

## Committee Meeting

8/19/20

- Present
  - Karen Anderson-Scott
  - Franklyn Baker
  - Leland sampson
  - Joan bellistri
  - Tamar sarnoff
  - Talley kovacs
  - Roberta gill
  - Shelly mintz
  - Greg countess
  - Rob daniels
  - Jahnae wallace
  - Raquel coombs
  - Reena Shah
  - Jay hutchins
- New members
  - Abuse and Neglect
    - Ann Sheridan and Shelly mintz
  - Housing
    - Greg Coutness
- PREC Update
  - Beginning process of aggregating funding request
  - Still waiting on final confirmation
  - 4-5 categories
    - Rental assistance
    - Civil legal aid funding
    - Social services and other counseling
    - Public awareness
    - Data
  - Hoping to finalize and send out soon
  - Need discussion regarding point of entry for receiving information
    - Different states have different models
      - Hotline
      - Bolstering existing organizations
  - Need to begin to consider final report
    - What might be some long-term recommendations that may come out of this committee?

- Approved one-pager
- Life and Health Planning
  - Would like help of printed materials
  - Info document - want help to put in laymans terms
- August Town Hall
  - Greg Countess has volunteered to be a presenter
    - Could not make 2:00 hour, could make it if pushed back to 3:00
      - 1 hour
    - 3:00 and 6:00 slots to determine which time gets more interaction
  - Task Force was done via youtube
    - Gave google doc link to members
    - Used hangout to have questions during
    - Multiple speakers able to contribute - one presenter
      - AG does not have enough subscribers to go live
    - Very easy to share youtube link
  - Reena will look into using MSBA account for Aug. 26th town hall
  - How is this going to be publicized
    - Food bank
    - Personal networks
    - Self-help center
    - Community colleges
    - Non-profits
    - Churches
    - Medical community
    - Affordable housing
    - Considered texts, emails, etc. will be posted
    - 3pm on Aug. 28, 6pm on 26th
  - Other helpful conduits
    - Jahnae - churches and community colleges along Eastern Shore
  - Are there any other presenters we would like to work with Greg or closely related topical area?
  - Housing is likely big enough - could get another person from housing
    - May be difficult to coordinate between multiple presenters - stop/start, etc.
- Later Town Hall Dates
  - Sept. 23
  - 6 successive wednesdays with different topics
  - Begin reaching out to other committees to gauge interest
    - They would be responsible for content

- Goal is to use state library system to interact with local libraries
- Fritz with OAG can make some social media graphics
- Requiring registration would create a barrier
- Language barriers
  - Closed captioning
  - If sign language interpreters are connected it would be valuable, if not then it is something to consider moving forward
    - Libraries used fee based service
      - Can look into turnaround time
    - Can reach out to legal aid's language access task force
- Check to make sure there are local numbers
- Questions, comments, suggestions
  - What is going to be our access portal - bolster resources, 211, etc.
    - During financial crisis they created a hope hotline
      - One place where anyone dealing with foreclosure could go
      - Had housing and financial counselors along with legal help
      - Would start to receive help immediately - very easy to get help they need
    - Made public awareness easier as well - go to this one place
    - States with regular natural disasters have disaster legal services protocol
      - Must be activated then they set up a separate hotline
    - Self-help center created relationship with mediation service
    - This is coming from different committees
      - They have discussed committee specific points of entry - legislators favor
    - Where do we want to funnel people through?
    - Possibility of making one central hub in long term and utilize separate systems for immediate use?
      - Previously mentioned one stop would take a long time to build
    - Where would printed materials for example be sending people?
      - Cannot just put out information with no point of contact
    - May not be able to use an existing service to create a far-reaching emergency network that has broad legal advice/services
      - But they could be given bare minimum and genuinely helpful information that could allow them to find the next point of contact
        - What to do, where to go from there, etc.

- Next committee meeting could be used to address this issue specifically