



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

January 27, 2016
9:00 AM

1700 West Washington Street, Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council (Council) was convened on January 27, 2016 at 9:05 AM in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Council.

Members Present

Cindy McCain (Co-Chairperson)	Jon Eliason
Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)	Sheila Polk
Allie Bones	Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Doug Coleman	Brian Steele
Randy Christensen	Zora Manjencich
Lt. Robert Conrad	Tanya Cordor
Carolyn Jones	Greg McKay
Joseph Kelroy	Tim Jefferies
Frank Milstead	Debbie Johnson
Gary McCarthy	

Members Absent

Paul Boyer
Jim Waring

Staff Present

Debbie Moak
Deborrah Miller
John Raeder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gil Orrantia called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. McCain welcomed those in attendance and asked the Council members to briefly introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting held December 1, 2015 were reviewed. Ms. Sheila Polk motioned to approve the December 1, 2015 minutes as drafted by staff. The motion was seconded by Ms. Debbie Johnson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (AOC) – JUNVENILE PROBATION TRAFFICKING PROJECT PRESENTATION

Chief Justice Scott Bales, Arizona Supreme Court, thanked the members of the Council for their efforts and expressed the importance of the issues surrounding human trafficking to the Arizona's courts. Chief Justice Bales stated that any assistance the courts can provide will be made available.

Chief Justice Bales introduced Mr. Joe Kelroy, Administrative Office of the Courts, who presented information regarding human trafficking trainings for probation officers and court administrators. Mr. Kilroy stated that through these trainings, specialists have been identified in each county to continue efforts of recognizing and dealing with human trafficked individuals in the court system. Mr. Kilroy stated that informational materials and brochures have been produced and made available to court personnel for guidance on human trafficking.

Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Arizona State University, presented information on the Incidences of Sex Trafficking in Arizona Juvenile Probation system. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated the purpose of the study was to continue to build new knowledge about sex trafficking in Arizona; provide a targeted training on sex trafficking to juvenile probation officers; survey attendees about sex trafficking victims on current caseloads; and to gather information on probation officer opinions on how to improve policy, programming and interventions targeted at sex trafficking victims. The results of the assessment included: 179 juvenile probation officers responded; 103 of the respondents identified having at least one sex trafficking victim on their current caseload; and 271 juvenile victims of sex trafficking were identified; and 34 detailed cases were identified. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that half of the 34 detailed cases also were reported to be involved with the Arizona Department of Child Safety. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that the pathway into sex trafficking for the 34 detailed cases included recruitment by a boyfriend, friends, drug addiction and runaway. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz provided recommendations from probation officers based on the trainings previously discussed:

- Create a sex trafficking-specific protocol;
- Develop diagnostic tools;
- Develop sex trafficking-specific caseloads;
- Create specific interventions for the sex trafficked youth;
- Provide continuing training;
- Provide additional therapeutic services; and
- Sex trafficking training for all detention staff, guardian ad litem, county attorneys, and defense attorneys.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that the Administrative Office of the Courts plans to address ongoing training opportunities, provide education and awareness about sex trafficking victimization and continue research to better understand the scope and characteristics of juvenile sex trafficking in the State of Arizona.

Mrs. McCain inquired where the juveniles who were surveyed were from.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that the juveniles were a statewide sampling.

Mrs. McCain thanked Chief Justice Bales, Mr. Kilroy and Dr. Roe-Sepowitz for their presentation.

5. SUCCEEDING THROUGH ACHIEVEMENT AND RESILIENCE (STAR) COURT

The Honorable Catherine Pratt, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge, presented an overview of the STAR Court in Los Angeles County. Judge Pratt stated that the Court is a specialized Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Juvenile Delinquency Court which provides the following: frequent court appearances; a collaborative team; and dedicated public defenders, district attorneys, probation officers and advocates who are consistent and non-adversarial. Judge Pratt stated that over 350 youth have been served by the court, with over 50% of 18 year olds graduating from high school, 73% not being re-arrested as juvenile or as an adult, and approximately 30% remaining in voluntarily contact with the court. Judge Pratt stated that there are still challenges the Court faces, such as, providing long-term support, jobs training and retention, more consistent treatment, and full engagement of child welfare and other youth serving systems. Judge Pratt provided information on working collaboratively with other agencies to ensure program success, such as providing a prevention curriculum training for probation officers and trainings for law enforcement on first responder CSEC Protocols. Judge Pratt described the collaboration with outside advocacy groups to enforce education rights, ensure safety, and support academic achievement for the juveniles.

Mrs. McCain asked about the composition of the STAR team.

Judge Pratt stated that specially trained, low case load, probation officers, education and witness advocates, attorneys, law enforcement personnel and sometimes mental health professionals.

Mr. Randy Christensen inquired as to what has led to the success of the program.

Judge Pratt stated that time, consistency, and listening to the youth lead to success.

Mr. Gil Orrantia inquired as to the formula for starting a STAR Court.

Judge Pratt recommended that the courts assign a single judge to both dependency and delinquent courts for consistency and success.

Mr. Tim Jefferies asked if the Compton community had rallied around the Courts efforts.

Judge Pratt stated that there has not been good community engagement within Compton. Judge Pratt explained that the community's history with gang violence may have some effect on engagement.

Mrs. McCain thanked Judge Pratt for her presentation.

6. YOUTH EXPERIENCES SURVEY (YES)

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz, ASU, presented information from the Youth Experience Survey (YES). The purpose of the survey is to understand the scope and complexity of sex trafficking among homeless youth adults. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that 215 homeless young adults responded with the average of age of 21.2 years old. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that 51.6% of the respondents were male, 43.7% were female and 4.7% were transgender/other

gender. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz provided statistics for housing, mental health, medical issues, alcohol and drug usage, and negative and positive life experiences. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that of the 215 homeless young adult respondents, 35.8% identified as being sex trafficked.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz provided comparisons between the sex trafficked youth to non-sex trafficked youth and found that those sex trafficked youth were significantly more likely to have drug addiction and drink alcohol excessively, engage in self-harm and high risk activities, have current mental health issues and suicide attempts, as well as have chronic pain and poor vision issues. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz provided comparisons between the YES in 2014 and 2015; increases were seen in percentages with regards to sex trafficking, males and females, decrease was seen in percentage with regards to other genders and an increase in the percentage who was sex trafficked as a minor.

Lt. Robert Conrad asked what definition for sex trafficking was used on the survey.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that the federal definition was used and questions were worded in such a way to ensure the federal definition was met.

Dr. Randy Christensen inquired if there are other data sources which show the similar with respect to the Mental Health issues.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz indicated that data that was similar from other counties.

Col. Frank Milstead inquired if there had been a change in the types of drugs identified by the participants.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that in the Phoenix area methamphetamine, alcohol and spice had been identified. In the Tempe area, heroin, pain pills and marijuana were identified. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that there are often shifts as to what is available and what the respondents are able to get their hands on.

Mrs. McCain inquired if any of the surveyed individuals were refugees.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that yes some were refugees and had been trafficked in both country of origin and the U.S.

Mrs. McCain thanked Dr. Roe-Sepowitz for her presentation.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

Outreach and Awareness Committee

Mr. John Reader highlighted the following activities:

- Governor Ducey has issued a proclamation identifying January as *Human Trafficking Awareness Month*.
- Two PSA's have been developed with Governor Ducey and Mrs. McCain. Both of these PSA's will air on COX channels free of charge.
- A new "End Sex Trafficking" brochure has been developed and available for distribution throughout the state.

- The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has partnered with the Council to place bumper stickers on over 5000 ADOT vehicles throughout the state. The bumper stickers provide a number to call for information and reporting.
- Regional “Train the Trainers” are being set up to provide training on the approved power point. The regional trainings will be used to engage communities.

Training Committee

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz highlighted the following activities:

- Training was provided to 250 EMS providers in Tucson.
- STAR Groups are being created statewide and long term trainings with specific protocols for human trafficking are being developed.

Victim Services Committee

Ms. Shelia Polk highlighted the following activities:

- The trauma informed best practice protocol is still in development and the committee is working to have the protocol ready for the Council at the March 2016 meeting.

8. 2016 COMMITTEE GOALS

Mr. Gil Orrantia provided members with the goals and membership for the 2016 committees. Mr. Orrantia stated that a new Policy Committee had been added for 2016. The goal of this Committee is to foster greater collaboration among law enforcement, non-profit organizations, government agencies and the community at large to more effectively address human trafficking statewide with an emphasis and focus on victim needs. Mr. Brian Steele will be the Chairman of this Policy Committee.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Sharon Hasseck, American Association of University Women, a “Safe Harbor Law” has been sent to Representatives Boyer and Coleman which mirrors the safe harbor legislation approved by Polaris. Nail salons within Arizona only have two inspectors statewide. This is an issue as trafficking occurs within these salons.

Jessica Vincent challenged the Council to invite more of the business community to participate. Federal compliance regulations now require businesses to provide for the identification of possible trafficking activities.

John Fraley, ER Nurse with Banner, would like to assist the Council in providing awareness within the Health Care world.

Linda Hartzler, Streetlight USA, thanked the Council for creating the new Policy Committee.

10. ADJOURN

Shelia Polk moved for adjournment, seconded by Brian Steele, motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.