

Surviving Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Committee
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Co-Chairs sent out a CARES ACT request for funding for 1.7 million dollars. Funds (to be expended by Dec 31) largely for the vulnerable adult populations.

- Will help with access to the courts, reporting system, medical care, food and more. Will help provide better care and legal services to vulnerable adults.
- Laura will send out the request to everyone.

Laura, Sandy and Shelly discussed Human Subject Research Laws with Julianna Bell from Maryland Department of Health on 7/31

- We do not fall under the requirements of the laws for purposes of the survey but because the survey/Task Force is so high-profile that we are going to have the surveys reviewed by an IRB to make sure it is sound.
 - Through the Department of Juvenile Services IRB.

Laura, Shelly And Sandy will meet with the Research Team on 8/5/2020 to discuss how to put the survey together through Survey Monkey.

Going through the Survey

- Under Housing: remove “non traditional housing with extenuating circumstances”- not easy to understand.
- Under Personal Safety removed the question which asked who the abuser was.
- Make sure for each question we include an option for not applicable/no change or refuse to answer.

- Jessica will go through the survey and implement all small changes to the comments added.
- Will be done by 8/5 11:00 AM so it will be ready for our meeting with the Research Team. .
- Some other Committees are doing surveys- we should get in contact with them to see their results and use it moving forward.
- We really need to think about how we are going to get this survey to people who do not have internet access or work with service providers.
- Continue working on the survey opening paragraph. (Shelly + Reverend Keels)
- Make sure the survey is readable to all reading levels (5th grade)
 - Minimize legal jargon.
- Translating the survey- Spanish? Sign Language?
 - This needs to go into our funding requests.
- We may need to take the idea of incentives off the table- may affect our ability to get approved by the IRB or get us entangled with other laws.
- Stakeholders- include MD counties that often get left out. (ex: Mid Shore Pro Bono)
- How many numbers are we looking for?
 - Will need to send out double or triple that many.

- How do we ensure that people actually pay attention to the email/survey- people have been getting so many emails.
 - Make sure it is eye-catching. Laura will communicate with the Public Engagement & Awareness team who are here to help the different committees get their work out effectively..
 - Send the survey through Text message?

Next meeting date: 2 weeks from now 8/18 11:00 AM