

**Surviving Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Committee.**  
**Donut Holes Subcommittee NOTES**  
**7/28/2020 12:00 PM**

- Sarah Dennis- Representing Pam Jordan.
- New member: Lauren Kallins: Maryland Association of Community Services- represents people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Discussing meeting the Chairs had with Reena last week:

- Liaison more with other committees so we do not reinvent wheels. Laura will communicate with clerks of other committees and look at their meeting notes.
- Think of any cost we may need covered to disseminate the survey- printing cost? Mailing cost? Will we provide incentives for the survey?
- Laser-focus on the goal of the task force. “ The Task Force will develop strategies, devise solutions, and drive reforms and innovations necessary to ensure equity, fairness and access to justice for all Marylanders.”
- Focus more on equal access to justice- access to the court system in particular.
  - Ex: problems with filing, online documents, access to virtual hearings, access to interpreters, deadlines not being communicated etc.
- We have a great start but now need to focus on **What type of judicial proceedings will be available or what has not been available (but should've been) to the populations we are responsible for.**
  - Ex: difficulties in getting police reports to lawyers.
- Question from Lauren Kallins: What about sign language interpreters?
- Going through Survey- Jessica has added many questions pertaining to access to the court system
- Immigration- Nick will look at the survey to add questions pertaining to immigration.

**Human Subject Research Laws**-we may need to take out some identifiers to make the survey as anonymous as possible. We have an AAG on board who will make sure we are in compliance with the survey laws.

Stakeholders- Who is actually going to receive the surveys?

- Laura has created a google doc. Please enter any organizations that we can send the survey to:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VdhaJzJZflXk9Zmds71zVVEZZ8ahgl2GZzui8a8brXI/edit>
- We will ask our AAG if we are allowed to include county information in the survey.
  - If we are, we will need to reach out to services in other areas of Maryland that are not being represented in this Committee. Sandy will reach out to those delegates.

Nick brings up incentives- we will need to have some incentives and a clear, persuasive reason that these individuals and service providers will actually fill out the survey

- Provide a brief cover letter to the survey? Explain why the survey is so long. Emphasize our passion to help and what we will use the survey for.
- Consumers of services (individuals) should be compensated for their time filling out this survey.

- Laura will research what other states may be doing.
- Will need to reach out to Reena and Brian Frosh. What types of incentives is the task force capable of providing?
- We want the public to be able to hold us accountable for our work. Not wasting their time.

**- Reverend Keels: It is important to distinguish our survey from the everyday generic survey. The critical need for the information to empower and give voice to those underserved.**

Sample size

- Need to determine how many of these surveys we will send out so that we can be able to determine cost.

- How will we reach groups that are often left out? The Groups we need the most? Ect: people on the corner or on the streets who do not have access to the internet. Migrant workers?

- Also, many service providers are working from home. Many are not seeing clients as regularly.

-We will start working on a cover letter paragraph that can go on the survey.

- Reverend Keels: asked if there is anyone available who will be able to go out on the streets who might be willing to out and help people fill out the survey. Maybe working with law schools/student groups to volunteer? Ask Reena.

- Work with the Public Engagement and Community Awareness Committee. Laura will reach out to them.

**Please look at the survey by Friday July 31 and add any comments/changes.**

- **Need questions for immigration and housing income.**

**Add stakeholders to the list by the next meeting.**

**Sandy will reach out to Western, Southern and Eastern Shore Maryland.**

**Shelly and Reverend Keels will start the cover letter paragraph.**

**At the next Chairs meeting we will discuss the issues with fundings/incentives with Reena.**