

## Committee Meeting

7/2/20

- Present
  - Karen Anderson-Scott
  - Amy Fusting
  - Brenda Gruss
  - Franklyn Baker
  - Reena Shah
  - Michael Summers
  - Talley Kovacs
  - Aleithea Warmack
  - Kristin Fleckenstein
  - Roberta Gill
  - Jay Hutchins
  - Terrell Boston-Smith
- Introductions, focus on new members
  - Michael Summers - Community Engagement in PG county states' attorney's office
    - Primarily focused on reduction in juvenile delinquency
    - Former delegate 2010-2014
    - Currently contract work with nonprofits and community orgs
  - Kristin Fleckenstein - director of comms at Anne Arundel County state's attorney office
    - Currently at dept. Of planning helping on census and redistricting
  - Brenda Gruss - at AG working with criminal appeals
    - On subcommittee of life and health planning, will sit in on meetings to coordinate
  - Jay Hutchins - VP of public affairs of planned parenthood of maryland
    - Spent 20 years working in legislative affairs/policy/politics
  - Franklyn Baker - President of United Way of Central Maryland
    - Work in community improvement
      - Housing, education, employment
    - Also worked in health and human services at various orgs
  - Karen Anderson-Scott - prosecutor in Anne Arundel and PG county
    - Currently at Maryland State Dept. of Education
      - Primarily assigned to childcare
    - Since march reviewing public info requests
  - Terrell Boston-Smith
- Franklyn

- Good committee growth, committee may continue to grow and might split into subcommittees
- Very aware of need for task force and this committee specifically
- Goal to make public clear of our goals and results
- Good to keep other committee's with community engagement interests in step with us
- Reena - Where are we now
  - Executive Director of Access to Justice Commission and Vice Chair of Task Force
  - Next wave of COVID will be justice ramifications
    - Courts have been operating by emergency only and are about to be swamped with consumer, eviction, life planning issues
  - The public is far less familiar with issues in civil justice system than criminal
    - These problems are highly likely to spike
  - Urgency
    - Brought together many different stakeholders
      - Federal delegation
      - Designees from maryland state government
      - Others including those in the legal sphere and not
  - Adoption of race-equity lens
    - Should be working with race-equity lense with regard to problems and solutions
    - Solutions should consider those at the margins
  - This is a support committee
    - Will create our own work
    - But will provide support/guidance to other substantive subcommittees
  - Timeline is now-december
    - Some short term work to get word out
    - Long term - gear up for legislative session, what recommendations
  - Next stage
    - Committees plan - start to execute
- Populating the committee
  - Roberta - can send over bio of those suggested to members
  - No hard or fast rules for who can be included
  - Looking for diversity and community organizations
    - People who can get the message out
    - Boots on the ground with direct pipeline to people

- Not necessarily legal aid
  - Currently no member from eastern shore
    - Eastern shore has their own concerns/issues on race
    - Should look for someone in that area
    - Each county has census committee and a chair
      - Kristin volunteered to speak to people on eastern shore, western maryland, and southern maryland
  - Also need language access
  - How do we do this without technology access
    - People will need to engage with courts remotely
    - May need a digital component in terms of communications
- One-pager
  - Committee has been charged with putting out one page document to be disseminated to public
  - Editing
    - Currently doesn't address racial equity too much
  - This is not necessarily the thing that will be disseminated
    - More of a statement of goals for public facing image
  - May be better to add some specifics
  - Paragraphs should end with "the task force will do X"
  - Try to make language more easily digestible
  - Make comments as you see fit
  - Is there a mechanism for who to contact after getting this info
    - Will call local folks, will there be a general contact number for outreach
  - Include subtitles with hyperlinks to useful pages
  - Lots of organizations provide services - no single way to centralize
    - A2J has tried to centralize some of the info on their website
    - May need to consider pathways for people to access info related to covid
  - Governor has referred people to call 211 for info, etc.
  - Aleithea, Talley, Kristin - work on editing document for next meeting
- Public relations generally, how to get word out
  - Previously discussed oped
  - Other means of reaching people who do not read papers
  - Pamphlets for folks who are not media savvy or engaged in social media
  - Social media
  - Town halls
    - Geographically what and where that would be

- Radio and TV
- Will be hard to get paper in people's hands
- Maybe in this area we may need to have a subcommittee to drill down on how to get info in people's hands
  - More tactical than full committee, could include new people who are not part of the main committee
- Some groups have contacted the AG looking for spanish language media to distribute
- Some discussion about Maryland Association of Counties and Municipal League
  - Kristin has contacts
    - Has created postcards for food distribution sites that provide meals for kids and their families with information
    - Other places have had pop up markets
    - Also used stickers
- Available resources
  - Some philanthropists on task force
  - CARES Act money is coming into the state, meant for these purposes
  - Also lots coming in through county level
  - Committee can work on identifying needs, budget, etc.
- Churches have also been distributing food - need to get faith community involved
  - Can distribute info to them and then the church members as well
- Everything AG created was double sided in english and spanish
- Are we tied to the task force agenda?
- Next-Meeting
  - Task Force Meeting on Thursday from 10-12
    - Keep a placeholder if available may just be co-chairs
  - Regular meeting date?
    - Set up doodle poll