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## SUMMARY OF COMMISSION MEETING

The District Court has been able to secure space for the District Court Self-Help Center pilot in the District Court in Glen Burnie. The site was selected because space was available, and it was a fairly large court, which could permit the program to address landlord-tenant, small claims and domestic violence matters. Three separate offices have been created, a separate conference room which can be used for the program as well as for mediation, and an open area for the public to use computers and get general help. It is immediately adjacent to the clerk's office, which is ideal. The Court has contracted with the Legal Aid Bureau to provide the service. They will have 2 attorneys, a paralegal and an administrative assistant. The District Court will be evaluating this pilot to see how it works, so that at some point the service can be expanded to other locations effectively. The renovations are done. Furniture was delivered this week. Two touchscreens have been delivered and we will be exploring how to program them for forms access and intake services. The court hopes to open the Center in October and will probably plan a grand opening for sometime in November. The Office of Communications and Public Affairs (OCPA) plans a promotional launch event for the program.

The Commission endorsed and approved the *What Can I Do to Help You* materials without additional changes.

The Commission discussed, finalized and adopted substantive sections and recommendations to be included in the Commission's Interim Report.