Committee Meeting

6/26/20

Present

- Karen Anderson-Scott
- Roberta Gill
- Talley Kovacs
- Amy Fusting
- Alithea Warmack
- Brenda Gruss
- Reena Shah

Introductions

- o Roberta Gill prosecutor at dept. Of health, all people with license
- o Talley Kovacs Dept. of natural resources, in baltimore interested in city
- Alithea Warmack comms team at AG
- Brenda Gruss criminal appeals division at AG, health and life planning committee, created communications subcommittee
- Amy Fusting child support agency, special counsel in montgomery county

Purpose

- To spread word, particularly community stakeholders
- Those most affected can locate resources/info to access civil justice system
- Evictions, difficulty getting benefits (cares act and otherwise)
- Materials and communication to public about task force work and what people can do to help

Task Force Overview

- 6 substantive committees
 - Housing evictions, foreclosures, etc
 - Consumer protection medical and consumer debt
 - Life and health planning legal needs to deal with health and life decisions (powers of attorney, advanced directives, probate, wills, etc.)
 - Public Benefits administrative processes related to unemployment, SNAP, medicaid, TANF
 - Civil legal aid funding how to address funding short-falls, need to raise awareness
 - How are these needed to stay fed, sheltered, etc.
 - Why is this important to the broader goals

- Tracking down federal funds coming into the state and how it can be redirected to these purposes
- Abuse, neglect, exploitation
- 4 support committees
 - Pro-Bono and reduced how can we increase the availability
 - Data and tech what are the data and tech needs from the substantive committee
 - Court access issues related to internet access.
 - Policy and race-equity viewing these issues through a policy lense
- Future Meetings

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- Open Meetings Act
 - As much as possible operation in accordance
 - Is an email on AG's website where people can ask to attend the meeting
 - Aleithea is happy to monitor this email
 - Should we operate under PIA
 - Must post meeting times, agendas, and chats
 - Can be recorded, may just need to copy paste chats
 - Should be careful to get consent and inform public they are being recorded
 - o Aieithea may have some info that might make town halls easier
 - Meets do have a closed captioning feature
- Questions/Comments/Suggestions
 - Reena
 - Social media for task force
 - First order of business is to inform public about what the task force really is
 - Why do the members matter?
 - Look for different media moments
 - An op-ed
 - Reaching out to task force members to answer some questions about why they care about the work
 - Multiple audiences ID who is hard to reach
 - People who need help
 - Decision makers
 - One-pager of goals
 - First Task Force is July 9
 - Should try to meet with full committee before then
 - Franklyn Baker is another co-chair hasn't responded

- Will take member ideas to steering committee to assure they have a diverse cohort
- Also think creatively about what organization can be targeted
 - Lots of black groups working on criminal justice, these missions can definitely be connected back to our goals
- Look into groups helping the most vulnerable minorities, elderly,
 LGBTQ+
- Are there any aggregator organizations
- Any communications organizations that could be brought in
- Aleithea
 - Separate social media from attorney general
- Roberta
 - Mainstream news may not reach the people we need to reach
 - Contact some community outreach people for representatives to join
 - Inter-denominational ministerial alliance
 - Black-jewish alliance
 - Radio, TV
- Karen
 - Must be multi pronged approach
 - Reach out to faith community
- Talley
 - May be able to connect with Franklyn Baker
- Amy Fusting
 - Find some other non-profit advocacy groups to reach out to
 - Can work on a list