

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONSUMER RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
January 24, 2020**



ATTENDEES: Linda Wise, Angela Purnell, Mickey Pickett, James Barnes, Mark Council, Paul Behler, Armstead Hetherington, Athena Haniotis, Dorsheena Hagler, George Marsh-Bey. Staff: Eddie Martin, Jr., Julia Kohler

- I. INTRODUCTION AND READ GROUP AGREEMENTS – James Barnes**
- II. LOBBY DAY OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Lobby Day is February 27, 2020 in Annapolis. Agency closes and clients and staff go to Annapolis to talk with lawmakers about the issues that affect them. There are buses leaving from Fallsway, West Baltimore and Baltimore County. Joanna Diamond, Director of Public Policy will visit the next CRC meeting to discuss more in-depth the lobby day agenda.

The bills are not available yet, but the issues that are of interest are: criminal justice, youth homelessness, fair housing, and harm reduction. Asked the committee to pick two issues out of the four that affect them the most.

Feedback:

Reflections of last year's calendar of events:

Thoughts on the events from last year and what topics interest you for this year

Staff Nutrition – Jen Tate is going to come and tabled that for another week – opportunities that you are looking at

Number of thoughts that will go under a specific theme and then we will put those thoughts together and bring base upon peoples accessibility and their time (a calendar) as far as we can go into the year

Lobby Day – focusing on –

Our public policy town hall with law enforcement officers –

Behavioral health specialist (meeting)

Bring individuals together in a very strategic way to be able to discuss particular issues – an agenda and open it up for some q&a – town hall space with a roundtable

(extend hours 11:00a-2:00p town hall meeting?) will look at it further – might have to expand to two meetings

Population of homeless persons that are grossly ignored and the persons that was facilitating the meetings at the time chose to deal with my grievance – homeless youth that come in for medical and have to get a referral to go out for services – population that is not being addressed – specific homeless youth, there are areas that we are not able to address that is being referred out –

Need a trauma system and long-term system here

Everyone deserves to go home.

Everything is a CRC issue, what is the most effective ways to address it , either in CRC and using CRC to address it in a larger perspective or to be able to use your narrative in a way that gets you directly to the people that speeds things along –

Discretion of this committee what our goals are – our goals will always trump others

What is the process for addressing issues – the most effective way to address these issues –

Discussed expanding meetings

Net meeting is lobby day updates

Currently starting Consumer relations group at West Baltimore

LOBBY DAY SIGN-UP SHEET

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