



## Safe Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes February 28, 2024

### I. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Call to Order
  - i. Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m.
- b. Roll Call
  - i. Members in Attendance: Candice Broce, Theresa Schiefer, Dianne Scoggins, April Hale, Judith Fouts, Irene Munn, Jay Neal, Grant Thomas
  - ii. Members Absent: None
- c. Approval of Agenda
  - i. Motion by Dianne Scoggins
  - ii. Second by Jay Neal
  - iii. Agenda Approved
- d. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2023 Meeting
  - i. Motion by April Hale
  - ii. Second by Dianne Scoggins
  - iii. December 7, 2023 Minutes Approved
- e. General Updates and Announcements
  - i. Tomorrow, 2/29, is Legislative Crossover. Many bills relating to Human Trafficking have been introduced. The Commission will receive a report post-Crossover of legislation that will be moving forward for consideration.

### II. Standard Order of Business

- a. Financial Report- Melissa Barwick, DHS Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Finance
  - i. Total SFY24 Safe Harbor Funding: \$688,125
  - ii. CJCC Contract Encumbrance: \$661,790
  - iii. Remaining Funding: \$26,335
  - iv. SFY 2024 Safe Harbor State General Funds Base Appropriation: \$3,375,000
  - v. SFY 2024 Amended Version Received: \$2,716,380
  - vi. Total funding from SFY 2024/Contract Encumbrance: \$6,091,380
  - vii. SFY 2025 Budget Governor's Recommendations for Ongoing Base Budget: \$4,800,960
- b. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council- Kristy Carter, Victim Assistance Division Director
  - i. CJCC FY 2024 Recommended Subrecipients- Total Recommended: \$310,790



1. Micah's Promise: \$60,000
  2. Tharros Place, Inc.: \$70,000
  3. Brightside Child and Family Advocacy: \$77,803
  4. Wellspring Living, Inc.: \$102,987
- ii. Motion to Approve CJCC Grant Program Recommendations made by April Hale
  - iii. Second by Judith Fouts
  - iv. CJCC Grant Program Recipients approved.
- c. Chatham County H.O.P.E. Court- Judge Roxanne Formey
- i. Healing Opportunities Through Positive Empowerment (H.O.P.E.) Court- established in Chatham County Juvenile Court in January 2021
  - ii. Mission: To safely assist, protect, and prepare victims and survivors in their journey toward restoration by bridging the gap between systems and services in order to provide healing opportunities through positive empowerment.
  - iii. H.O.P.E. Court is treatment court that focuses on centralized trauma responsive approaches to help court-involved youth who have been confirmed or are at high-risk for human trafficking.
  - iv. All youth under the jurisdiction of Chatham County Juvenile Court (Delinquency, Dependency, or CHINS), all genders, and at risk or confirmed CSEC or labor trafficking are eligible.

**III. Closing Comments**

**IV. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.