



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

April 26, 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 April 26, 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)	Carolyn Jones
Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)	Debbie Johnson
Nathaniel Brown (via phone)	Joseph Kelroy
Doug Coleman	Zora Manjencich
Robert Conrad	Gary McCarthy
Randy Christensen	Greg McKay
Tanya Cordor	Brian Steele
Jon Eliason	Jim Waring

Members Absent

Allie Bones
Paul Boyer
Cara Christ
Tim Jefferies
Frank Milstead
Sheila Polk
Dominique Roe-Sepowitz

Staff Present

Debbie Moak
John Raeder

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS

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

Mrs. McCain announced that Dr. Randy Christensen had accepted a new job in Nevada and this would be his final meeting. The Co-chairs commended Dr. Christensen for his hard work and commitment to ending human trafficking and wished him luck in his future endeavors.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

Minutes for the meeting held March 1, 2016 were reviewed. Representative Doug Coleman motioned to approve the March 1, 2016 minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christensen. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. NURSERY RHYMES TRAFFICKING VIDEO

Mr. Scott Mabery, Director, Yavapai County Juvenile Probation, explained that the Nursery Rhymes music video was written and produced in Yavapai County to raise awareness of human trafficking. He thanked his wife, Gayle Mabery, and the other members of the community whom worked on the project.

Mr. Scott Mabery played the [Nursery Rhymes](#) video for the Council.

5. MINGUS MOUNTAIN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

Dr. Franki Reddick-Gibson, Director of Clinical Services, Mingus Mountain, presented on the Mingus Mountain trafficking program. She explained that the Mingus Mountain program is trauma and survivor-informed, gender-specific, comprehensive and individualized to equip, enlighten and empower girls who are being sexually exploited. Dr. Reddick-Gibson outlined the following components: initial assessment, individual therapy, group therapy, bibliotherapy and discharge planning/aftercare.

Dr. Reddick-Gibson also highlighted the need to place a greater emphasis on prevention and early intervention and discussed the four (4) "R"s of healthy helping: rescue, refer, restore and reintegrate. Dr. Franki Reddick-Gibson also stressed the need for additional partnerships and resources.

Mr. Orrantia asked how the Council could assist Mingus Mountain.

Dr. Reddick-Gibson requested policy changes and dedicated funds for serving trafficking victims.

Mrs. McCain asked what percentages of the youth being served are in the foster care system.

Dr. Reddick-Gibson estimated that 30% of the current population at Mingus Mountain is co-currently involved in the foster care system.

6. FLORENCE CRITTENTON TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

Ms. Donna Noriega, Clinical Director, Florence Crittenton, presented on the Florence Crittenton programs for trafficked youth. These gender-specific programs include the

following: residential treatment, mentoring, independent living, transitional living; and teen pregnancy/parenting.

Ms. Noriega explained that Florence Crittenton programs offer girls a safe space and facilitate opportunities to create positive changes that benefit girls on an individual level, within their relationships, and within the community.

Ms. Noriega also discussed services offered through Florence Crittenton's residential programs which include a therapeutic group home and Girls Ranch group home. Both programs are designed for females ages 10-17. The 40 bed therapeutic group home provides clients with intense therapeutic services which include the following:

- Psychiatric and Medical Evaluations and Services,
- 7 Challenges (substance abuse),
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy,
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and
- Trauma Treatment.

Ms. Noriega stressed the importance of mentors and the need to develop/repair outside support with the community, family and friends when working with trafficking victims. She also stated that clients running and returning to the same unstable environments continues to represent a challenge to serving trafficking victims. She encouraged the Council to continue facilitating collaboration and work on developing additional resources for victims.

Mr. Orrantia asked how the Council could assist Florence Crittenton.

Ms. Noriega stated that there are not currently enough beds or services for victims. Furthermore, systems need to identify potential victims earlier.

Lt. Robert Conrad asked where the majority of Florence Crittenton referrals come from.

Ms. Noriega stated that most referrals come from the courts and the Department of Child Safety.

Mrs. Debbie Moak inquired about prevention programs in Arizona.

Ms. Noriega responded that the Girl Scouts have a prevention program but she wasn't familiar with other prevention offerings.

7. CEASE DEMAND REDUCTION UPDATE

Ms. Angie Bayless, Coordinator, CEASE Phoenix Metro, updated the Council on the CEASE Demand Reduction project. She explained that prostitution causes sex trafficking, and if there were no buyers, there would be no business for traffickers. She continued by explaining that research indicates that:

- 20% of men will buy sex at least once in their lifetime;
- 20% men would buy sex if the circumstances were right; and
- Of non- buyers, 35% have "window shopped" for paid sex online.

These statistics demonstrate a troubling trend and highlight the need for demand reduction activities.

Ms. Bayless explained that the goal of the CEASE project is to impact 28,800 sex buyers and 2,100 high frequent buyers in the Phoenix-metro area. To date, the project has reached 23,644 sex buyers (82% of goal) and 624 high-frequency buyers (30% of goal) through the following strategies:

- 269 arrests;
- 6,339 buyers via online deterrence campaign with Google ad words; and
- 3,488 buyers communicated with via law enforcement either by text warning or phone conversation.

The CEASE project has also made millions of billboard impressions through a year-long campaign with Clear Channel.

Mrs. Bayless recommended that the Council examine the following:

- Amend Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) to include language which would allow the arrest of sex buyers who post reviews and promote prostitution;
- Encourage an increase in sex buyer arrests by multiple law enforcement agencies and encourage media coverage when arrests are made; and
- Encourage cyber patrols by multiple agencies.

8. ENDSEXTRAFFICKING.AZ.GOV UPDATE

Mr. John Raeder provided an overview of the new Council website:

EndSexTrafficking.az.gov. Mr. Raeder explained that the website includes information on statistics, resources, outreach and training. The website also includes information on the Council, including: minutes, agendas and meeting materials. Mr. Raeder concluded that the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family was committed to ensuring that the website was dynamic and engaging and encouraged members to regularly send relevant materials and information to be added.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Awareness Committee

Ms. Debbie Johnson noted that the Committee would be working with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family to add material to EndSexTrafficking.az.gov.

Policy Committee

Mr. Brian Steele discussed that the committee was examining legislation and plans for developing an education platform for licensing and contracting for non-profit providers.

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Members of the public did not respond to the call.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.