



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

December 1, 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 December 1, 2015 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)	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
Joseph Kelroy	Charles Ryan
Jim Waring	Margery Ault

Members Absent

Frank Milstead	Sarah Suggs
Paul Boyer	
Greg McKay	
Debbie Johnson	

Staff Present

Debbie Moak
Deborrah 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 November 10, 2015 minutes by unanimous vote.

4. ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE ORDER

Ms. Christina Corieri, Policy Advisor, Governor's Office, spoke on behalf of Governor Ducey, informing the Council that a new Executive Order will be issued by the Governor continuing the Arizona Human Trafficking Council.

Mr. Gil Orrantia and Mrs. McCain thanked the Governor for continuing the work of the Council.

5. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

Mrs. McCain informed the Council that Director Greg McKay was unable to attend, but indicated that the Council would reschedule his presentation for a later date.

6. FEDERAL RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

Dr. Rochelle Rollins, Acting Deputy Director Office on Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provided an introduction to the office on Trafficking in Persons. Dr. Rollins discussed the three priority goals, establish a cohesive national human trafficking victim service delivery system, develop a culture of data-informed anti-trafficking programming and policy making, and integrate anti-trafficking efforts into existing and new HHS prevention strategies. Dr. Rollins stated that they are part of the Federal response to monitor and combat human trafficking and have a Federal Strategic Action Plan which was released in January 2014. Dr. Rollins stated that Health and Human Services supports victim identification and access to public benefits and services. Additionally, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) supports services to victims and survivors of human trafficking through a National trafficking Victim Assistance Program, Domestic Trafficking Demonstration Grants, and Social and Economic Development Strategies Grants. Dr. Rollins stated that ACF also builds capacity through training and technical assistance programs which include; National Human Trafficking Resource Center, Runaway & Homeless Youth Training and TA Center, Family Violence Prevention Services TA Program, Rescue and Restore Regional Program, and SOAR (Stop Observe Ask Respond to human trafficking) Health and Wellness Training.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz commented that Arizona is the only state awarded two grants from HHS for human trafficking and she asked Dr. Rollins to comment on the upcoming training in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Rollins stated that with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), in collaboration with HHS, has created two-day regional forums to provide an opportunity for human trafficking groups to come together to discuss issues, review programs and trainings. The first of these trainings will take place in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Gil Orrantia thanked Dr. Rollins for her presentation and asked her to comment on the vicissitude of the federal response to human trafficking over the last five years.

Dr. Rollins stated that now there are laws in place which address training, there is now a partnership with Department of Justice, as well as other governmental partnerships and collaborations to address the various issues surrounding trafficking.

Mrs. McCain inquired about the screening processes for the Syrian refugees coming to the U.S.

Dr. Rollins stated she believed HHS would screen in the United States for trafficking, but was not sure.

Mrs. McCain thanked Dr. Rollins for her presentation.

7. VICTIM SERVICE NEEDS AND VISION PRESENTATION

Mr. Brian Steele, Executive Director, Phoenix Dream Center, presented an on current victims service needs in Arizona. Mr. Steele stated that three areas of focus were addressed; outreach engagement, housing programs and re-entry follow-up. Mr. Steele stated that goal for outreach engagement was to increase the use of the Hotline and that is being accomplished; 2013; 258 calls, 2014; 288 calls, in first six months of 2015; 221 calls. Mr. Steele also presented information from 23 Arizona Housing Service Providers. In Arizona, 82 minor beds are available and 120 adult beds are available. Previously the providers spent on programs between 11,000 and 70,000 per survivor per year, and in the first six months of 2015, 115 adult women served at \$2.3 million and 60 minor girls at \$1.5 million. Mr. Steele reported that a semi-annual gap analysis was conducted and results showed that Arizona service providers were found to be strong in sharing and implementing established best practices, collaborative grant applications and funding streams, and collaborative approaches to the needs of the community with little overlap or duplicity. Mr. Steele reported on service related gaps, as well as capacity related gaps identified in the survey. Mr. Steele stated that growth was seen in re-entry programs. Mr. Steele stated that goals for the future included; growth of survivor led initiatives, mentoring programs and support groups, development and implementation of a centralized service facility for 24/7 referrals and triage, increased capacity of housing and services, first responder feedback and outreach engagement, and a statewide goal of 500 beds over the next five years. Mr. Steele thanked the Council for their continued support.

Ms. Shelia Polk asked for clarification of the term "Housing First Model".

Mr. Steele stated that service providers recognize that not all victims need treatment first, but often need housing and/or a permanent home, where mentors/service providers can come to the victim's "home" to meet needs.

Ms. Roe-Sepowitz inquired if a centralized reporting system at the state level would be beneficial.

Mr. Steele stated that a "real time" system at the state level would be very beneficial.

Mr. Eliason inquired as to the 200 victims being served, how many are cooperating with law enforcement.

Mr. Steele stated that at his facility, the victims are encouraged to cooperate, but he did not have the information available on other facilities.

Mr. Eliason asked if there is consideration as part of victim treatment to help them understand why helping law enforcement is important.

Mr. Steele stated that he would encourage service providers to include this into their treatment programs.

Mrs. McCain thanked Mr. Steele from his presentation.

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

Outreach and Awareness Committee

Mr. John Reader highlighted the following activities:

- The Committee reviewed the Council's new outreach booklet. The booklet will contain information about trafficking, indicators, resources and action steps for the public.
- The Committee also reviewed and approved a new human trafficking awareness bumper sticker. and
- The Committee reviewed the Council's new website which will be completed in January.

Training Committee

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz highlighted the following activities:

- Training with the Phoenix Fire Department; and
- Training with Juvenile Probation.

Victim Services Committee

Ms. Shelia Polk highlighted the following activities:

- On November 16th, the Arizona Human Trafficking Council hosted a *Solutions Summit*. The Summit was attended by 65 human trafficking stakeholders from around the state to discuss and provide feedback on an Arizona Model Protocol for responding to minor cases of trafficking.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Lt. Sharon Callen, Tucson Police Department, Assistant Division Commander, introduced herself to the Council and informed them that Tucson had been awarded a grant in October from the Federal Government and they are working with other law enforcement and service providers in southern Arizona on the Anti-trafficking Network. Lt. Callen stated they are looking forward to working with and learning from the Council.

Ms. Aimee Graves, CODAC, invited members of the Council to the next Southern Arizona Anti-trafficking Network meeting, which includes Pima, Santa Cruz and Cochise counties, on December 17, 2015 at 9:00am in Tucson.

10. ADJOURN

Mrs. McCain adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.