



Human Trafficking Advisory Board
Minutes of July 21, 2017 Meeting
Board Approved

Members Present: Terra Frazier, Mark Masterson, Jeff Cowger, Brad Burke, Kathy Armstrong, Debbie Kennedy, Kirk Thompson, Marci Francisco, Travis Rakestraw, Kris Wade, Ed Klumpp, Jim Johnson, Randy Bowman, Jeff Richards, Vicky Luttrell, Sharon Sullivan

Guests Present: Corey Nicolette from Lyon Co. Sheriff's Office

Meeting Opened: Chair Colloton opened the meeting at 10:33am.

HTAB Committee Updates:

Chair Colloton gave a Law Enforcement Committee update which included over 1,000 LEOs trained in FY2017. More than half of all licensed LEOs have been trained in combating human trafficking since 2013.

Jennifer Montgomery gave a report for Dorothy Halley on Victims Services noting that HTVAF grant applications were reviewed by the grant review panel last week. Awards will be made in August. The Public Awareness and Prevention Committee has not met since the last HTAB meeting. The Anti-Demand Committee did meet in May and discussed several issues including requiring anti-demand training for LEOs, a three strikes-like idea for buyers to include John School, revocation of driver's license and jail time. John Schools were discussed more detail. It was noted by Pat Colloton that currently, BIPs have indicated they do not have the capacity to become trained and offer John Schools. Pat asked for other ideas for groups/organizations to pilot this concept. She noted that the Sentencing Commission has asked for some John School pilot programs to occur before putting an HT box on the sentencing forms.

Juvenile Justice Reform

Jeff Cowger gave an update about changes from H. Sub for SB 40 which include the ability to issue warrants on juveniles, the definition of running away or absconding and the time limits set for court jurisdiction and juvenile services in juvenile cases that are not felonies at Level 4 or higher.

Other clarifications of SB 367 were discussed.

Randy Bowman talked about highlights from a DOC meeting last month which included court system advancements being done (policies, practices, infrastructure), school district MOUs with Court Services, OJA has released training protocols, multidisciplinary teams at OJA and KSSC . Grants to juvenile service agencies to implement SB 367 are being made available.

Jim Johnson updated HTAB on training for juvenile intake workers on human trafficking saying that they are slowly building to being able to offer that kind of training.

DCF Update

Kathy Armstrong updated the group on the hotline and staff secure facilities noting the movement of the licensing of SSFs from KDHE to DCF. She indicated that DCF does not develop SSFs or licensed facilities but are only the division of licensing. She mentioned that DCF is considering sending out a joint letter with PPS letting current facilities know they can license a portion of their facility to house minor HT victims with the goal being to make it easier for existing facilities to take HT victims. Kathy hopes this letter will go out before the next HTAB meeting. She said DCF is looking at the hotline process, policies and data collection and mentioned the importance of data sharing with other agencies. As of June 30, 2017, there have been 240 total calls made to the DCF hotline reporting potential HT. 231 subjects have been female and 9 male, 92 were referred to a SSF, 41 put in foster homes, 49 placed in juvenile detention, 22 returned to parents, 11 placed in an emergency shelter, 3 sent to out of state location, and remainder were other locations. *174 of these children were referred for services.

SB 367 Training

Pat Colloton gave a brief overview of the upcoming training for school resource offices by KLETC on SB 367 changes. (see handout)

CASA Director Training

Ed Klumpp and Pat Colloton will train state CASA directors on August 3 on identification and awareness of human trafficking. This training will include information contained on the bench cards recently created for judges – how to recognize signs of HT, options for judges.

Anti-Demand Legislation Review

Pat Colloton talked about changes included in the recent legislation that became law. Significant change as a result of feedback from prosecutors includes a new separate crime of using a communications device in the crime of trafficking or buying sexual relations.

The upcoming Vice Conference in Wichita was mentioned.

HTAB minutes from April meeting were approved by the HTAB. A time change was discussed for future meetings. 10:30am was well received by entire group in attendance.

Ed Klumpp briefly discussed SB 101 which deals with protection orders for sexual assaults. He suggested expanding this language in the future to include victims of human trafficking. Victims could ask for a protection order against a trafficker which would allow LEOs to charge traffickers if they were in contact with victims after an order were issued. More discussion is needed but the idea was well received.

Meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.