

Committee Meeting

9/4/20

- Present
 - Karen Anderson-Scott
 - Franklyn Baker
 - Chijioke Akamigbo
 - Marceline White
 - Shirley Gordon
 - Aleithea Warmack
 - Michael Summers
- Consumer protection on September 23rd
 - Steve did indicate topic - debt collection and debt relief
 - What happens if you can't pay
 - How to defend, etc.
 - Where to go for assistance
 - Small claims
 - Have lined up experts
 - NEED TO NAIL DOWN TIME
 - Still looking for Spanish speakers
 - Did plan on holding two
 - Important to have an English and Spanish
 - Platform?
 - Zoom to youtube
 - Is MSBA available for 23rd for two times
 - If not do we need to move date or relocate to library systems
 - Maybe half said yes, some need more time
 - Did ask about access to cable
 - Only 3 have ability
 - If MSBA is not available we could use legal aid's youtube
 - Could local access co-stream
 - Michael Summers had reached out to municipal league
 - Have posted notices sent
 - Must reach out to each municipality individually
 - Stream tech can reach out to whoever produces the cable
 - If triaging - we should prioritize specific counties with bulk of debt issues
 - Baltimore city, baltimore county, prince george's, montgomery, anne arundel

- Cost involved with maryland public television
 - Could mitigate by bringing MPT as a partner
 - Local access would even be something
 - Simulcast would be great but even promotion would be good
 - What times work best?
 - Work off of MSBA/backup availability
- Changing the name
 - Adding community would clear up
 - “Community forum”
 - Circulate email to whole committee
 - Info sessions?
- Libraries
 - Not as much platform but potentially promotional partners
 - Has been contact regarding sign language interpretation
- CDC order for evictions
 - Is this something that needs to be covered during community forum
 - Unclear how this will actually apply in maryland
 - Can evictions be filed?
 - Is it an affirmative defense?
 - Speculation that this is going to be subject to a court challenge
 - We are concerned with taking a position during a forum when it is unclear what any real answers are
 - Premature pre-23rd
 - By 30th there may be more understanding
 - Can't hurt to post on website that it is out there
 - Maryland court's understanding as of right now
 - Listen to case
 - Not issue warrant of restitution
 - Or postponed until January
 - What role do we have?
 - Draft of what communication should be posted to website?
 - In coordination with housing and consumer protection
 - Consistent messaging
 - Gained all exigent information that we can
 - Posting incomplete information may indicate we have some degree of understanding that we just really don't have yet
 - Too many uncertainties
 - May be better to bring this to PREC
 - Include Raquell