



## ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

November 10, 2015  
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 November 10, 2015 at 9:05 AM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)	Gary McCarthy
Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)	Jon Eliason
Allie Bones	Sheila Polk
Doug Coleman	Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Randy Christensen	Brian Steele
Lt. Robert Conrad	Sarah Suggs
Chuck Fitzgerald	Zora Manjencich
Carolyn Jones	Tanya Cordor
Debbie Johnson	Charles Ryan
Joseph Kelroy	Margery Ault
Jim Waring	

### Members Absent

Greg McKay  
Frank Milstead  
Paul Boyer

### Staff Present

Debbie Moak  
Deborah Miller  
John Raeder

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Cindy McCain 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**

The Council approved the September 8, 2015 minutes by unanimous vote.

### **4. SKY HARBORE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADVERTISING POLICY PRESENTATION**

Mr. Paul Blue, Deputy City Manager, City of Phoenix, provided background information on the advertising policy at Sky Harbor Airport and the reason for declining the Council's request for placing messaging at Sky Harbor. Mr. Blue explained that the City of Phoenix has a policy which permits only advertising content that poses commercial transactions, and that the airport is not a forum for social promotions and discussions. The advertising proposed by the Council is considered public service messaging and would not comply with the approved policy. Mr. Blue pointed out that this policy has been sustained by case law at the Supreme Court. Mr. Blue stated that the messaging from the Council would be and has been put into employee hands through posting of information in employee break rooms throughout the airport facilities. Mr. Blue stated that trainings for employees would also be permitted on the subject of trafficking.

Mr. Jim Bennett, Aviation Director, City of Phoenix, presented information on his experience at other airports where advertising policy was not followed. Mr. Bennett explained that both the positive and negative messages needed to be displayed when policy not adhered to at other airports.

Mr. Gil Orrantia requested that Mr. Blue elaborate on employee areas.

Mr. Blue stated that a goal for the airport was to have materials posted in all employee break rooms, located throughout the various terminals, as well as provide ongoing training to all those who are "badged" in the terminals.

Ms. Suggs inquired about the governing body for the airport.

Mr. Blue stated that the Phoenix City Council oversees the airport and the city manager is responsible for administering the policies.

Ms. Sarah Suggs inquired if the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has any requirements for advertising at airports.

Mr. Blue stated that the airport is governed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Sky Harbor Airport policies are consistent with federal regulation.

Mrs. McCain asked if human trafficking messaging could be displayed in women's restrooms.

Mr. Blue stated that he would be pleased to look into the possibility for the Council.

Mrs. McCain thanked Mr. Blue and Mr. Bennett for their presentation.

### **5. TRAFFICKING IN THE PRISON SYSTEM PRESENTATION**

Mr. John Meekins, Human Trafficking Investigator, Florida Department of Corrections provided information on Sex Trafficking within the Lowell Correctional Institution in Ocala, Florida. Mr. Meekins discussed what factors which make inmates vulnerable to traffickers.

Mr. Meekins provided examples of correspondence inmates receive from their traffickers while incarcerated and the coded language used in the correspondence. Mr. Meekins described how inmates upon release were being recruited and picked-up upon release by traffickers. Mr. Meekins provided examples of correspondence between recently released inmates, and their experiences with being trafficked, to incarcerated female inmates. Mr. Meekins provided information on the training he provided to other correctional facilities throughout the US on identifying human trafficking within correctional facilities. Mr. Meekins offered to provide training to correctional officers and would welcome an opportunity to provide additional information to the Council at a later date.

Mr. Orrantia asked about trafficking within prisons.

Mr. Meekins stated that often inmates are working for pimps and identifying inmates that pimps visit or research through mug shots to “see what they are getting” and upon release are then trafficked. The inmates are not trafficked in prison.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz thanked Mr. Meekins for his presentation and stated that this is just the start of the conversation on how Arizona can be more proactive.

Mr. Steele inquired how many women are released on a daily basis, and how can the non-governmental organization (NGO) community be of service.

Mr. Meekins stated that at the facility in Florida, approximately five to six women are released per day. Mr. Meekins stated that NGO's need to be the service providers for the released inmates, providing treatment and resources for the released inmates.

Ms. Suggs inquired when an inmate is released, are there conditions for parole that require interaction with an NGO.

Mr. Meekins stated the only conditions he was aware of for released inmates at the Florida facility where to register with the Sheriff and provide an address.

Director Charles Ryan, Arizona Department of Corrections stated that he would like to spend time with his Department of Corrections employees to take a closer look at identifying trafficking in Arizona prisons. Director Ryan thanked Mr. Meekins for his presentation.

Mr. Orrantia thanked Mr. Meekins for his presentation.

## **6. FBI HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Doug Price, FBI, stated that Arizona is leading the region in assisting victims and combating trafficking. SAC Price discussed the goals and approach used at the Super Bowl. The FBI was active on social media to deter trafficking and during the seven months prior to the Super Bowl. Additionally, the FBI found and rescued 32 trafficking victims, arrested 68 pimps and 360 buyers.

SAC Price announced that the FBI Phoenix Office, in conjunction local law enforcement, was presented an award from the International Chiefs of Police Association for the work done in Human Trafficking. SAC Price also discussed the creation in 2012 of an undercover

operation dealing with human slavery, which will be featured in an upcoming Crime Watch Daily report.

Mr. Orrantia inquired if SAC Price would provide a perspective of the FBI and its efforts on human trafficking now versus 10-15 years ago.

SAC Price stated that 10-15 years ago there was not much focus on human trafficking, but in the last few years, there has been a greater awareness and increased efforts in this area. In Arizona, the efforts are a little further ahead than in other areas.

Mrs. McCain thanked Special Agent Price for his update.

## **7. CEASE NETWORK UPDATE**

Ms. Angie Bayless highlighted CEASE Networks activities to meet their goal of reduced demand by 20% in two years. Ms. Bayless thanked those police agencies that are part of the official CEASE participation. Ms. Bayless discussed the mandatory booking policy in place with the Phoenix Police Department, as well as the Administrative Regulation against Sexual Exploitation for all City of Phoenix employees. Ms. Bayless described the publicity program which includes billboards, bus shelter advertising, Massage Parlor Citizen Patrols, iHeart Radio Public Service Announcements, and the Jamming Johns program. Ms. Bayless spoke of continued community presentations and most recently the presentation at the Faith Summit.

Mrs. McCain thanked Ms. Bayless and the CEASE Network for the update and the remarkable work they have done.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Outreach and Awareness Committee**

Ms. Debbie Johnson presented the next steps for the committee:

- Follow-up with Westcor on outreach materials in local malls;
- Work with Sky Harbor Airport on scheduling presentations for airport employees;
- Plan a Human Trafficking Awareness Month outreach event;
- Continue with Speaker's Bureau presentations and the development of an interactive standardized PowerPoint presentation; and
- Continue to distribute public awareness materials to educate the public on sex trafficking issues.

### **Training Committee**

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz highlighted the following Committee activities:

- November 3, 2015 Faith Summit held at Steele Indian School Park – 90 attendee;
- Approximately 72 attendees at the Sex Trafficking in Prisons presentation on November 9, 2015; and
- January 2016 there will be a training with the Phoenix Fire Department.

### **Victim Services Committee**

Ms. Shelia Polk highlighted the following Committee activities:

- The Arizona Human Trafficking Council's Victim Services Committee continues to work on the development of a statewide model protocol for responding to human trafficking (model protocol). The model protocol will serve as a roadmap of best

- practices for providing a trauma-informed, coordinated response to victims of human trafficking; and
- The Victim Services Committee has convened four (4) stakeholder meetings on August 18<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup> with representatives from a diverse group of stakeholders from across the state. The stakeholder group has created a draft protocol that will be presented at the November 16<sup>th</sup> Solutions Summit for additional input and feedback.

#### **9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Sharon Heidic with the American Association of University Women announced that CODAC and Pima County received a grant for \$1.5 million from the Federal Government for the creation of a human trafficking task force for southern Arizona.

Ms. Angie Warren with CARR, a group home for teen boys has been established in the Phoenix area to provide for children in the foster care system. They hope to provide services that will keep teens from becoming victimized through human trafficking.

#### **10. ADJOURN**

Mrs. McCain adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.