

## Committee Meeting

6/26/20

- Present
  - Karen Anderson-Scott
  - Roberta Gill
  - Talley Kovacs
  - Amy Fusting
  - Alithea Warmack
  - Brenda Gruss
  - Reena Shah
- Introductions
  - Roberta Gill - prosecutor at dept. Of health, all people with license
  - Talley Kovacs - Dept. of natural resources, in baltimore interested in city
  - Alithea Warmack - comms team at AG
  - Brenda Gruss - criminal appeals division at AG, health and life planning committee, created communications subcommittee
  - Amy Fusting - child support agency, special counsel in montgomery county
- Purpose
  - To spread word, particularly community stakeholders
  - Those most affected can locate resources/info to access civil justice system
  - Evictions, difficulty getting benefits (cares act and otherwise)
  - Materials and communication to public about task force work and what people can do to help
- Task Force Overview
  - 6 substantive committees
    - Housing - evictions, foreclosures, etc
    - Consumer protection - medical and consumer debt
    - Life and health planning - legal needs to deal with health and life decisions (powers of attorney, advanced directives, probate, wills, etc.)
    - Public Benefits - administrative processes related to unemployment, SNAP, medicaid, TANF
    - Civil legal aid funding - how to address funding short-falls, need to raise awareness
      - How are these needed to stay fed, sheltered, etc.
      - Why is this important to the broader goals



- Will take member ideas to steering committee to assure they have a diverse cohort
  - Also think creatively about what organization can be targeted
    - Lots of black groups working on criminal justice, these missions can definitely be connected back to our goals
  - Look into groups helping the most vulnerable - minorities, elderly, LGBTQ+
  - **Are there any aggregator organizations**
  - Any communications organizations that could be brought in
- Aleithea
  - Separate social media from attorney general
- Roberta
  - Mainstream news may not reach the people we need to reach
  - Contact some community outreach people for representatives to join
  - Inter-denominational ministerial alliance
  - Black-jewish alliance
  - Radio, TV
- Karen
  - Must be multi pronged approach
  - Reach out to faith community
- Talley
  - May be able to connect with Franklyn Baker
- Amy Fusting
  - Find some other non-profit advocacy groups to reach out to
  - Can work on a list