

Call to Order 1:35

HTAB members in attendance:

- Heidi Lynch
- Adam Piland
- Sheriff Tim Ackerman
- Tiffanie Askew
- Bradley Barrett
- Senator Molly Baumgardner
- John Calvert
- Kristen Czugala
- Sarah Evans-Simpson
- Tom Fatkin
- Amy Hite
- (JJ) James Johnson
- Debbie Kennedy
- Ed Klumpp
- Deb Kluttz
- Dax Lewis on behalf of Brent Hogelin
- Alice Osburn
- Chief Rebekah Rickstrew
- Secretary Shultz
- Sharon Sullivan
- Jennifer White
- Derrick Wilczek

Members of the public: Katie Lockee, Logan Littell, Ruthann Fisher, Julie Hart, Corinna Sanders

Staff: HTAB counsel Robert Hutchison, Arica Roland, Julie Hart

Motion to approve July 2023 minutes as revised by Sullivan, seconded by Ackerman, motion carried.

Oklahoma Representative Boatman: Representative Boatman presented to HTAB regarding Oklahoma HB 4210, which passed in 2022. Discussed the creation of a human trafficking task force which was the genesis of HB 4210 and the need for enhanced data sharing at the state level. The taskforce also exists within the Attorney General's Office. Any fines and fees related to HT also go into the revolving fund.

Data sharing was one of the most important aspects. Working with TX, LA, maybe Arkansas is about to announce partnership, and OK is about to announce partnerships with Lighthouse. This system needs to have API's or program interfaces so that existing LE systems can upload data they want to upload to it so LE does not have to fill out more forms. The work is already being done for development, so if KS wants to come on board with a partnership, the major cost and work has already been done by other states.

The taskforce developed a set of standards so everyone has the same set of definitions that everyone is using to ensure consistency. One piece of the law is a requirement for deidentified data using tokenization. Lighthouse is building the common database for all agencies and organizations to enter the data. Tokenization allows for some identifiers so there are not duplicated entries. The initial cost

was \$8 million, but with states partnering on the project, the cost goes down with each state joining the project. The cost to maintain the database is not significant.

Discussion around partnering and working with the tribes in Oklahoma. McGirt has affected some of those efforts. Discussion regarding HTI Labs from Nebraska with a similar platform having a victim advocate side and a law enforcement side which has been used in Nebraska. ICT SOS has been working on developing that software for their purposes. There have been pros and cons to the development, but ICT SOS has also reached out regarding Lighthouse. It looks like this project is going to far surpass the work that they have been doing with HTI Labs. AG's Office has spearheaded the project in NE as well. Even with multiple products, there is still an opportunity to data-share.

Committee Reports:

Victim Services – KDOC moving forward with launching the screening tool in juvenile intake statewide. Recently met with all of the pilot districts, gathered input and will be meeting with DCF to implement changes. KDOC will start meeting each region and implement a 3-step process to launch: overview meeting with juvenile intake management, collaboration meeting with child welfare/LE/state partners, then hands on training with juvenile intake staff on administering the instrument. Discussion around the statutory requirement for juveniles screening in being required to be referred to the SSU and that this is not always happening due to resources and manpower. The Committee would like to explore if this is an area where HTAB can move the needle to help fill this gap. Updates provided regarding the Finney County situation. Continued discussion around the issue of having separate hotlines for HT referrals for LE and support services. Continued discussion around the need to address the lack of resources for labor trafficking victims.

Law Enforcement Committee – Sunlight CAC announced a HT task force is starting up in Butler, Elk, and Cowley counties. Wichita PD announced an ordinance in place for first time johns who are arrested that their vehicle is going to be impounded. Shawnee County DA's Office announced Kaw Valley trafficking taskforce training in December 13-15 around child exploitation. Also discussed Finney County case. There have been some challenges with wage loss information on the victim services side of things. KHP announced trainings being conducted and will be attending training in Las Vegas next month.

Public Awareness – Debbie Kennedy shared that she had recently met with Senator Marshall to discuss homelessness and he is interested in trafficking issues in Kansas. Discussed having a comprehensive list of local resources for HT victims some more. Jennifer White shared that ICT SOS has built this into their mobile app and would be willing to share the spreadsheet with the AG's office to help us add these resources to our lists. Also discussed the Finney County situation. Discussed U and T visas as well as resources for the victims in Finney County.

Data Collection – short meeting because the committee was waiting for today's presentation from Rep. Boatman. Sharon Sullivan talked about the national survey with almost 500 participants. Derrick Wilczek shared upcoming Vice training. Discussed NCMEC training Oct 31 – Nov 2.

Legislative Ad Hoc Committee – Several pieces of legislative ideas being considered. 1. Statewide licensing for massage therapists. President of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards will be presenting at the Nov 16th HTAB meeting. Discussing how to make this successful. LE's main concern where they have local licensing is needing quick access to the application when working an

investigation. Discussed previous recommendation to post model ordinances on the AG's website for other cities to consider.

2. HB 2274 making buying sex a felony died in committee in 2021. Discussion around specific requirements for a diversion for a first-time buyer – similar to BIP requirements. Committee members will be looking to see how this is done in other states, especially looking to TX who recently made buying sex a felony. Also looking into best practices and any buyer education courses/programs that are effective. Priority of the committee is to find a way for a successful recommendation to make buying sex a felony, but considering other options to strengthen misdemeanor convictions as a backup.

3. HT tag, similar to DV tag. Ed proposed the idea go further to sexually motivated crimes with subcategories to include HT. Committee is very interested in this idea, but lots of work and research needs to be done. What were the effects of the DV tagging legislation, what barriers were there, costs, and what would need to be done to make this a smoother rollout?

4. HB 2153 last year's MDT proposed legislation from the AG's Office. This bill was stricken from the calendar last year and would need to be re-proposed. Lots of discussion around the problem with mandating annual training for such a massive group of people in Kansas. We would want the training to be meaningful and helpful rather than just another box to be checked. Senator Baumgardner proposed the AG's office focus on a coordinated weekly media campaign during January to push out the information to everyone and build from there. Committee recommends we table this proposal for next year to evaluate the January 2024 efforts. Committee will also be researching other mandated trainings to see if there is a model with different language than what was presented in this bill that is working for other states or for other training requirements in KS.

New Business: None

Announcements:

Kennedy – Had a young survivor that has been there for several months, she turned 15 and we threw a Quinceañera for her. Such a meaningful moment for the young lady. Wanted to share that when children are put in their care, they really make the effort to make them feel welcome and celebrate their cultural milestones.

Sullivan – NCMEC Emerging Trends Oct 31-Nov2, will be an awesome opportunity

Wilczek – has seen draft agenda. Day 1 children missing from care, Day 2 child sexual abuse materials, Day 3 child trafficking. More progressively towards LE training each day. Day 1 & 2 more for victim service providers Day 3 more for law enforcement

White – ICT SOS held 12th annual race for freedom in Wichita on Sept 9th (5K), has a runner who does something wild each year – this year he started in Topeka and picked up a proclamation from the governor and ran all the way to Wichita with it, ending at the starting line and then ran the 5k. Starting a training program 6 sessions training starts Oct 8 on Sunday afternoons. Information is on their website. The training prepares people to be solid volunteers.

Evans Simpson – Stormont Vail partners with the SANE grant, Hays Med and KU Med – for quarterly SANE training the 23rd – 27th. In person at KU Med, but also have a virtual option for those who cannot

travel to Kansas City for 3 days. Registration open. Will be hiring two more nurses at the hospital responding for SANE program

Deb Kluttz – adding a venue with Homestead Ministries to add SRA to victims served – Satanic Ritual Abuse victims

Shopteese – Attended Wake Up! A very good film that shows some scenarios all different ages, genders, etc. of trafficking. Can go online and can view the trailer.

Kluttz – 2nd that, was on the panel in both cities, it is an impressive film, very well done and could be a great tool

Hite – Human Trafficking and exploitation conference on Sept 30th in Pittsburg

Next Meeting: November 16, 2023 1:30 pm at the KBI Forensic Science Center

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.