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**Maryland Byrne Advisory Board**
Date: Monday, August 11th, 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:

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| Maryland Department of State Police | Assistance Bureau Chief, Criminal Investigation Bureau | Major Andy Johnson |
| ROAR Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore | Executive Director | Lydia Watts |
| 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 |
| Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy | Director, Centers of Excellence; Chair, Maryland Byrne Advisory Board | James "Jim" Rhoden |

Staff:
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

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**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Chair Representative, Jim Rhoden. Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present. Members approved the meeting minutes from April 4, 2025. The motion to accept was initiated by Jeanne Yeager and seconded by Major Andy Johnson.

**II. Report from GOCPP**

GOCPP staff provided updates on current Byrne SCIP activities and ongoing work with the sites funded under the ERPO Liaison Program. Staff shared that programs continue to develop training, outreach, and internal processes related to ERPO implementation, and that quarterly coordination meetings have begun to support information-sharing and collaboration among funded partners.

GOCPP also informed the Board that the FY26 BSCIP Building Engagement Around Crisis, Outreach, and Navigation (BEACON) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was recently approved and posted, with applications due in early September. Board members were encouraged to share the opportunity within their professional networks.

An update from the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) was also provided, noting general trends in federal funding priorities and the importance of ensuring that NOFAs and program narratives remain aligned with federal guidance.

**III. Open Forum**

Board members discussed several topics related to ongoing implementation and future planning, including:

- The importance of maintaining communication with federal partners and monitoring changes in federal funding timelines.
- General challenges that may arise for subrecipients related to data access, training coordination, or inter-agency communication.
- Opportunities to strengthen statewide ERPO capacity and support jurisdictions with varying levels of readiness or infrastructure.
- The Board's continuing role in both guiding NOFA development and providing oversight of funded programs as implementation progresses.

Members expressed interest in attending future coordination meetings with subrecipients, and GOCPP agreed to extend invitations moving forward.

**VII. Next Steps**

GOCPP will circulate the FY26 BSCIP BEACON NOFA and all related announcements to board members for distribution. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025, and will include a presentation from the Maryland Department of Health. Board members will be invited to the next quarterly ERPO Liaison meeting once the date is finalized.

**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 3:04PM.