

**Surviving Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Committee**  
**October 7, 2020 12:00 PM**

- Town Hall being moved from today to next Wednesday on October 14th.
  - Spanish presentation at 4:00 PM
  - English presentation at 6:00 PM
  - Powerpoint current being translated into spanish.
  - Please encourage everyone to attend.
  - The Public Awareness Committee will be assisting in publicizing the event..
- Survey Update:
  - Survey for service recipient: 87 in english, 1 in Spanish
    - Need more responses for people in congregate care, spanish speaking population.
  - Survey provider: Need more responses on legal services.
- Ideas for increasing responses:
  - Is going to be sent out to Maryland Legal Services.
  - Delegate Bartley and Shelly should reach out to secretaries for organizations.
  - For spanish-speaking population: ask Claudia from MDH, DJS, Department of Disabilities etc to share the survey. Also share with Susan Erlichman.
  - Barbra will distribute hardcopies.
- Hard Copies will be sent to Danyell Avery Department of Juvenile Service.s
- Results for service recipients:
  - 91% reported no changes in substances abuse
  - Health/independence changed: 48% said no change.
  - Most changes occurred in employment and housing. Over 50% falling behind on rent.
  - 57% difficulting in accessing medical care
  - 18% avoided seeking care
  - 16% had difficulty accessing health services
  - Personal safety: 71% experienced no changes 17% experienced emotional abuse 10% financial exploitation. 10% exploited by employers.

Provider survey

- Most knew where to report abuse.
- Accessing services for clients
- 57% said difficulty in accessing services for client stayed the same
- 46% said it was more difficult to access services for clients

Reviewed Long term recommendations:

- Expungements:
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/19J5QrLUi-0c5vnLTBLYRB55shJh4ZTIQRVio\\_ckVXhQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19J5QrLUi-0c5vnLTBLYRB55shJh4ZTIQRVio_ckVXhQ/edit)
  - Need to include information about the waiting time for when people can get expungements.
  - No need to include human trafficking survivors.

- Make sure we ensure: how do we ensure that we do not put other survivors in harm's way by increasing access to expungements?
- Defining 'access to expungement:'
  - Increased legal avenues to expunge criminal charges included non-convictions and convictions.
  - Jessica Emerson will include more information.
  - **We want to focus on improving expungement laws that are already available, not expanding categories of what can be expunged.**
- Harm-reduction:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11KOKJGenKoenL5OztCG0cse5ztr-EvwA3eyvNI-Q8x8/edit>
- APS abuse list registry:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1axqXOt9V9mRufmH\\_ZZUnpIKk6PIIdpsPh5jZTdlrO9bk/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1axqXOt9V9mRufmH_ZZUnpIKk6PIIdpsPh5jZTdlrO9bk/edit)