



Arizona Human
Trafficking Council

Arizona Human Trafficking Council

April 4, 2018, 9:00 AM

Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council was convened on April 2, 2018 at the Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (18)	Members Absent (4)
Gil Orrantia, Co-Chair	Cindy McCain, Co-Chair
Allie Bones	Brian Steele
Nathaniel Brown (Phone)	Michael Traylor
Sarah Beaumont	James Waring
Doug Coleman	
Maria Fuentes	
Brian Freudenthal	
Debbie Johnson	
Joseph Kelroy	
Zora Manjencich	
Gary McCarthy	
Kathryn Blades (representing Greg McKay)	
Frank Milstead	
Rachel Mitchell	
Dominique Roe-Sepowitz	
Brian Steele	
Michael Traylor	
James Waring	
Staff and Guests Present (45)	
Nikki Green	TC Colla
Malcolm Hightower	Holly Reynolds
Joanna Jauregui	Marisol Chavez
Sam Burba	Skye Steele
John Raeder	Kristin Bracey
Jamela Sanchez	Sheila Kembel
Franklin De La Pena	Sue Micetic
Andrea Kadar	Alexis Figueroa
Jason Hamilton	Samantha Keilich
Viena Welch	Tina Presuhn
Konstance Merideth	Ramoncita Cocora

Randi Brady	Nancy Brusich
Dian Brown	Mary Mackey
Caralina Antone	Kathleen Winn
Nancy Ash	Sylvia Conchos
Teresa Felton	Angela Salomon
Stacey Sutherland	Courtney Denen
Michelle Rucker	Rene Mitchell
Melissa Brockie	Susan Pitsenberger
Jessica Lorenzano	
Isaias Buera Ochoa	
Christina Lopez	
Haily Aller	
Teresa Onstott	
Shanna Parker	
Jeff Gibbs	

Call to Order

- **Mr. Gil Orrantia, Co-Chair**, called the Arizona Human Trafficking Council meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with 18 members and 45 staff and guests present.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Mr. Orrantia, Co-Chair**, welcomed everyone again and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Mr. Orrantia, Co-Chair**, requested a review of the **February 21, 2018** meeting minutes.
 - **Col. Frank Milstead** motioned to accept the **February 21, 2018** minutes.
 - **Mr. Joseph Kelroy** seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Minneapolis Super Bowl Human Trafficking Prevention Effort

- **Ms. Beth Holger-Ambrose**, Executive Director of The Link, presented on the anti-trafficking response plan for Super Bowl LII that took place in Minneapolis, Minnesota in February. The response committee convened in 2016 and was co-chaired by the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, Hennepin County, and Ramsey County Attorney's office. The committee engaged more than 40 organizations and over 80 people representing public, private, non-profit, philanthropic sectors and survivors. The key messages were to educate the public, provide resources to victims, disrupt buyers of sex and create a replicable anti-trafficking plan to extend beyond the ten days of the Super Bowl. The Mayo Clinic of Rochester provided the Rise Up Gift Registry, which resulted in partners benefiting from \$18,000 in donations. In the government sector, nine state agencies participated in the Don't Buy It Project campaign, which included the website link on handouts, email signatures and websites. The training program included the development of a resource guide that was provided to various organizations. The Link provided resources on raising awareness, support for victims and information on identifying a trafficking situation. Individuals trained included 10,000 Super Bowl volunteers and Mall of America Staff. A specialized training for medical professions is currently in development. During the ten days of the Super Bowl street outreach, access to emergency shelters and drop-in centers, and support for law enforcement was increased. Outreach teams were available from 11:00 am to 5:00 am daily, a drop-in center for youth picked up by law enforcement within Minneapolis City Hall

was open 24/7, shelter and drop-in center service hours were available 24/7 and emergency shelter beds were increased from 18 to 51 between agencies (The Link, 180 Degrees, Breaking Free and Source). The NFL provided financial support for awareness campaigns that included PSAs, digital and standard billboards, and advertisements on buses and bus shelters. Beyond the super bowl event, agencies will continue to collaborate to create a replicable plan for other communities, and try to use what was learned to get additional resources for every day of the year.

- **Mr. Orrantia** commended Ms. Holger-Ambrose on their anti-trafficking response during the Super Bowl.
- **Ms. Allie Bones** arrived at 9:10 AM.
- **Dr. Michael Cowan** arrived at 9:13 AM.
- **Mr. Orrantia** stated that this would be Dr. Cowan's last meeting and thanked him for his leadership and support.

Valley Service Provider Network

- **Mr. Brian Steele, Dr. Angela Salomon, and Ms. Konstance Merideth** presented on the updates to the valley service provider networks and the partnership between Phoenix Dream Center and Streetlight USA. The Phoenix Dream Center and Streetlight USA began ten years but made the decision to combine efforts last year to address licensing and expansion issues together as both organizations work to prevent sex trafficking, and provide direct services to trafficked and vulnerable youth. The organizations will maintain separate 501 certifications, governing boards, and finances, but will combine efforts in grant writing and fundraising. Updates will include transforming services to include evidence-based practices for complex trauma, meaning that direct service will be more trauma-informed. This will be accomplished through more intentional programming, establishing physical and emotional safety for survivors, and empowering them to transition out into the community. Volunteers, community service providers, staff, and administration will be trained in crisis prevention that address the behavior process rather than based on behavior management. Security within facilities will be increased to include sensory modulation areas to improve self-regulation for survivors and the onboarding process will be increased from two hours to a week. This increase will help establish a victim's sense of physical and emotional safety to decrease instances of running away. The organizations will update their services to include an on-site behavioral health clinic for girls that will be breaking ground next month, and a new program to serve men between the ages of 18 and 26.
- **Mr. Steele** provided an update on victim services and the collaborative process between the Department of Child Safety (DCS), Mercy Maricopa, and the Phoenix Police Department VICE unit. This collaboration focused on identification, assessment, documentation, treatment and therapeutic intervention. Since October 2017, contact has been made with 48 individuals; 37 of which were confirmed to be trafficking victims; 29 were DCS youth and 6 were from other. Of the youth contacted, 15 were seen through the Observation Services Child Adolescent Unit (OSCA); 5 were direct admits to St. Luke's Hospital; 11 were in detention, on OSCA release and; 6 went home to parents- 3 of which received OSCA services. Of the youth served, only 5% went AWOL, compared to the 80% AWOL rate of previous years. In 2017, 29 providers were available to trafficking victims; 559 minors and 1,765 adults were served. In trafficking-specific shelters, 151 minor victims and 335 adults were served; \$10.5 million was spent in housing and programming (45% public funding and 55% private funding) and approximately \$38K annual to \$78K was spent per survivor (not including hospital and law enforcement).

Maricopa County Adult Probation Study

- **Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Ms. Kristen Bracey, and Mr. Michael Cimino** presented on the 2018 Report on the Incidence of Sex Trafficking in Maricopa County Adult Probation. The purpose of this study was to act as a follow up to the 2014 study that would provide knowledge on the scope of sex trafficking in Arizona. The study included targeted training for adult probation officers on the issue of sex trafficking, to survey attendees about sex trafficking victims and traffickers on current caseloads and to gather information on how to improve policy, programming and interventions targeted at both victims and traffickers. Training was provided to 146 adult probation officers (in addition to 186 officers trained in 2014) and included federal definitions of sex trafficking as well as the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, risk factors and vulnerabilities, demand, trafficker typology and behaviors, trauma bond and post-traumatic stress disorder, warning signs, a survivor's experience, barriers to treatment, and elements to assist victims' exit. The study utilized an

online survey, in which 180 adult probation officers responded. The survey revealed that 103 officers identified at least one sex trafficking victim on their current caseload, and 74 offices revealed at least one sex trafficker on their current caseload. The following information was revealed through 37 sex trafficking victim and 15 sex traffickers' detailed individual case studies, of the trafficking victims, 67.6% originated from Arizona, and 83.8% of sex trafficking instances occurred within the state. The majority of victims were sentenced to standard probation and 62.2% of sex trafficking victims self-disclosed to probation officers. Survey results for traffickers revealed that traffickers were serving probation for crimes unrelated to trafficking, including sexual abuse and weapons charges. Risk factors for traffickers included previous involvement in the justice system, signs of violence, prior sexual abuse and moving frequently; the most common pathway to sex trafficking was by a friend. The findings of this study show the likeliness that an adult probation officer will come in contact with sex trafficking victims and traffickers and that both victims and traffickers were serving probations sentences for charges unrelated to trafficking. In comparison to the 2014 study, this study demonstrates the extensive histories of abuse and trauma that victims experience, and the potential opportunities for probation officers to serve the unique needs of this population. Treatment needs of victims include substance abuse, supportive and stable housing; trauma-focused therapeutic services and services related to recovering from domestic violence and sex trafficking victimization. Treatment needs for traffickers include early intervention/ prevention programs for juvenile offenders, substance abuse treatment and therapeutic services for prior abuse and mental health diagnoses. The findings also show that one out of three sex trafficking victims was currently in a sex trafficking situation and over half of the sex trafficking experiences were self-disclosed to probation officers. The findings demonstrate the need for adult probation officers to be equipped with resources to help victims and the necessity of creating a trusting relationship between probation officers and clients.

- **Dr. Roe-Sepowitz** asked that communities be aware of the criminal behavior of victims as it relates to the sex trafficking situation. Many of the victims' charges were not related to their trafficking history, and many of the criminal activities were the result of the relationship between trafficker and victim; those victims are forced to commit other crimes.
- **Ms. Rachel Mitchell** arrived at 10:08 AM.

ACEs

- **Ms. Maria Fuentes** presented on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as a critical priority issue for Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF), and the first lady of Arizona. The effects of ACEs are the root cause of all of GOYFF issue areas, and are directly related to work done by the Arizona Human Trafficking Council. The ACE study consists of a 10 questions survey that ask questions related to abuse (physical, emotional or sexual) and neglect (physical and emotional) and household dysfunction (alcohol or drug abuse, incarcerated family member, chronic depressions, suicidal, mentally ill or institutionalized, mother being treated violently and one or no parents). The purpose of the study is to measure individual trauma as well as traumatic community experiences, to better understand the role these indicators play in negative health outcomes such as reduced life expectancy, incidence of heart diseases and likeliness to smoke. Other outcomes associated with ACEs include lower academic achievement and economic opportunities. According to the 2018 Health of Women and Childhood Report, 30.6% if Arizona youth have two or more ACEs compared to 21.7% nationally. This study demonstrates the necessity of preventing Arizona children from experiencing ACEs and toxic stress as well as responding to those with high ACEs in a trauma-informed way. In one study, 81.4% of surveyed sexually trafficked juveniles had a high risk ACE score. Trafficked youth with past experience of maltreatment and household dysfunction are extraordinarily vulnerable to sexual predation and re-victimization by f traffickers. A need for a trauma-informed care approach is evident, as it realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for intervention and recovery. Prevention of ACEs is the single most effective long-term solution and requires a cultural change in business model, parenting training programs, intimate partner violence, treatment for mental illness and substance abuse, and affordable childcare. This approach takes time and must be a deliberate and ongoing effort by leadership and staff to promote resilience, self-regulation, and to affirm faith.

- **Mr. Steele** asked which SAMHSA model or training Ms. Fuentes recommended to help churches and shelters.
 - **Ms. Fuentes** stated that she is most familiar with the Sanctuary model, which is designed to be more effective for children with them. She further stated that a number of models are available through the SAMHSA website, and use of models depends on population, location, and what the organization or services are trying to achieve.
- **Mr. Michael Cowan** commended Ms. Fuentes for her work and stated that school districts are working hard to incorporate different approaches for students with ACEs.
 - **Ms. Fuentes** stated that schools are a critical component to addressing ACEs. She further stated that in one Arizona school, a principal was struggling with high teacher turnover rates but since becoming a trauma-informed school trained on ACEs and incorporating the Sanctuary model, the principal has almost zero teacher turnover.
- **Ms. Bones** asked Ms. Fuentes to expand on the way community and historical trauma can create disproportionate risk factors for certain populations.
 - **Ms. Fuentes** stated that a cycle exists for those experiencing poverty or deep poverty, being with or without housing and that these experiences are further compounded by the toxic stress associated with traditional ACEs.

Update on Navajo Nation

- **Mr. Nathaniel Brown** was scheduled to present an update on the Navajo Nation, but was unable to due to technical difficulties
- The conference call between Mr. Brown and the council ended at 10:44 AM due to technical difficulties.

Sub Committee Reports

- **Outreach and Awareness Committee**
 - **Mr. Gary McCarthy** stated that in February, 231 gaming employees were trained over a 3 day period. Council members also participated in the Human Dignity Summit at Brophy College Prep, where each presenter had three training sessions with students. The Sub Committee is currently working with Amtrak in Flagstaff and Greyhound for a potential training opportunity.
- **Policy Committee**
 - **Mr. Steele, on behalf of Ms. Sheila Polk**, stated that two goals of the Policy Committee were to advance prevention and awareness training for providers. He stated that progress on ARS 15-712 definition and deterrence work are moving forward with the help of Mr. James Waring.
- **Training Committee**
 - **Dr. Roe-Sepowitz** stated that many of the council members presented at Brophy and that the young men were left with impression that sex trafficking is happening in our community. A number of training occurred with UMom to raise capacity of clinicians, with Southwest Network and STAR Group at 13 locations. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz also provided training for 48 VA employees included site, social work and medical service professional. Upcoming events include a Perryville Prison TedX Talk on April 19th, a panel at Twin Arrows to discuss risk factors, risk training at Sojourner Center for counseling and a two day summit in Tucson on May 24th and 25th that will include a speaker from Kentucky discussing the Sanctuary Model.
- **Victim Services Committee**
 - **Mr. Steele** provided the services committee update as part of his presentation on the updates to the Valley Service Provider Network. Mr. Steele stated that as a result of the Brophy summit, 30 students were at Streetlight USA to paint a house.

Future Meeting Dates

- **Co-Chair Gil Orrantia**, announced the following meeting dates;
 - Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 9:00 AM
 - Wednesday, September 11, 2018 at 9:00 AM
 - Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 9:00 AM
 - Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Call to the Public

- **Co-Chair Gil Orrantia** gave call to the public. No public members wished to address the Commission.

Adjourn

- **Mr. McCarthy** motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- **Mr. Frank Milstead** seconded the motion.
- **Chairman Gil Orrantia** called for adjournment at 10:45 AM.

Dated the [date] 2017
[Council/Commission]
Respectfully Submitted By:
[Name]
Program Administrator, GOYFF