

**Location:** Capital Complex East, 1024 Capital Center Dr., Suite 200, Frankfort, KY; Video Conference option through Zoom



**Date:** July 8, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm E.S.T.

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

- I. Meeting called to order by Ex Officio, Denise Durbin, Executive Director, OVA, at 1:05 pm E.S.T. Members present: Morgan Barnes, Marcy DuPlessis, Ricardo Franklin, Shellena Harmon, Julie Horen-Easley, Annell Lough, Kathleen Niestadt, Mercedes Santos Tellez, Amy Schumacher, Hilary Sykes, Kathleen Thomassy, and Christine Whelan.

Non-member OVA staff present: Aaron Ash, Ali Parham, Robyn Diez d’Aux, Erica Paske, Alexandra Winn-Marvin.

- II. Motion to approve October 2020 meeting minutes by Hilary Sykes; Motion received a second by Kathleen Niestadt.

Motion to approve May 2021 Special meeting minutes by Hilary Sykes; Motion received a second by Kathleen Niestadt.

Introductions of 2021-22 Council members and OVA Staff.

- III. Guest presentation

The Council heard from Laela Kashan, Staff Attorney, Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs (KASAP). Leala provided an overview of the agency, including their legislative lobbying and prevention efforts.

- IV. Administrative Issues

- a. Motion by Hilary Sykes for the next regular meeting to be held October 7, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, E.S.T. Motion seconded by Annell Lough. Location for the meeting will be at 1024 Capital Center Drive unless members suggest another location.
- b. Denise Durbin provided all members with copies of the KYOAG Executive Orders related to the Survivors Council and a copy of the press release related to their appointment.
- c. The Consent to Photograph agreement was provided by Denise and told that the members were welcome to take it with them to review.
- d. Denise relayed an update on Council member



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## V. Council Initiatives

- a. Possible initiatives: OVA Victim Advocate, Aaron Ash, explained prior Council projects. Examples included the Crime Victim Bill of Rights Handbook, Crime Victim Information Guide, and training. A discussion was held among the members with many ideas proposed.

Proposed Council initiative idea – a popular idea discussed is a revision of the Crime Victim Information Guide, but transferring to a digital format.

If an app is cost-prohibitive, a website and QR code were discussed as alternative options. Some indicated an app may be dangerous for some victims to have on their devices.

Benchmarks for deliverables - Members were encouraged to read the out-dated Guide and make noted edits. The Council agreed that a timeline for deliverables will be discussed at the next meeting.

- b. OVA staff will look at funding under a grant for the project.

- VI. Motion for adjournment was made by Hilary Sykes; Kathleen Niestadt seconded at 3:10 p.m. Next meeting October 7, 2021, at 1:00-3:00p.m. (EST).
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