

Call to Order 1:30

HTAB members in attendance:

- Heidi Lynch
- Adam Piland
- Sheriff Tim Ackerman
- Tiffanie Askew
- Kent Bauman
- Bradley Barrett
- Honorable Molly Baumgardner
- Kristen Czugala
- Sarah Evans-Simpson
- Amy Hite
- (JJ) James Johnson
- Debbie Kennedy
- Ed Klumpp
- Deb Kluttz
- Amy McCarter
- Jessie Piper
- Chief Rebekah Rickstrew
- Judi Rodman
- Sandra Shopteese
- Sharon Sullivan
- Derrick Wilczek

Members of the public: Jessie Stonebraker, Taylor Jorgensen, Faron Barr, Ruthann Fisher, Dax Lewis, Angie Boles, Brianna Neufeld, Logan Littrel, Martin Hawver, Elizabeth Evans, Katie Lockee

Staff: HTAB counsel, Robert Hutchison & Chief Administrative Officer Deann Tiede, Director of Communications Danedri Herbert, Chief of Staff Charlie Dalton, KBI Director Tony Mattivi, Attorney General Kris W. Kobach

Remarks from the Attorney General & KBI Director: Attorney General Kobach expressed his appreciation for the work that HTAB is doing and noted that fighting human trafficking is a top priority for his office. Director Mattivi echoed these remarks. They both look forward to working together to address this important issue and improving the lives of Kansans.

Motion to approve April 2023 minutes by Sullivan, seconded by Klumpp, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Victim Services – Shared Hope report card discussion and the desire to strategically respond to the initial grades to make sure that Kansas is being accurately assessed by Shared Hope. Discussion of the concern the committee has regarding an effort to require Polaris to provide the tips they receive to law enforcement. Committee members discussed the possibility of utilizing two different hotlines so nurses especially can refer a trafficking victim to a hotline for resources or a hotline for reporting to law enforcement.

Law Enforcement Committee – Upcoming trainings that were shared in the committee were shared with HTAB: Shawnee County – organizing a training with the experts to offer free to KS law enforcement, VICE training will probably be Nov 29-Dec 1 LEO only training, upcoming Caresource Summit. Wilczek reported to committee on demand reduction operation – noticing south American adult females in the area. The committee discussed the Human Smuggling law.

Public Awareness – The committee shared many of the same upcoming trainings. Discussion around a booklet or comprehensive guide of all HT resources throughout the state. The committee discussed missing children – KBI and DCF discussed the average numbers of missing children at any given time including those who are missing from foster care. The committee discussed the pilot screening tool being used by KDOC in juvenile intake.

Data Collection – the committee discussed the KIBRS project, the updates will provide a better report on statistics for human trafficking cases. The committee discussed the juvenile intake screening tool and KDOC's work to refine the instrument. It was shared that 4% of those screened are flagging as HT for services, of those 16% are in KDOC or child welfare custody plus 10% under supervision through KDOC. Oklahoma Representative Jeff Boatman will speak to HTAB at the September meeting. Will speak on their legislative efforts and Oklahoma HB 4210.

Comprehensive Plan – The revisions that have been recommended by HTAB are being compiled into the original draft of the comprehensive plan. Once those are compiled, the updated draft will be sent to HTAB for further review. There are two sections on data collection and children that need to be worked through. Sullivan advised we need for DCF to go through that section to approve or change things that were not supported. Piland recommended HTAB hold off on working on the data collection section until after September's meeting with Representative Boatman.

Sullivan offered some history on the Comprehensive Plan – started meeting in two groups, adult and kid focused. Met 5 or 6 times to develop the comprehensive plan focusing on what states are required to address around children so KS is in compliance with the Feds. Envisioned as the 5-year plan for addressing human trafficking in Kansas. The plan was modeled on the 5-year plan on the National Advisory Committee on Children recommendations regarding the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in order to be in compliance with national guidelines. However, the Kansas plan includes adults and labor trafficking along with additional recommendations specific to our state. Discussion around the Shared Hope report cards and how the criteria were changed. Most of the changes focused on victim services and victim rights, some of the criteria are unconstitutional, so Kansas cannot meet all of them, but HTAB would like to address the ones that can be addressed.

New Business— The Ad Hoc Legislative Committee was organized. A signup sheet was distributed. Some discussion was had on recent legislative bills that did not pass such as the massage licensing bill.

Klumpp discussed the bill on tracking devices that passed– stalkers were using tracking devices to stalk their victims. They added it to the Stalking statute – Added use of a tracking device as one of the criteria to demonstrate that stalking is occurring. Added language to all statutes regarding protection orders and added a provision that made it clear that using a tracking device is to be considered “following”, includes using tracking device AND data from a tracking device. Important tool everyone should be aware of, especially victims who have restraining or protection orders.

Barrett shared that Shawnee County previously shut down a bunch of massage parlors that are back up and running again. Kansas is one of three states without statewide regulations. Spoke with the President of Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (based in OP), she is willing to come speak to the group. Available on November 16th. Wilczek - OP's municipal ordinance very much mimics other state's requirements. HTAB is interested in pursuing a proposal again and further discussion will take place in the Legislative committee.

Sullivan inquired about Hope Ranch being awarded \$300k for the 2nd year of a pilot project but there was no RFP (came through DCF) and Sullivan is requesting more information on it. Sullivan noted there was no competition or applicants for the award. Others questioned how Hope Ranch who works with adults HT survivors only would receive \$300,000 from DCF.

Announcements:

Barret – electronic scent detection K9 at their agency

Wilczek asked if there were updated brochures and posters at the AG's office – an agency requested some

Kennedy – Luke Bryan did a special concert for 400 people which raised \$1.6 million for WCH fundraising. This year doing Dierks Bentley for a concert and they expect to bring in \$3-4million this year.

Czugala – update on HTVAF and reporter interview

Sullivan – found one day trafficking training on male HT victims in Ohio in December but will share if anyone wants that info. Nearly all of the presenters are survivors. Open to everyone.

Kluttz – asked about Wake Up and if there was info to share on the screening

Hite – 9 new nurses certified through grant via PSU, KCSDV map is updated to show where the SANE programs are, Kansas School Nurse Conference going on – about 80 are staying over this afternoon to view a panel on SA and HT. In 2020, 19/105 counties with a SANE nurse, now 26 counties (not all 24/7, but have at least one certified nurse).

Chief Rickstrew – Caldwell has the only full-service hospital in Sumner county. Sent a nurse to the SANE training and will be sending another. A need in their county, so it's a huge asset to have a SANE nurse in Sumner County.

Askew – described her new position at the AG's Office

Rodman – SH CAP for 45 years, beat record of number of education services provided. Served more than 40,000 individuals through education programs. At one of the programs, a teen told SH staff about an app that was being used for sextortion that none of the staff knew about yet (MyLOL-a teen dating app just for teens. Being encouraged to upload photos and then told if they don't send money their photos will be released).

Next Meeting: September 21, 2023 1:30 pm in the Old Supreme Court Room at the Statehouse

Sullivan entered a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ackerman seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.