

Kentucky Office of the Attorney General Survivors Advisory Council - Special Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order by Ex Officio, Denise Durbin, Executive Director, OVA, at 2:00 pm E.S.T.
Members present: Morgan Barnes, Marcy DuPlessis, Ricardo Franklin, Secret Holt, Julie Horen-Easley, Annell Lough, Mercedes Santos-Tellez, Amy Schumacher, Hilary Sykes, Kathleen Thomassy, Christine Whelan. OVA staff present: Aaron Ash, Ali Parham, Robyn Diez d’Aux, Erica Paske

Welcome comments were provided by Kentucky Attorney General, Daniel Cameron

Introductions of 2021-22 Council members and OVA Staff.

- II. Denise Durbin provided a brief description of KY OAG and explained the roles and responsibilities of Councilmembers and KY OAG.

Discussion was held on the need for scheduling the regular quarterly Survivor Council meetings. Durbin will be emailing a poll of potential future meeting dates to all members in order to set the dates. Durbin indicated the meetings will generally run about two (2) hours and there will be opportunities for guest speakers to be present.

Durbin explained that members will have opportunities to provide input on projects, attend events and sit on panels throughout their term of service. She stressed that participation is strictly voluntary.

Councilmembers were suggested to be thinking about potential initiative ideas. The floor for discussion. Several members liked the idea of a courtroom guide for prosecutors from victims’ perspectives. Another suggestion was updating the current Crime Victims’ Information Guide to include a section on Marsy’s Law.

Durbin will provide OVA staff members’ email addresses to the Council members to facilitate ease of communication.

- III. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. Next meeting date to be determined using Doodle Poll.