



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

May 27, 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 May 27, 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

Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)	Zora Manjencich
Allie Bones	Frank Milstead
Paul Boyer	Gary McCarthy
Doug Coleman	Greg McKay
Jon Eliason	Sheila Polk
Chuck Fitzgerald	Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Carolyn Jones	Brian Steele
Debbie Johnson	Sarah Suggs
Joseph Kelroy	

Members Absent

Cindy McCain (Co-Chairperson)
Margery Ault
Chris Bray
Tanya Cordor
Carolyn Jones

Staff Present

Debbie Moak
Sam Burba
Deborrah Miller
John Raeder

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Orrantia introduced and welcomed the following new members: Colonel Frank Milstead and Director Greg McKay. Mr. Orrantia asked all members to introduce themselves. Mr.

Orrantia thanked the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families for supporting the work of the Council.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council approved the April 15, 2015 minutes by unanimous vote.

4. ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL – OUTREACH PRESENTATION

Mr. John Raeder, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, presented the PowerPoint – "An Introduction to Human Trafficking" prepared by the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families in conjunction with the Council's Outreach and Awareness Committee. The PowerPoint will be used in outreach and awareness presentations throughout the state. Mr. Raeder explained that a train-the-trainer model and training script will also be developed for the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Raeder explained that the information provided in the presentation was developed to engage the audience, and define and describe the scope of the problem. He stated that some of the songs, videos and images contained in the presentation are "edgy", but are important to engage the audience and illustrate the current culture of normalizing and glorifying sex trafficking. Mr. Raeder stated that the presentation includes a call to action for all Arizonans. He also stated that the PowerPoint was tested through a focus group of ten mothers who provided feedback to help improve the presentation. Mr. Raeder thanked the members of the Outreach and Awareness Committee and Mr. Sam Burba with the Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families for their assistances in creating the presentation.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Raeder and Mr. Burba for the excellent presentation.

Ms. Polk thanked Mr. Raeder for the great presentation and asked if there is a plan for rolling out training?

Mr. Raeder responded that plans to develop the train-the-trainer model should be ready in the next couple of months.

Mr. Orrantia commended Mr. Raeder and the Outreach and Awareness Committee for their exceptional work.

5. PHOENIX CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MOBIL UNIT AND TRAINING PRESENTATION

Dr. Jenne Geyer, Phoenix Children's Hospital, presented information on training provided through Phoenix Children's Hospital for healthcare professionals regarding sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. Dr. Geyer provided information regarding where healthcare professionals initial contact may be made with victims of sex trafficking and/or exploitation. Dr. Geyer also discussed how many healthcare professionals may not feel comfortable with their knowledge level and ability to recognize the physical and mental signs of trafficking. Dr. Geyer explained that the training provided by Phoenix Children's Hospital helps healthcare professional understand how to approach and identify victims using specific questioning techniques and indicators. Dr. Geyer stated that the Mobil Unit has been used by Phoenix Children's Hospital to reach patients and provide comprehensive medical care since 2000. Dr. Geyer stated that currently there are three Mobil Units serving patients. Phoenix Children's Hospital is collaborating with partners to serve patients at no-cost if they do not have insurance.

Representative Paul Boyer asked if this training could be included in healthcare professional's continuing education requirements.

Dr. Geyer said that yes, it could be offered.

Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz inquired about possible legal concerns for doctors collecting information during a screening process, and asked whether a doctor could be subpoenaed in a criminal proceeding. She also recommended that training and protocols should include procedures for doctors and social workers for interviewing trafficking victims.

Mr. Jon Eliason stated that if information is disclosed to a doctor during an examination, then the doctor can be called to testify.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz asked is there guidance provided to a doctor for the protection of evidence.

Dr. Geyer stated that Phoenix Children's Hospital has a protocol in place.

Mr. Greg McKay stated that medical hearsay is permitted with these types of cases as there is a high propensity of recantation by victims.

Mr. Eliason stated that doctors asking questions regarding treatment is alright. If it turns into a case, evidence collected during the questioning is allowable in court.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz asked if there should be additional training and more guidelines for doctors.

Mr. Eliason stated that if doctors feel there is too much guidance, they may not ask.

Ms. Sarah Suggs inquired about the emergency room protocol for minors that exhibit signs of trauma.

Dr. Geyer responded that if abuse is suspected, the minor child is kept in a room while Department of Children Services (DCS) is contacted. Social Workers are also called into the room with the child.

Mr. Orrantia thanked Dr. Geyer for her presentation.

6. DIGNITY HEALTH HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROTOCOL

Ms. Noriann Readdy, Dignity Health Care, presented information on a human trafficking pilot protocol used by Dignity Health Care at their Long Beach, California hospital. Ms. Readdy stated that Dignity Health is the fifth largest health care system in the United States with four facilities in Arizona. Ms. Readdy described the pilot program's tiered implementation strategy and the lessons learned from the program. Ms. Readdy stated that communication, involving the community and providing behavioral health resources were key elements to the success of the program.

Mr. Orrantia asked Ms. Readdy to describe how the long term care component of the program.

Ms. Readdy explained that collaboration with other resources outside of the hospital was required to support the success of the program. Ms. Readdy stated that a step-by-step protocol which engages community and governmental resources was imperative.

Mr. Steele asked about experiences working co-currently with multiple protocols.

Ms. Readdy explained that it was necessary to have continuous communications to engage and review all the protocols to ensure they meet the needs of each respective protocol. Ms. Readdy stated that sometimes there was a need to redefine and/or re-educate collaborators in order to meet the mission. Ms. Readdy stated that ongoing conversations of best/worst cases helped to identify areas for improvement.

Ms. Suggs asked if Dignity Health anticipated this pilot program being exported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix.

Ms. Readdy responded that the pilot protocol would be structured for use at the four facilities Dignity Health has in Arizona.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

Outreach and Awareness Committee

Ms. Debbie Johnson thanked Mr. Raeder for presenting the PowerPoint to the Council.

Ms. Johnson also highlighted the following Committee activities:

- The Committee is working to create 15 minute and 30 minute editions of the standardized PowerPoint presentation for the Speaker's Bureau. The Committee requests that members of the Council please sign-up to for the training in the coming weeks.
- Representative Paul Boyer will be organizing key legislators who will be provided the PowerPoint presentation.
- Please "like" the Arizona Human Trafficking Council on *Facebook*.
- The Arizona Lottery has agreed to include the *Blue Campaign* Sex Trafficking poster in its two week rotation at the terminals beginning in June.
- The Committee is planning a major event for Human Trafficking Awareness month, January of 2016. Please forward any ideas to the committee.

Training Committee

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz reported that the Training Committee partnered with Arizona State University and provided training for 526 child welfare specialists and other key DCS staff on human trafficking.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz also highlighted the following Committee activities:

- A two-day summit was held in collaboration with Tumbleweed, 140 people were in attendance.
- The Committee is working on providing a training on November 1, 2015 on how to work with the faith based community.
- The Committee will use a grant from the Governor's Office to provide training to all juvenile probation officers in Arizona.

Mr. Orrantia announced that the Arizona Office of Homeland Security in conjunction with the Council will be providing training on June 11, 2015 to for Tribal members.

Victim Services Committee

Ms. Polk introduced two new members of the Victim Service Committee, Representative Doug Coleman and Jon Eliason.

Ms. Polk highlighted the following activities:

- The Committee continues to work on a plan for the completion of the National Hotline Protocols for the State of Arizona. The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence will collect the necessary information for Polaris to complete the protocols as part of on-going efforts to establish Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) in each of Arizona's 15 counties.
- The Committee continues to work on drafting and completing a model protocol for "Best Practices" with juveniles. The protocols will be through the eyes of the victim and provided input from all members.
- The Committee is hoping to identify any gaps in statute for possible legislation.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The public did not respond to the call.

9. ADJOURN

Mr. Orrantia adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.