

## HTAB September 8, 2022, Meeting Notes

Call to Order 1:30 – Jennifer Montgomery, Chair

### HTAB members in attendance:

- Jennifer Montgomery
- Michelle McCormick
- Kent Bauman
- Lucy Bloom
- Hannah Britton
- Tom Fatkin
- James Johnson
- Debbie Kennedy
- Dax Lewis
- Adam Piland
- Travis Rakestraw
- Jeff Richards
- Sharon Sullivan
- Amy Hanley
- Deb Kluttz
- Tiffany Askew
- Cathy Eaton
- Alice Osburn
- Kelli Mark
- Jennifer Hansen

**Members of the public:** Heidi Lynch, Ruthann Fisher, Elizabeth Evans, Angie Boles

Motion to approve March and June minutes, seconded and motion carried. Unanimous voice vote to approve followed.

### Committee reports:

Victim Services Committee: The Victim Services Subcommittee met and agency updates were provided, with several agencies discussing a high need for their services, but still experiencing staffing challenges. The remainder of the meeting was spent on consultation on a case presentation made by KVC staff, resulting in some connections being made for follow up to support a youth survivor.

Law Enforcement Committee: Jennifer reported that the committee met and revisited the issue of IMBs. The committee recommends creating an online toolkit to include an explanation of the issue, specific red flags, the Attorney General's Office Victim Services Guide, information about the Heyrick Landlord Model and specific law enforcement contacts for law enforcement officers to reach out to about model municipal ordinances, operations and local programs. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with a digital toolbox in a public facing location for communities to address IMBs in Kansas. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 17 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstaining. As follow up, the IMB

workgroup will reconvene with additional input to evaluate elements to include and how to track utilization of the tool kit for data collection.

Data Collection Committee: The data subcommittee met and continued discussing the challenges created by the lack of a coordinated data collection system for human trafficking statistical information in Kansas. The committee discussed the challenges to coordinating this data and reviewed a draft document outlining a problem statement, as well as two proposed solutions for HTAB's consideration. The committee discussed the importance of HTAB making policy and practice recommendations based on data, so that the proposed solutions are data-driven for what could work here. The draft document will be discussed as a separate agenda item.

Public Awareness, Prevention and Education Committee: The Committee met and discussed the Engage Together products on prevention and awareness. Targets for outreach and education include western Kansas and members of the Legislature. Judicial sector training is also an area needing attention.

**Discussion of DRAFT Comprehensive Plan Items:** HTAB reviewed Sections 8, 9 and 11 of the DRAFT comprehensive plan recommendations from the Victim Services Committee. Topics covered were anti-demand efforts, prevention and data collection. The Board agreed to table the discussion on the Data Collection section until members have had time to review the DRAFT problem statement from the Data Committee. The Chair reminded the group of the need for additional input from DCF on Section 3, which is Child Welfare. Feedback on Section 5, Housing, was received from the Kansas Housing Resource Council and needs discussion. The review of the DRAFT recommendations will continue at the December meeting.

**New Business**—none

**Announcement** –The chair announced that the final HTAB meeting of 2022 will be held on December 12, which is a change from the previously scheduled date due to a conflict with the venue at KBI.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31pm