



Human Trafficking Advisory Board Minutes of January 20, 2017 Meeting Board Approved

Members Present: Debbie Kennedy, Diana Schunn, Travis Rakestraw, Dorothy Stucky Halley, David Hutchings for Kirk Thompson, Jeff Richards, Marci Francisco, Jan Wiebe, Vickie McArthur, Kathy Armstrong, Sharri Black, Carol Nistler, Angie Jones, Dean Reynoldson, Brad Burke, Jeff Cowger, Kris Wade, Laurie Hart, Vicky Luttrell, Sharon Sullivan, Jennifer Montgomery, Pat Colloton, Ed Klumpp

Members Absent: Marc Bennett, Christine Kenney, Sean Kilcoyne, Adrienne Vallejo-Foster, Rachel Sisson, Lewis Kimsey, Terri Williams, Dan Cahill, Ed Howell, Eric Sauer, Kent Bauman, Derrick Wilczek, Terra Frazier, Karen Countryman-Roswurm, Anne Escalante

Guests: Russell Leeds, Victoria Calderon, John Ryberg, Barb Hersh, Tina Dela Rosa, Lucy Bloom

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30.

Minutes from the past two HTABs were reviewed and accepted.

Chair Colloton gave a review of the law enforcement training which included; upcoming U.S. Marshall's office partnering with Attorney General's office and KHP for training on interdiction. Summer is the tentative timeframe. Pat discussed the HT webinar that was created and the advantage of using webinars to reach small LE rural agencies. The webinar will be updated to reflect changes in process.

Dorothy presented 2016 Attorney General's office grantee data on victims served in FY2016, and provided a handout illustrating a comparison with FY2014 and FY2015.

Jennifer gave a public awareness report which included information about the current billboard campaign, poster distribution and PSA radio announcements for Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Board introductions were made, noting new HTAB members.

Barb Hersh, visitor from Kansas Department of Labor, asked that their website address be mentioned in the meeting notes. They have public awareness information on their website.

Lt. Rakestraw shared Sedgwick County numbers: in 2016 they had 81 investigations and identified 61 juvenile victims of sex trafficking. In 2015, they identified 55 juvenile victims of sex trafficking. They have successfully created a database that multiple agencies are using.

Dave Hutchings of the KBI mentioned the need to change the KIBRS in order to better mine data for the purposes of keeping statistics on human trafficking. He does not believe the current stats really reflect the frequency of the crime. He also suggested that KBI agents need additional education and training on how to recognize human trafficking.

Chair Colloton mentioned a recent HHS statistic that attributes the highest area of increase in human trafficking is peer to peer trafficking.

Chair Colloton reported on the data provided by Polaris. There were 44 HT cases in 2016 reported to the Polaris hotline and 14 of these were reported to local law enforcement (Jan.-Oct. 2016). During 2016, KBI received 20 tips from Polaris.

Jeff Cowger updated the board on the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. He noted the ICJ national meeting will be examining a rule that can impact decisions for HT victims this year. Currently, there is a rule that allows exceptions to the time line when both states agree. Without that exception, a state can receive a stiff fine if they keep a child longer than the time line allows. Jeff is concerned that the national board will change this, making it impossible to keep an HT child victim in the state as long as needed for the child's best interests. He is on that committee and will be working to prevent that change.

Diana Schunn provided a power point presentation on the Sedgwick Co. CAC and its role in MDT approach. As a non-profit, this CAC houses 11 different agencies to enhance collaboration and ensure quality of care. Agencies and services housed include EMCU, ICAC, prosecution, mental health, medical services, victim advocacy, ICT-SOS, and other community partners. In 2016 they served 1,902 children; worked with 32 HT cases. Diana noted that if we could be more effective in addressing sexual assault over all, rather than focusing only on HT, we would reduce the HT as well as a lot of other sexual assault.

Kathy Armstrong reported the MDT statutory provisions are being reviewed at this time. She noted that if anyone has any suggestions or input, now is the time to email her with those.—Kathy reported the rapid response team process has changed in statute, but while the term is no longer in the law, it has continued to be used in practice. The process should now be LE contact the DCF hotline, and then DCF contact the contractor. Wichita is currently an exception to this rule. When LE calls the hotline, it is vital they identify as LE. Since July 1, there have been 123 calls indicating possible HT cases. Kathy provided the Rapid Response Team Report requested at the last meeting. It was noted that KVC has only 13% of RRT responses, and there were discussions

that this is alarming, when considering the population in their coverage area. It was also noted that LE officers have found ways to go around KVC due to their experience of KVC lack of response. It was asked of DCF if it would be helpful to note to KVC that HTAB was concerned about this. DCF confirmed they will report this concern.

Jeff Cowger and Ed Klumpp led a discussion on a Senate bill that calls for changes in warrants for runaways. The change is causing confusion within law enforcement. These options aren't really appropriate for HT kids. They are considering a fix or change.

Jennifer discussed the HTAB committee structure. She noted each current committee and that there will be a new committee focused on demand issues. She asked for volunteers for committees to contact each chair. Meeting notices will go out shortly to convene committees.

Pat said some HT legislation is not ready for large group discussion yet. It will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. Marci Francisco said to please let her know if HT bills are coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.