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Maryland Byrne Advisory Board

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Advisory Board Goals and Objectives

- To develop recommendations that guide the implementation of Byrne SCIP funding, as established by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 ([Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339](#)).
- To provide oversight of the Landscape Analysis and curation of the Byrne SCIP Plan and Budget.
- To establish statewide performance measures to gauge sub-recipient progress in meeting Byrne SCIP goals.
- To review applications and recommend programs for funding based on best- and/or most promising practices to reduce gun violence in Maryland.

Participating Members:

Maryland Department of State Police	Assistance Bureau Chief, Criminal Investigation Bureau	Major Andy Johnson
ROAR Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore	Executive Director	Lydia Watts
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	Executive Director	Jeanne Yeager
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health	Associate Professor	Shannon Frattaroli
District Court of Maryland	Associate Judge	Honorable Marina Sabett
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy	Director, Centers of Excellence; Chair, Maryland Byrne Advisory Board	James "Jim" Rhoden

Staff:

Alexandra "Lexy" Smith, Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) & Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (BSCIP) Policy & Data Analyst, GOCPP

Meeting Minutes

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I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Chairperson, Jim Rhoden. Roll call was conducted. A quorum was not present to approve the November 10, 2025 meeting minutes. GOCPP will circulate the minutes to Board members via email for virtual approval via Google Form submission.

II. Report from GOCPP

- A. FY25 ERPO Liaison Site Program and Site Partner Program – Progress Updates
GOCPP provided progress updates by jurisdiction and statewide partner.

Western Central Region (Frederick & Washington Counties)

Frederick County Health Department's Regional ERPO Liaison remains fully in implementation and continues to expand ERPO capacity across the region. During the most recent reporting period, the Liaison delivered 12 ERPO trainings (224 participants) and convened 6 multi-agency stakeholder meetings, strengthening coordination among law enforcement, behavioral health providers, and community partners. Training participants report increased confidence in identifying ERPO-eligible situations and navigating the petition process. While engagement remains strong overall, targeted outreach is ongoing with a small number of less-engaged partners. The next quarter will focus on continued training delivery, coalition convening, curriculum refinement, and sustained technical assistance to support ERPO use as a frontline crisis intervention tool.

Prince George's County

Prince George's County Health Department's Local ERPO Liaison continues to demonstrate strong implementation and stakeholder engagement. During the most recent reporting period, the county delivered multiple ERPO trainings and outreach events, expanded its ERPO Coordinating Council, and maintained regular collaboration with law enforcement, behavioral health providers, and community partners. The self-paced ERPO training remains widely utilized by County staff, and a Train-the-Trainer model has been finalized to support sustainability and broader reach. Program leadership is actively working to formalize referral pathways – particularly with the Sheriff's Office and District Court – to strengthen follow-up support for ERPO respondents. Overall, the program remains focused on education, coordination, and systems-building to support effective and constitutionally sound ERPO implementation.

Baltimore City

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence's Local ERPO Liaison continues to advance Baltimore City-focused ERPO system development through stakeholder coordination, subcommittee work, and targeted training efforts. The Baltimore City ERPO Working Group remains active, with multiple subcommittees meeting to identify barriers in the local ERPO process and inform next step implementation strategies. MNADV and partners delivered ERPO training to family law practitioners and began development of an online, self-paced ERPO 101 training to support consistent understanding across systems. Program activities are now shifting toward enhanced data collection and system mapping to better inform ERPO training, outreach, and implementation in Baltimore City.

III. Open Forum

Board members discussed potential priority areas for an upcoming BSCI Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that must target units of local government. Topics discussed included continuing to expand ERPO Navigator capacity in additional

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jurisdictions, opportunities to support behavioral health and crisis intervention navigation, potential linkages to emergency petition processes, and ways to engage specialty courts and related local government entities through partnerships.

VII. Next Steps

GOCPP will continue coordinating training opportunities for subrecipients and will encourage participation in emerging peer learning efforts, including a planned community of practice by the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions. Board members were encouraged to attend future trainings as scheduling allows.

VIII. Good of the Order and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m. The next Maryland Byrne Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2026 (virtual).