

THE BALTIMORE CITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 11, 2015 MEETING

Council Members In Attendance*: Chair Judge Charles Peters; Warren S. Alperstein, Bar Association of Baltimore; Kimberly S. Barranco, CJCC Executive Director; Jay Cleary for Sam Abed, Secretary, Department of Juvenile Services; Joseph Clocker, Director, Parole and Probation, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Major Samuel Cogen for John Anderson, Sheriff for Baltimore City; Brian Frosh, Attorney General of Maryland; Angela Johnese for Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of Baltimore City; Elizabeth Julian, Baltimore City Public Defender; Marilyn Mosby, State's Attorney for Baltimore City; Stephen Moyer, Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Deputy Police Commissioner Dean Palmere for Anthony Batts, Baltimore City Police Commissioner; Kevin Patten, Acting Director, Central Region, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Rod Rosenstein, U.S. Attorney; Tyrone Roper for Bernard J. McBride, President and CEO, Behavioral Health System Baltimore; Judge Halee Weinstein for Barbara Baer Waxman, Administrative Judge for District I, District Court of Maryland; Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President, Baltimore City Council.

Others in Attendance*: Margaret Boyd-Anderson, CJCC; Russell Butler, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.; Doug Colbert, Maryland Law School; Mark Conway, Mayor's Office, CitiStat; Wendell M. France, Deputy Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Deirdre Gardner, Roberta's House; Kim Gunishaw, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc., Kelly R. Hurtt, Community Service; Amanda Kelly, Safe and Sound Campaign; Traci Kodeck, Health Care Access Maryland; Darren O'Brien, Baltimore State's Attorney's Office; Ed Parker, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention; Eboni Pearson, Baltimore City Circuit Court; Samantha Prinsen, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.; Paul Plymouth, Baltimore City Council; Alonzo Robertson, Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center; Charles Robinson, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office; Judge Devy P. Russell, Baltimore City District Court; Ryan Smith, BHS Baltimore; Kim Trueheart, Citizen; Barry Udoff, MD Bail Bond Association; Bob Weisengoff, DPSCS; Kate Wolfson, Safe and Sound Campaign; Stephanie Young-Medina, Circuit Court.

***We request that all in attendance sign the attendance sheet which is available at each meeting.**

MEETING DIALOGUE

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. and Judge Charles Peters greeted the Council.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT – JUDGE CHARLES PETERS

Judge Charles Peters welcomed new members Attorney General Brian Frosh, Governor Larry Hogan, State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby, and DPSCS Secretary Stephen Moyer to the Council. Judge Peters requested for all Council members to provide a brief introduction.

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Judge Peters requested a motion to approve the December 10, 2014 meeting minutes and they were adopted unanimously. He stated that the next meeting will be held on April 8, 2015 and that there will not be a March meeting. Judge Peters thanked Council members and their various representatives for their attendance.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – KIMBERLY SMALKIN BARRANCO

Kimberly Barranco referred Council members to the updated contact lists in their packets. She noted that there are a number of new members who are in the process of establishing their administrations and she requested that corrections and updates be forwarded to her attention. Ms. Barranco stated that she anticipates that the list will be further updated and she will disseminate an electronic version out shortly. Ms. Barranco reminded the Council that the CJCC is funded as a local law enforcement grant under GOCCP and each year she attends the Senate and House subcommittee budget hearings. She informed that she would be attending the budget hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2015. Ms. Barranco further informed that the CJCC budget has not been targeted for any cut in funding and that she will keep the Council apprised if there are any changes to the level funding request. Ms. Barranco reported that at the budget hearings, the CJCC will offer support letters on behalf of full funding for the War Room, which has been the custom since the War Room's inception. She further reported that the War Room is a joint initiative of the State's Attorney's Office, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Baltimore Police Department and was originally a CJCC initiative. Ms. Barranco explained that the War Room allows for a comprehensive information sharing system identifying the most violent offenders arrested in Baltimore. She further explained that the Council members' packets contain letters that were written to the House and Senate Subcommittee Chairs on behalf of the CJCC supporting full funding of the War Room. Ms. Barranco stated that member's packets contain a copy of a support letter on behalf of the CJCC for the Community Services Program in support of their GOCCP grant funding, which the CJCC provides each year.

Ms. Barranco reported on a Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee (DVCC) accomplishment and she acknowledged members of the DVCC for working collaboratively in order to establish a new protocol for the service of respondents at temporary PO hearings at Eastside District Court as well as inputting this information for the Vine Protective Database. She further reported that previously, some respondents were not being served in court and problems arose as a result since there was no documentation of service. The Sheriff's Office held a training session on service for District Court Bailiffs and currently the Bailiffs are making service and the Sheriff's Office is making the entries into the Vine Protective Order Database. Ms. Barranco thanked all DVCC members who were involved in resolving this issue. Ms. Barranco thanked everyone for their support and she said that she looked forward to sharing future Committee accomplishments with the Council at upcoming meetings. Judge Peters thanked Ms. Barranco for her report.

III. CENTRAL REGION REPORT – WENDELL M. FRANCE, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL REGION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Wendell M. France, Deputy Secretary, DPSCS advised that a copy of the Central Region Statistics Report was provided in the meeting packets for the Council's review. Director

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France stated that he would answer any questions that the Council may have about the report. Judge Peters thanked Director France for his report.

IV. BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DEAN PALMERE

Deputy Police Commissioner Dean Palmere advised members of the Council that he was attending the meeting on behalf of Commissioner Batts. He further advised that Commissioner Batts was absent due to jury duty. He introduced new Deputy Commissioner Kevin Davis. Deputy Commissioner Palmere referred the Council to the Police Commissioner's Report included in the Council's packets. He reported that as of February 7, 2015 homicides are down 10% compared to the same time last year and non-fatal shootings are down 12%. He further reported that the total violent crime in Baltimore City is down 8%, total Property Crime is down 8% and total Part I crime is down 8%. Judge Peters thanked Deputy Commissioner Palmere for his report.

V. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REPORT– MARILYN MOSBY, STATE'S ATTORNEY

Marilyn Mosby advised that a copy of the Baltimore City's State's Attorney's Office (SAO) Organization Chart was provided in the meeting packets for the Council's review. Ms. Mosby described how there have been key changes within SAO's organizational structure. Ms. Mosby introduced members of her staff; Caron Brace, Special Assistant; Steward Beckham, Chief of Administration; Michael Schatzow, Chief Deputy State's Attorney; and Tammy Brown, Chief of External Affairs. Ms. Mosby further introduced Patricia DeMaio, Deputy State's Attorney of Operations; Tony Gioia, Deputy State's Attorney of Major Crimes, and Janice Bledsoe, Deputy State's Attorney of Criminal Intelligence. Ms. Mosby identified that Kristin Blumer is the Director of Community Affairs and that Lisa Smith is the Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs. Ms. Mosby reported on crime control and prevention initiatives. She said that Back on Track was an initiative which targets first time non-violent offenders. Ms. Mosby outlined several other SAO programs including Great Expectations, a ten-month program in which Assistant State's Attorneys as well as Baltimore police officers, social workers, judges, media personnel, and professors will visit 4th graders at Franklin Square Elementary School to describe their day-to-day work experiences. She also shared that the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City is holding its first Community Day in Court: Sexual Violence in which she and Sheriff John Anderson will discuss sexual violence in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This event is scheduled Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Courthouse, 100 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 in Room 400. Ms. Mosby concluded her report by highlighting that Darryl Anderson, Baltimore City's public enemy #1 and violent repeat offender had been apprehended last week by U.S. Marshals in Birmingham, Alabama, after a yearlong manhunt in which he crossed several state lines. Judge Peters thanked Ms. Mosby for her report.

VI. UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S REPORT - ROD J. ROSENSTEIN, UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Mr. Rosenstein gave a PowerPoint presentation on Maryland Exile, Gun Crime equals Jail Time. Mr. Rosenstein reported on the four principles of Maryland Exile, which includes 1) every child deserves a safe neighborhood, 2) every armed criminal belongs in jail, 3) reducing violent crime is everyone's job, and 4) local, state, and federal coordination is essential. He further reported that the primary Exile partners include the Baltimore Police

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Department (BPD); the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI); the United States Marshalls Service (USMS); Homeland Security Investigations (HSI); Maryland Parole and Probation, Maryland Division of Corrections, Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Mr. Rosenstein identified that there are significant benefits to federal prosecutions, which range from the ability to try multiple defendants in conspiracy type cases as well as using mandatory minimum sentences that further enables a gained cooperation from defendants. He further identified that in the federal system there is truth in sentencing and felons can be sent out of state to serve their sentences.

Mr. Rosenstein discussed the EXILE strategies: reactive gun crime prosecutions, proactive violent repeat offenders or VRO investigations, gang and racketeering prosecutions, and outreach and public awareness. He provided insight on 2014 developments in the BGF and Cherry Hill cases, identifying that there are 44 defendants facing federal charges and 8 currently on federal trial. He noted that there are other multi-defendant indictments as well as significant progress of VRO cases in partnership with the SAO and increased call-in meetings. Mr. Rosenstein reported that there have been budget and hiring constraints. He described that in 2013 and 2014 there were federal budget restrictions that led to reduced staffing in addition to hiring and training constraints of new Assistant United States Attorneys, Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and new Federal Agents. Mr. Rosenstein shared that several external challenges has included attacks on prior state convictions (coram nobis and other collateral challenges) after federal charges are filed for procedural reasons which are unrelated to guilt or innocence; inability to rely on state criminal records due to the lack of finality in the state system; and collateral challenges to federal sentences that are based on subsequent voiding of state convictions.

Mr. Rosenstein concluded by outlining the new DOJ Strategy and 2015 goals for Maryland EXILE. He conveyed that the new DOJ Strategy will limit use of mandatory minimum sentences by continuing to consider prior records when bringing forth gun cases but pursuing appropriate sentences without reliance on mandatory minimum sentences in cases that include violence, threats, firearms, other weapons; supervisory role or use of juveniles; gang connections; and large drug-trafficking organization connections. Mr. Rosenstein further conveyed that the 2015 goals are to increase the number of gang prosecutions; to enhance Operation Ceasefire and VRO efforts; and to prosecute more armed robbery and gun trafficking cases. Mr. Rosenstein discussed the comparisons with the national and state federal prosecutions in respect to cumulative changes in the annual federal felony prosecutions from 1985 to 2005 and 2005 to present day, identifying that there has been a reversal in trend over the past 10 years. Judge Peters thanked Mr. Rosenstein for his report.

VII.COMMITTEE REPORT – TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – DARREN O'BRIEN, CHAIR

Darrien O'Brien reported that he has served as Technology Committee Chair since being appointed by Judge John Miller in May 2008. He further reported that the Technology Committee provides a forum for discussion on shared issues and facilitates collaboration regarding fiber and connectivity for Council members and other criminal justice partners. The Technology Committee identifies pressing technology needs, and makes

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recommendations to the CJCC regarding the funding of projects that continue the integration of computer networks within the criminal justice system. In addition, the Technology Committee meets monthly and is comprised of representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, the Mayor's Office of Information Technology, the Office of the State's Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Judicial Information Systems, the Circuit Court, the Maryland Department of Information Technology, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Municipal Telephone Exchange, the Sheriff's Office, and the Maryland State Police. Also, the Committee is actively working to improve connectivity and address issues of shared concern. Technology projects funded by the CJCC are monitored by the Committee until successful completion, and repairs or maintenance issues are addressed collaboratively. Mr. O'Brien stated that since his report to the Council last year, the Technology Committee has accomplished a number of goals, which include:

- The Technology Committee has fostered collaboration and communication regarding numerous fiber and connectivity issues and projects for the benefit of CJCC member agencies as well as other criminal justice partners to achieve shared objectives and has actively worked to share resources.
- The Committee recommended that the Council fund the upgrade of the switch located at 6 St. Paul Street in anticipation of expansion to reach additional locations and to plan for future growth and prevent breakdown. The Committee monitored the project until completion.
- The Committee facilitated the creation of a protocol with MOIT to allow for fiber cuts to be repaired promptly and is working with MOIT to memorialize the protocol.
- The Technology Committee provided technical assistance to the Sheriff's Office on the creation of a database to house protective order information.
- The Committee also provided technical assistance to the Sheriff's Office on the establishment of a network connection to offices within the Eastside District Court building and Courthouse East to facilitate their service of protective orders.
- Technology Committee members are working collaboratively to install and connect LiveScan machines for fingerprinting in the District Courts and in the Circuit Court.
- The Committee serves as a resource for the Continuity of Operations Planning Committee on technology matters.

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- The Committee continues to acquire new members from agencies interested in partnering to improve connectivity and network integration.

Mr. O'Brien further stated that moving forward, the Technology Committee will continue to recommend CJCC funding for technology projects, which benefits multiple Council members, in addition to continued monitoring of these projects until they are successfully completed. The Committee will also continue to facilitate the exchange of information and provide an opportunity for discussion between the state and local Committee members. Judge Peters thanked Mr. O'Brien for his report.

VIII. PRESENTATION on the MARYLAND CRIME VICTIMS' RESOURCE CENTER, INC. - RUSSELL P. BUTLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALONZO ROBERTSON, ESQ., HOMICIDE SURVIVOR NETWORK COORDINATOR, and SAMANTHA PRINSEN, ESQ., STAFF ATTORNEY/ GUARDIAN AD-LITEM.

Mr. Russell P. Butler, Executive Director of the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. (MCVRC) shared a PowerPoint presentation on the history of MCVRC and the role of MCVRC with their assistance to victims. Mr. Butler reported that MCVRC was founded by Roberta and Vince Roper after the kidnapping, rape, and murder of their daughter Stephanie. He further reported that the Stephanie Roper Committee's purpose was to change laws and policies in order to consider the interests of victims and to assist victims and their family members in the aftermath of crime. He further reported that in 2002, the Committee and Foundation merged into the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. or MCVRC and that their continued mission is "To ensure that victims of crime receive justice and are treated with dignity and compassion through comprehensive victims' rights and services." He explained that MCVRC Victim Advocates provides case management, court accompaniment, and assistance with collateral civil legal matters and criminal injuries compensation through the aid of a panel of pro bono attorneys. Mr. Butler further explained that MCVRC Social Workers offer support during group and individual counseling in addition to the MCVRC Attorneys that enter appearances under Rule 1-326 for victims, representatives in criminal, juvenile delinquency, and appellate cases. Mr. Butler reported that the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center (MCVRC) has two legislative priorities for the 2015 Maryland Legislative session and that these proposals include notification in unsolved cases and improvements in the collection of restitution. Mr. Butler detailed that the first proposal, which is notification in unsolved cases would provide notification to victims and victim's representatives in cold cases involving crimes of violence when DNA evidence of a suspected perpetrator exists, is entered into the DNA database, and when a potential identification is received. Mr. Butler explained that the second proposal, improvements in the collection of restitution, is similar to legislation that passed in the 2014 legislative session for child support and that this proposal would provide for the interception of video lottery winnings from those delinquent in restitution to be paid to the victims or their representatives who are owed the restitution. Mr. Butler thanked the Council and he introduced Samantha Prinsen, Esq. to discuss the Guardian Ad-Litem for Crime Victims.

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Ms. Prinsen reported that the guardian ad litem program creates a system to provide services to vulnerable crime victims whose interests are not otherwise adequately protected. She further reported that this program is funded by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Ms. Prinsen said that vulnerable victims may include children and individuals with special needs who lack the capacity to retain attorneys. Ms. Prinsen further stated that their goals are to 1) create a process for the appointment of attorneys for vulnerable victims whose interests are not otherwise adequately protected, 2) to provide legal services to these vulnerable victims, and 3) to provide training to attorneys assisting vulnerable victims. Ms. Prinsen discussed that the Maryland Statewide Survivor Network (MSSN) is a coalition of community and state sponsored resource organizations that provide assistance to victims throughout Maryland. The MSSN will identify and coordinate these existing services and incorporate them with newly implemented resources to form a more cohesive support network for Maryland families of homicide victims. She shared that their project goals are to 1) create and facilitate a statewide survivor network for surviving family members and friends of homicide, 2) promote and provide public awareness of the MSSN, 3) provide support and services to surviving family members and friends of homicide, and 4) promote collaboration among the seven agencies and organizations that have received Survivors of Homicide Victims Grant Program (SOHG) funding. Alonzo Robertson detailed that the Statewide Survivors of Homicide Victims Network Participants includes Baltimore Pro Bono Counsel, Child Advocacy Center, Community Advocates for Family and Youth, Court Appointed Special Advocates (Baltimore), House of Ruth, Roberta's House, Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc. (MCVRC), Montgomery County Police Department, Frederick County Police Department, Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Office, Family Bereavement Center in Baltimore City, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Parents of Murdered Children, and Baltimore Child Advocacy Center. Judge Peters thanked Mr. Butler, Mr. Robertson and Ms. Prinsen for their presentation.

Judge Peters adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., Courthouse East, Room 510.

MEETING HANDOUTS

- 1) Minutes from the December 10, 2014 meeting
- 2) Central Region Statistics Report
- 3) The Police Commissioner's Report
- 5) State's Attorney's Organization Chart
- 6) United States Attorney's Report – PowerPoint
- 7) Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. – PowerPoint
- 8) Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. – Survivors of Homicide Victims Grant Program and Guardian Ad Litem for Vulnerable Crime Victims Handout

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Respectfully submitted,

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