



Maryland Youth Advisory Council
Saturday, October 19th, 2024
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting

Council Members:

Qamryn Askew: In-person
O'Marie Barnes: In-person
Shradha Bista: Absent
Aarna Chakarvarty: In-person
Taryn Clemons: Virtual
Alessia Cuba: Virtual
David Renderos: In-person
Folashade Epebinu: In-person
Thomas Evans: Virtual
Diana Flores: Absent
Alexander Hossainkhail: In-person
Kevin Jones: Absent

Izzah Khan: Absent
Zaria Naqvi: Virtual
Foresight Ogungbe: In-person
Rishi Sheth: Virtual
Graham Snyder: Virtual
Joyce Yun: In-person
Alex Mayen Velasquez: Absent
Lorena Wu: In-person
Lucia Zaklin: In-person

Staff:

Mysiki Valentine, GOC
Christina Drushel Williams, GOC

Materials Distributed:

- [Statewide Youth Assessment and Outcomes Data](#)
- [Meeting Slides](#)
- [MYAC October Workshop](#)
- Meeting Agenda

Meeting Recorder: Folashade Epebinu, Secretary

Meeting Overview: The second Council meeting of the year began with welcoming remarks and a review of the agenda. Members then engaged in a review and reflection of the ENOUGH Act and youth statewide assessment data. Following the reflections was a roll call and vote on meeting location change. Additionally, the Chair and committee chairs shared updates and future plans. Members then engaged in a planning meeting about the logistics of the Community Conversation. This discussion then led to an engaging workshop about the MYAC chain of command and the function of the Council. The meeting concluded with a brief overview of the mileage reimbursement forms, followed by announcements and next steps.

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I. Welcoming Remarks

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all members and providing a brief overview of the agenda and key discussion objectives.

II. ENOUGH Statewide Data Review

The Maryland ENOUGH Act is a piece of legislation supported by the Moore-Miller administration recently signed into law. The act's aim is to provide resources to support those in poverty in communities around Maryland. Mr. Valentine introduced the legislation to the Council and provided [Statewide Youth Assessment and Outcomes Data](#) for youth K-12 in every county in Maryland. Members had the opportunity to review the data and share reflections about what they saw and how we could use the data in the work of MYAC moving forward.

III. Council Business

● Roll Call and Vote

MYAC will be utilizing a new system of attendance to lessen the amount of paper materials used at meetings. Instead of a sign-in sheet, attendance will now be taken using the [Roll Call](#) form.

After the roll call and the establishment of quorum, the Council went into a vote after Chair Hossainkhail motioned to move the monthly meeting location from 100 Community Pl, Crownsville, MD, to 45 Calvert St, Annapolis, MD. The motion was approved following a favorable Council vote.

● Chair updates

Chair Hossainkhail shared that the Council will be moving toward using the Google Classroom platform to make assignments and information easier to find. Additionally, members can look forward to meeting with the policy team of the Maryland Children's Cabinet to ensure MYAC and the Cabinet are aligned in youth support goals. The Chair ended his updates by giving MYAC's newest member, Mr. Renderos, the opportunity to introduce himself to the Council

● Legislative Updates

Legislative Committee Chair Naqvi reported on the work of the Legislative Committee. The updates are shared below:

- The committee held its first meeting and a presentation was given on the legislative process, writing testimony, and bill-tracking

- Committee members have an assignment due November 1st
- The new Legislative Committee legislative coordinator will be announced by the next Council meeting

● Public Awareness

Public Awareness Committee Chair Sheth reported on the work of the Public Awareness Committee. The updates are shared below:

- The committee held its first meeting where they discussed the logistics for social media posts such as formatting
- The committee is working to finalize the new MYAC website
- “Meet the Council” and new social media posts will be posted in the coming weeks

IV. MYAC Community Conversation Planning & Roles

To start off the discussion about the annual Community Conversation, Chair Hossainkhail motioned to move the November meeting date from the 9th to the 23rd and host the Community Conversation on the same day. The motion was approved following a favorable Council vote.

After the vote, Mr. Valentine shared insights into the roles, programming, and promotion of the Community Conversation, as well as potential approaches for the Council to be most effective in these areas. Roles for the Community Conversation will be determined at a later date.

To prepare to answer and discuss important topics and points that may come up during discussion at the event, the Council split up into an in-person and virtual group to share thoughts. The Council discussion centered around school safety, mental health, equity, and the drug abuse/opioid crisis. At the end of the discussion, members felt a beneficial approach to conversation at the event might be to use a general topic such as safety, and then trickle down into the more specific topics.

The notes from the discussion can be found in the [Pre-Community Conversation Discussion](#) document.

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IV. Council Workshop

To ensure that all members, especially first-year members, understand the chain of command and the functions of MYAC, a workshop was held to introduce members to

these topics. As a part of the workshop, members answered MYAC situational scenarios and completed a legislative advocacy-based written assignment.

The assignment can be viewed at the following link [Activity 1: Legislative Engagement Scenario](#)

The presentation can be viewed at the following link: [MYAC October Workshop](#).

V. Mileage Reimbursement

All MYAC members are provided with mileage reimbursement for the commute to and from MYAC meetings and events where members are representing the Council. Mr. Valentine and Ms. Drushel Williams shared with the Council how to fill out the mileage reimbursement form and when to expect the reimbursement. Required forms for the reimbursement will be sent through email.

VI. Announcements and Next Steps

- Reach out to Mr. Valentine to engage in upcoming opportunities
- Reach out to point partner
- Stay tuned for updates on the 2024-2025 MYAC small grant
- Check email for Chair and Committee Chair communications
- Complete mileage forms
- Next council meeting is on November 23th, 2024

VII. Adjournment

Chair Hossainkhail adjourned the meeting at 4:07 pm.