Advisory Board will remain available to all selected applicants to support implementation and ensure consistency across the program.

VII. Next Steps

GOCPP will compile final funding recommendations based on application scores, internal review, and Board feedback. A draft proposal will be circulated to the Advisory Board by April 14, 2025 for review and formal vote. Once approved, recommendations will be submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for federal review and award processing.

The third BSCIP NOFA, which will broaden the program's focus to include additional crisis intervention and behavioral health strategies, in anticipated for release in July of 2025, pending availability of funds and federal approval.

VIII. Good of the Order and Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Shannon Frattaroli and seconded by Lydia Watts. The meeting was officially adjourned by Chair Representative Jim Rhoden at 3:30PM.