

**Surviving Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation**  
**October 7, 2020 12:00 PM**  
**Chat**

**Dorinda Adams -DHS- SSC**

**12:02 PM**

**Hello Everyone. I am taking a quick call but will be back on camera in a few.**

**Jessica Emerson**

**12:04 PM**

**Are we able to add additional stakeholders for email distribution at this point?**

**You**

**12:04 PM**

**Yes definitely**

**Jessica Emerson**

**12:04 PM**

**Through the same google doc?**

**Kate Figiel-Miller -DJS-**

**12:04 PM**

**You can also send it yourself to anyone you'd like to.**

**Jessica Emerson**

**12:05 PM**

**Perfect.**

**Barbara Palmer**

**12:05 PM**

**Great!**

**Lauren Kallins**

**12:05 PM**

**Would it be possible to request that DDA send it out to the people who receive community supports?**

**Bernard Keels**

**12:05 PM**

**I will be muted. Workers are busy in the house with lots of machine noise. Let me know by Chat if I have to answer something.**

**Jessica Emerson**

**12:08 PM**

**Laura can you repost the link to the survey and google doc for stakeholders? I can't find it in my google docs through either email address.**

**Ann Sheridan**

**12:12 PM**

**Include Susan Erlichman, Executive Director of MLSC. [serlichman@mlsc.org](mailto:serlichman@mlsc.org)**

**You**

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**survey for service providers: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9DBS6VR>**

**survey for service recipients: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3BNC37P>**

**Lauren Kallins**

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Carol Beatty-- Secretary Maryland Dept of Disabilities and Bernard Simons, Deputy Director of DDA.

Ann Sheridan

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And Audre Davis at [adavis@maryland.gov](mailto:adavis@maryland.gov)

You

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Jess if you are sending to more stakeholders you can just include their organization and name in this spreadsheet so we can keep track

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fl85efM4m0iICOnKMW07hk8e-Rmw5gCu9juDaY-ILLo/edit#gid=1985279491>

Jessica Emerson

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Thank you! I struggle to find where things hide in google drive.

Lauren Kallins

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Carol Beatty: [carol.beatty@maryland.gov](mailto:carol.beatty@maryland.gov); Bernard Simons -MDH-  
[bernard.simons@maryland.gov](mailto:bernard.simons@maryland.gov)

You

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our town hall presentation on protective orders:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LqWeTVw4H0bGdA54pnZN4nBITZMxQDZKBXLnilA3hUw/edit#slide=id.p1>

Bernard Keels

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what times are the town halls on October 14

Sandy Bartlett

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4pm - Spanish

6pm - English

Bernard Keels

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thank you

Dorinda Adams -DHS- SSC

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Secretaries of Aging, Disabilities, Health, Human Services, Juvenile Services, MSDE - requesting that they share the survey with their staff to complete but also to share with their partners.

Is there a flyer about the Town Hall? I was unable to find on the Task Force Web Site.

Thanks.

You

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[https://docs.google.com/document/d/19J5QrLUI-0c5vnLTBLYRB55shJh4ZTIQRVio\\_ckVXhQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19J5QrLUI-0c5vnLTBLYRB55shJh4ZTIQRVio_ckVXhQ/edit)

**Lauren Kallins**

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**Shielding is a far better option than expungement for providers who have mandate to conduct criminal background checks before hiring for purposes of the health and safety of the vulnerable populations those providers serve.**

**Lauren Kallins**

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**Thanks Jessica-- its a complicated issue for DD provider community-- better suited for a discussion rather than chat.**

**Jessica Emerson**

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**Thanks Lauren!**

**Lauren Kallins**

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**Fully understand the further victimization of victims by virtue of criminal records. Just not sure how to safely balance those needs against the legal mandate many providers are under to protect the health and safety of people with disabilities (in our case). A person's criminal background may not be a bar to employment, but it is a hugely important part of making sure we don't hire someone who may be a danger to a vulnerable adult.**

**Lauren Kallins**

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**Not at all opposed to expanding access to existing expungement laws.**

**Karen Adams-Gilchrist**

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**As a provider in the disability world, I certainly see both sides of the situation and the value of expungements, but in the disability world where services can be isolated with the person and the staff, history and background checks are critical to help us ensure the safety of the people we have been charged to support. We too have situations of people with disabilities who have criminal records and are on the other side of the aisle.**

**Language has to be flexible enough to support all sides**

**Ann Sheridan**

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**I am comfortable with expanding access to existing expungement laws, but not expanding categories of expungement.**

**Lauren Kallins**

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**Agreed Ann!**

**Sandy Bartlett**

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**Thank you all for your feedback and discussion. This is the best way to work as a collective.**

**Karen Adams-Gilchrist**

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**Is it access and education**

**Jessica Emerson**

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**access, education, and also funding- expunging convictions costs \$30 each unless the person can truly prove they are indigent or are represented by the OPD or an MLSC-funded org.**

**Barbara Palmer**

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**Social media is a great way to get the word out**

**Jessica Emerson**

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**Sorry I was being fidgety at the end of the expungement discussion- I am making homemade chili oil and needed to complete the final step before the oil cooled! :)**

**You**

**1:19 PM**

**registry**

**[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1axqXOt9V9mRufmH\\_ZZUnplKk6PlDpsPh5jZTdlrO9bk/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1axqXOt9V9mRufmH_ZZUnplKk6PlDpsPh5jZTdlrO9bk/edit)**

**Sandy Bartlett**

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**Dorothy Lennig**

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**Can Laura send out all the recommendations again?**

**You**

**1:21 PM**

**yes i will include them in notes right after this meeting**

**Ann Sheridan**

**1:21 PM**

**Are we submitting a recommendation for the legal services platform?**

**You**

**1:22 PM**

**<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11KOKJGenKoenL5OztCG0cse5ztr-EvwA3eyvNI-Q8x8/edit>**

**Bernard Keels**

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**can we keep next weeks meeting at the same time 12?**

**You**

**1:23 PM**

**I will ask Denise her availability and try for 12 pm**

**Dorinda Adams -DHS- SSC**

**1:24 PM**

**Have to leave but best to everyone.**

**Jessica Emerson**

**1:25 PM**

**Thanks to everyone for that honest expungement discussion!**