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Leading MD's Women's Recovery Nonprofit Announces Plans to Sue the Moore Administration for Contract Breaches

HER Resiliency Center Forced to Suspend Services for Women in Need Due to State's Unlawful Actions

BALTIMORE, MD, October 15 — HER Resiliency Center ("HER"), an acclaimed nonprofit organization that helps women affected by domestic violence, sexual trafficking, and trauma, announced today its plan to take legal action against the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) for failing to reimburse funds spent in good faith under a reimbursement contract.

As a result of the state's actions, HER is forced to suspend all its services to the women in crisis that it supports.

HER entered into a reimbursement contract with GOCPP and the State of Maryland wherein funds advanced by HER to provide critical, life-saving services would be repaid according to the terms of the contract. GOCPP and the State of Maryland have violated that contract and failed to reimburse these funds, leaving the organization fundamentally unable to continue operations financially and forcing it to suspend services to women in need throughout Baltimore. This violation has remained unexplained.

"HER has always fulfilled its promises to the communities we serve and to the agencies that fund this work," said **Natasha Guynes**, Founder and CEO of HER Resiliency Center. "We acted in good faith, advancing resources to ensure victims receive care. GOCPP's failure to honor their contract threatens not only the stability of our organization but the safety and well-being of the women we serve."

Since its founding ten years ago, HER has directly supported over 3,750 women in Baltimore and Washington, D.C., offering services to help survivors of violence and sexual exploitation rebuild their lives. HER has received widespread recognition, including honors from the City of Baltimore Office of Equity and Civil Rights as a 2024 Community Leader to Watch and Baltimore Magazine's 2024 Game Changer Award.

The suspension of services will disrupt programs designed to provide immediate support to women in crisis. HER repeatedly warned GOCPP that its actions were putting the organization in a financially unsustainable position, and it repeatedly sought to work with the state agency and Governor Moore's administration to address its concerns. The agency rejected or ignored all such efforts. HER remains committed to advocating for survivors and will continue to pursue justice through all available legal channels to hold GOCPP accountable for their breach of contract.

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