

**Howard County Consumer Protection  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2018**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.**

- Present: Marshall McLeod, Young Smith, Richard Green; Jill Bussey, Ronnie Sanderson,
- Absent Katherine Bornstein

**Minutes of the November meeting** were approved as read.

**2018 Student Loan Forum** – Becky reported that plans were in place for the event. Jill reported that PTAC had distributed the flyer. Board members volunteered for tasks to be performed:

- Marshall will act as MC;
- Young and Richard will circulate the audience during the Q&A session;
- Jill will assist in identifying VIPs;
- Ronnie will act as time keeper for the panelists;
- Katherine will oversee refreshments;
- OCP staff will help with set up and will staff the OCP table.

**2018 National Consumer Protection Week event** – Becky advised the Board that details are falling into place for this event in March.

**Announcements and new business:**

- Becky provided the Board with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter statistics for OCP.
- Richard reported that he learned at a recent meeting that the cost of obtaining credit reports to businesses/creditors will be going up due to the Equifax breach. That increase cost will likely be passed on to consumers in some way.
- Young reported on the Korean Language Initiative that LoKA is working on with OCP. While tentative, Young hopes that the program will start early in February.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.**

**The next meeting of the Consumer Protection Advisory Board will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in the Office of Consumer Protection's conference room.**