



Human Trafficking Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes

February 1, 2019

1:30 PM

**Jayhawk Tower, Florentine Room,
700 Jackson Street, Topeka**

Members Attending:

Pat Colloton, Jennifer Montgomery, Dorothy Stucky Halley, Sharon Sullivan, Ed Howe, Sean Kilcoyne, Derrick Wilczek, Karen Countryman-Roswurm, Kirk Thompson, Randall Bowman, Ed Howell, Jeff Richards, Dax Lewis, Dale Mattern, Kent Bauman, Derrick Wilczek, Dan Oblinger, Ed Klumpp, Jennifer Hansen, Sharon Sullivan, Debbie Kennedy, Kathy Armstrong, Diana Schunn, Carole Nistler, Kris Wade, Marci Francisco, Eric Smith

Absent: Derek Schmidt, Marc Bennett, Christine Kenney, Rachel Sisson, Dan Cahill, Angie Jones, Gianfranco Pezzino

Guest Presenters: Frank Pappish, Michelle McCormick, Anne Ellis, Carolyn Jones

Welcome and Approval of Minutes, Chair Pat Colloton

Sharon Sullivan moved, Ed Howell seconded approval of the minutes. Motion passed.

Report on Activities:

Law Enforcement Training—Pat Colloton

Pat reported there is a human trafficking training developed in Texas that Congress is considering lit to be used. Interdiction training is being organized to occur in Kansas the week of June 24.

Frank Pappish, KBI was introduced and reported that the KBI is focusing further on HT and child sexual abuse. Heidi Wich will be a program consultant and criminal analyst in their intelligence unit. The Task Force stationed in Topeka is a collaborative unit for prosecuting crimes against children. In the future, they will provide training. New special assistant in charge is Beth Popejoy. Currently there are 3 special agents, a TPD employee, and two OAG staff assigned to internet crimes. This approach is patterned similar to the model the EMCU has used in Sedgwick County. Staff are getting specialized training. Frank mentioned that they are putting together an HT

training, and will use HT experts. KBI is really expanding their expertise and ability to go after HT and assist local law enforcement in their efforts.

Dept. of Labor: Sean Kilcoyne reported he is a founding member of the anti-trafficking task force: created curriculum; tasked with training groups throughout the US. Involved in Iowa and Nebraska task force training. Will be happy to help with training in Kansas.

Pat Colloton noted that the OAG is expecting this year, with help from these law enforcement agencies, to develop more specialized, extensive training in Kansas.

Data Committee—Pat Colloton

Gave a snapshot view of what is going on in Kansas, noting the victim services yearly stat report, and the KBI collection of data

Victim Services—Dorothy Stucky Halley

Dorothy reported that the Victim Services Committee has not met as a group since the last HTAB meeting, but that different agency members of that group have been helpful in connecting her with victims of human trafficking that have shared their experiences as a victim interacting with various disciplines. Discussed the compilation of this information to develop an informative document for communities throughout Kansas that wish to begin addressing the human trafficking happening in their community.

Public Awareness—Jennifer Montgomery

Demand an End signature campaign will be open for a few more weeks. AG Schmidt states we need to change the culture in Kansas.

Anti-Demand—Jennifer Montgomery

Met this week. Had a fairly lengthy discussion on potential changes in language. OAG will be hosting some sector-specific trainings. Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka are the locations for these trainings in the spring.

Housing Adult Human Trafficking Victims – Adaptation of Domestic Violence Shelters, Dorothy Stucky Halley, Director, Victim Services, Office of the Attorney General and Michelle McCormick, YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment. Dorothy shared that the Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund (HTVAF) has been used to develop model policies and procedures for a variety of different victim services. For example, a grant was provided to SOS in Emporia to encourage effective response by CASA workers to HT; to Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, to bring in national experts to train Child Advocacy Centers on special considerations when doing forensic interviews with HT victims; and to several domestic violence shelters to develop best practices when providing shelter and other services to HT victims in DV shelters. The Center for Safety and Empowerment has formalized those policy and procedure adaptations, and Michelle McCormick shared their experiences, findings and related adaptations.

Law Enforcement Identification of Traffickers and Victims, Spotlight and Trafficjam:

Det. Derrick Wilczek, Overland Park PD, FBI Crimes Against Children Task Force, shared that there are apps that are very helpful to law enforcement for identification of traffickers and victims. Two of these are Spotlight and Trafficjam. As a generic overview, Trafficjam is a woman-led organization that scours advertisements and identify trends, images, victims. They base most of their identification on facial recognition. It is harder to find and post advertisements, so we continue to focus on websites: now they are posted out of US. Thorn has sponsored and developed Spotlight: human trafficking intelligence and insight. Tool that is for law enforcement. Brings things together when victims have been moved out of the area. Free for law enforcement. Great intelligence-sharing tool.

Identification of Victims by Healthcare Professionals and Reporting to Law Enforcement, Carolyn Jones, Emergency Department, Case Management, Stormont Vail. Carolyn reported they developed a screening tool used on everyone coming through emergency dept or in the hospital. How do we separate the victim and trafficker? Carolyn reports they see quite a few who are trafficked by partner or family member. Most are children. Law enforcement does not always call DCF, so now we call both. Limited due to HIPAA, on what we can do. One problem is caregiver fatigue.

Carolyn reports they encourage their contacts in the community to bring patients in if they are having an emergency. Rescue, Stabilization, and Restore. For the most part, medical providers don't want to help when they don't get paid.

Carolyn noted that they also see patterns. Same type of injuries; different people. Since they developed a screening tool, they prescreen 1% suicidal; 1% respond negatively to "Are you safe in the home?" Reports they have had 282 visits related to HT.

Discussion re: not following the protocol of calling police. Carolyn's experience is that police are more likely to report when it is a young child; not necessarily the adult cases.

Extended Stay Housing for Juveniles – Anne Ellis, Director, Garver Home; Licensing extended stay housing – Kathy Armstrong, Associate General Counsel, CPS, DCF 5 children in 10-person unit. Partnering with CAC to provide more services. Private-public partnership. Doing more about the grief the children are experiencing. What SHOULD the state be providing? Used to be \$189; \$125 now. In transition right now—pretty complex with different levels of care.

It was recognized that HTAB is coming together to take care of different groups of vulnerable people in Kansas.

DCF/Juvenile Intake Coordination on Screening Tool for Juvenile Victims

Jim Johnson: working together with DCF and IT is needing to address some issues to make it work. Kent Bauman, Anti-Human Trafficking Program Manager and Coordinator, reports they are moving ahead in training staff and working with Jim re: intake.

2019 Legislation – Discussion and/or Recommendations: Expungement for adults: should that be immediate or delayed a year? Those who were part of the trafficking: what part should be expunged?

Sharon Sullivan, representing Shawnee County HT Coalition asked HTAB to consider sponsoring legislation advertising hotline, mandating that certain businesses do this. She believes it could be an “easy win” for us and it could be impactful. Determined that this, along with vacatur, need additional consideration before voting.

Next meeting is on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 1:30 PM. Location to be determined.

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