

## **HTAB December 9, 2021, Meeting Notes**

The meeting was held via WebEx due to continuing issues with COVID. A public location with notice was provided to view the live meeting in order to comply with the KOMA.

Call to Order 1:30

### **HTAB members in attendance:**

- Michelle McCormick
- Kent Bauman
- Lucy Bloom
- Hannah Britton
- Tom Fatkin
- Rebekah Gaston
- Sarah Hachmeister
- Ed Howell
- James Johnson
- Debbie Kennedy
- Ed Klumpp
- Dax Lewis
- Heidi Olson
- Adam Piland
- Elizabeth Pishny
- Travis Rakestraw
- Jeff Richards
- Diana Schunn
- Sharon Sullivan
- Kris Wade
- Derrick Wilczek

**Members of the public:** Brittainie Chapman, Dena Russell-Marino, Faron Barr, Jennifer Marsh, Jennifer White, Lesa Lank, Linsdie Ford, Patti Mellard, Steve Corbett, Heidi Lynch, Shanna Jager, Jack Fahrnow

**Staff:** HTAB counsel, Sarah Shipman

Motion to approve September minutes – Discussion was had about amending the minutes to correct the last name of board member Tiffanie Askew. Sullivan made the motion to adopt as amended and Shunn seconded – motion carried

### **Committee reports:**

Victim Services Committee: Michelle McCormick provided a brief summary of the Committee's meeting in November, including updates from the victim service agencies. The committee reviewed the feedback from the Sept. HTAB meeting on the comprehensive plan draft and discussed how to collaborate to expand residential options for youth and adult victims, in order to provide law enforcement with options other than arrest.

Law Enforcement Committee: Capt. Travis Rakestraw reported that the Committee had met in November and discussed the Shared Hope report card and feedback on the Victim Services Committee DRAFT Recommendations for a Comprehensive Plan for Services. Agency updates were provided:

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- WPD updated on recent demand reduction operation
- Shawnee Co DA's office in partnership with SNCO Sheriff will be launching a local HT task force next month
- KBI: reported 5 immediate response calls since the previous meeting
- Dept. of Homeland Security: reported an increase in smuggling in Western KS and concerned about the overlap with HT
- IMB workgroup is compiling information for a municipal "tool kit" on LE practices regarding illicit massage businesses.

Public Awareness, Prevention and Education Committee: Sharon Sullivan reported that the committee met in November and created the following priorities:

1. Create a hub or repository for resources on HT prevention education that is accessible statewide
2. Focus on K-12 education, with partners
3. Design outreach content that reaches the victims or those being exploited (labor and sex trafficking), such as posters, flyers, billboard, etc...

Sharon also shared that she and Elizabeth met with the 3Strands program for prevention education on HT and may be considering a pilot program with the Shawnee Co. Anti-trafficking coalition.

Data Subcommittee: Michelle reported that the data subcommittee met for the first time and discussed the existing sources of HT data and the challenges of creating a shared data system in the state. This committee will be looking for additional members possibly from DCF, KDADS or other appropriate entities. The next steps will include a review of other states HT data systems.

**Agency updates:**

KBI: Since the beginning of the year, they received 53 Polaris tips, 29 JIAC screenings, 6 immediate response team, 6 DHS contacts, 9 tips from outside the agency, and 19 other tips.

KDHE: Welcomed Kelli Mark, new appointee for KDHE, who replaces Rachel Sisson.

**Shared Hope state report card:**

Michelle reported that there have been some questions about the new Shared Hope challenge, which outlines new policy recommendations for each state. The "Advanced Legislative Framework" challenge initial score is not a reflection on states' past efforts, but is a brand new challenge with suggestions for implementation.

**Discussion of DRAFT Comprehensive Plan Items:** HTAB reviewed Sections 2 and 3 of the DRAFT comprehensive plan recommendations from the Victim Services Committee. There was discussion about specific items such as training requirements, screening tools, oversight and medically assisted

treatment, as well as broader suggestions about the organization of the document. DCF leadership will review Section 3 relating to Child Welfare and come back with feedback for the board. The review of the DRAFT recommendations will continue at the March meeting.

**New Business**—none

**Announcement** – Michelle updated to the board about Jennifer Montgomery’s international fellowship in Africa. She will return to chair HTAB for 2022.

Adjourn 3:26