



Arizona Human  
Trafficking Council

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**April 4, 2018, 9:00 AM**

**Governor's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (17)	Members Absent (5)
Gil Orrantia, Co-Chair	Cindy McCain, Co-Chair
Nathaniel Brown (Phone)	Allie Bones
Sarah Beaumont	Heather Carter
Tom Salow (representing Dr. Cara Christ)	Doug Coleman
Brian Freudenthal	Maria Fuentes
Debbie Johnson	
Joseph Kelroy	
Zora Manjencich	
Gary McCarthy	
Kathryn Blades (representing Greg McKay)	
Heston Silbert ( representing Frank Milstead)	
Rachel Mitchell	
Sheila Polk	
Dominique Roe-Sepowitz	
Brian Steele	
Michael Traylor	
James Waring	
Staff and Guests Present (37)	
Malcolm Hightower	TC Colla
Samuel Burba	Nancy Baldwin
Joanna Jauregui	Jeanne Honsaker
Michele Rucker	Leroy Pooly
Savannah Lincoln	Sheila Kembel
Stacie Blackburn	Abigail Gwartney
Andrea Kadar	Marlena Pina
Rene Mitchell	Herman Andrews Jr.
Susan LaWalling	Ramoncita Cocora
Nancy Ash	Corrie Wilson
Susan Pitsenberger	Jim Thayer

<b>Jim Walters</b>	<b>Maria Martinez</b>
<b>Vienna Welch</b>	<b>Michele Reimer</b>
<b>Todd Hay</b>	<b>Buchanan Blecker</b>
<b>Marisol Chavez</b>	<b>Toni Kee</b>
<b>Stacey Sutherland</b>	<b>Holly Reynolds</b>
<b>Jennifer Pinnow</b>	<b>Belen Konesky</b>
<b>Mike Jimenez</b>	<b>Sarah Ericksen</b>
<b>Jerri Hutson</b>	

### Call to Order

- **Mr. Gil Orrantia, Co-Chair**, called the Arizona Human Trafficking Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with 17 members and 37 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 **April 4, 2018** meeting minutes.
  - **Chief Gary McCarthy** motioned to accept the **April 4, 2018** minutes.
  - **Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** seconded the motion.
    - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

### SESTA/ FOSTA

- **Ms. Yiota Souras**, Senior Vice President, General Counsel with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), presented the council with updates on the Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017 (FOSTA) and Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA). NCMEC is the congressionally designated national clearinghouse on issues relating to missing and exploited children. On average, NCMEC responds to more than 10,000 reports of child sex trafficking each year; over the past five years, 81% of child sex trafficking reports relate to the online trafficking of a child; 78% of all child sex trafficking reports received from the public relate to ads on Backpage.com. Online child sex trafficking saw unprecedented growth over the past decade, and through litigation it became clear that a legal loophole within the Communication Decency Act (CDA) provided protection for facilitators of online child sex trafficking. Impunity for online facilitators reached a tipping point over the last three years as three factors coalesced: in 2015 the Senate Permanent Subcommittee of Investigations launched an online sex trafficking investigation with a focus on Backpage.com; in 2017 the "I Am Jane Doe" documentary was released which told personal stories of survivors and their legal battles with Backpage.com; and between 2010 and 2018 courts repeatedly held that the CDA prevented Backpage.com from legal liability for online child sex trafficking. Courts then began looking towards congress to push for federal legislation that addressed the loophole within the CDA. Congress responded with FOSTA on April 3, 2017 which contained broad language that garnered early criticism and, SESTA on August 1, 2017 which sought to more narrowly amend the CDA and federal trafficking statute to clarify rights of trafficking victims against online facilitators. House and Senate leadership and co-sponsors reached a compromise to combine both bills which were signed into law on April 11, 2018 by President Trump. SESTA-FOSTA created a criminal liability for anyone using a website with the intent to promote or facilitate the prostitution of another person. It also provided exception from CDA immunity for sex trafficking laws and included that any person that knowingly benefits, financially or by receiving something of value, from participation in a venture to traffic a child or adult with the use of force, fraud or coercion. Finally, SESTA-FOSTA expanded civil remedy to enable state Attorney Generals whose residents have been threatened or adversely affected by violation of the federal sex

trafficking statute to bring civil actions on behalf of their residents in federal court. As a result, many websites removed personal sections or stopped operating within the United State or all together.

- **Ms. Kathryn Blades** asked what sort of civil remedies they envision state attorneys general asking for.
- **Ms. Souras** stated that congress has a clear idea of what it is, but that giving a state Attorney General the ability to bring a lawsuit on behalf of residences could have tremendous possibilities, especially when residents of large groups are affected.
- **Mr. Brian Steele** arrived at 9:18 AM.

#### **AMBER Alert**

- **Mr. Jim Walters** presented on AMBER Alert. In 2003, The PROTECT Act codified the previously-established National AMBER Alert Coordinator role in the Department of Justice. The Arizona Broadcasters led the initiative resulting in Arizona as one of the first states to sign on. Mr. Walters is based in Dallas, Texas and works with 200 subject matter experts and key partners, including Arizona State University, who help design and delivery training and collect information on trafficking. Over years, more children have been lured abducted by trafficking. At the most recent National Conference in Orlando, FL. a key issue that was discussed was the connection of technology and abducted children. During the conference, Amy Blockson shared the story of how her son was abducted through the use of social media, exploited and murdered. Mr. Walters stated that runaways and at-risk youth are in greater danger of trafficking and that a challenge is convincing states, law enforcement and communities of the fact that there is little difference between a child abducted from the street as one who is lured online and abducted. AMBER Alert also holds a roundtable between survivors and professionals in order to take back information from a survivor's perspective to share with law enforcement, prosecutors and other professionals. AMBER Alert partners with Southern Methodist University with the focus of developing programs for at-risk youth that prevent them from being exploited. Through these types of partnerships they are able to provide resources such as e-learning, webinars, and publications as well as about 30 class room courses, all provided free of charge and resulting in the training of about 19,000 professionals annually. A training will occur in Flagstaff, Arizona on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> that focuses on the use of technology for the purpose of exploitation. AMBER Alert has also worked on an Indian Country Initiative and in 2016 the program was initiated in 13 tribes, had 10 pilot sites, including 2 tribes in the Phoenix area. Arizona will also be the first state to hold a meeting with statewide tribal representation to expand AMBER Alert to other tribal nations.
- **Mr. Orrantia** asked Mr. Walters to expand on what implementing a program entails.
- **Mr. Walters** stated that the first mistake would be to tell tribes what they need. The first step is to meet with tribes, find out what resources are available, what resources are need and in what way the program will fit in to their community. This process would also be used for sex trafficking focus groups in different regions, finding out what the barriers are and identifying resources that can be maximized.
- **Dr. Roe-Sepowitz** asked Mr. Walters to share more information on the training in Flagstaff.
- **Mr. Walters** stated that AMBER Alert was approached by Dr. Roe-Sepowitz and Ms. Claire Merkel of the McCain Institute, to conduct a regional training event that focused on trafficking in Native communities, as well as state and local areas. The event will consist of a full-day workshop that allows participants to develop an effective community response to trafficking that includes local issues, developing resources, and the role of transportation in trafficking. The event will take place at Twin Arrows Casino from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- **Mr. Brian Freudenthal** departed at 9:46 AM

#### **Truckers Against Trafficking**

- **Mr. Don Blake** presented on the Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) and the Everyday Heroes Truck. Truckers Against Trafficking educates and empowers truck drivers to combat trafficking. At any given time there are more truck drivers on the road than police officers, meaning there is increased opportunity to save kids exploited by trafficking. A year ago, the Everyday Heroes Truck that displays the National Human Trafficking Hotline number was introduced to increase promotion and raise money for TAT. Over 250 people attended training and 85,000 dollars was raised for TAT. Mike Jimenez of J&L Transportation purchased the

truck and went out on the road every day to talk to people about trafficking and what they can do about it. As a result of this outreach Albertson's placed stickers of the National Human Trafficking Hotline on 25,000 trucks. Two months after revealing the Everyday Heroes Truck, it was brought to Mr. Blake's attention that in promotional photos, the number for the Human Trafficking Hotline was incorrect, and it was actually associated with a sex hotline. After reviewing the original prints, it was found that someone had doctored the photo to include the sex hotline phone number that used "Human Trafficking Hotline" as the caller identification name. Mr. Blake contacted Mr. Orrantia who referred him to the Attorney General. The Attorney General then contacted the FBI to see what can be done to address the hotline. Mr. Blake announced that TAT would be building another Every Day Heroes truck that will be placed in front of the nation's capital in January for Human Trafficking Awareness month.

### Update on Navajo Nation

- **Mr. Nathaniel Brown** provided an update on the work being done in the Navajo Nation. A law was passed in August 2017 against human trafficking which has prompted an overwhelming response from other tribes and organizations. Since then, Mr. Brown has presented at the Indian Federal Bar Association, law schools, conferences and casinos. The Navajo Nation has also developed a Sexual Assault Prevention subcommittee that addresses any type of sexual violence including human trafficking. This subcommittee will develop resources for public health professionals, law enforcement, sexual assault nurse examiners and schools. Mr. Brown stated that there is still a lack of data of human trafficking in Indian communities but that the Navajo Nation has been working with Indian Health Services, Navajo Nation police and the Indian Law program to compile data nationally. Mr. Brown also presented on human trafficking in Indian country at the United Nations, where he has the opportunity to work with other world indigenous leaders to create resources, discuss work currently being done and how resources can be used to create laws. In April, Mr. Brown presented to University of Utah students on human trafficking and on February 14<sup>th</sup> he, Chief Gary McCarty and Ms. Kimberly Hogan provided training at Twin Arrows Casino in Gallup, New Mexico. Mr. Brown also discussed the need to bring more attention to missing persons in Navajo Nation, stating that 60% of missing women and children are not being reported. To address this issue, the Navajo Nations is working with federal partners and criminal investigators to determine where communication breakdowns exist. Upcoming events for Mr. Brown include a presentation with Native Americans in Philanthropy in June in Albuquerque, NM. Mr. Brown thanked the Human Trafficking Council, Chief McCarthy and Ms. Hogan for their help.
- **Ms. Debbie Johnson** departed at 10:06 AM.

### Sub Committee Reports

- **Outreach and Awareness Committee**
  - **Mr. Gary McCarthy** stated that Mr. Brown did a great job in providing an update and stated that the subcommittee was in the process of setting up more training opportunities in Navajo Nation.
- **Policy Committee**
  - **Ms. Sheila Polk** discussed subcommittee chair transition between Mr. Brian Steele and herself, which was approved by the council co-chairs. Ms. Polk and Mr. Steele met to discuss the work that each committee had been working on. Ms. Polk also had the opportunity to tour the Dream Center and was impressed with all the work the organization and Mr. Steele was doing.
- **Training Committee**
  - **Dr. Roe-Sepowitz** stated that over the past couple years the committee has worked to raise awareness and now the goal is to build capacity for service providers to not only identify victims but provide them with clinical support. Training has also been provided to 11 organizations using the STAR program. The program has been modified for EMPACT Children, ADJC, DEVRO, SEF, Durango Diversion, Arizona Youth Partnership, UMom, Tumbleweed, and 37 clinicians with Grossman and Grossman. At the most recent drop-in center, 45 people were served included two 17 year old females and a 75 year old woman. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz and Ms. Merkel will also be meeting with school administrators about implementing the STARFISH Project training. Dr. Roe-

Sepowitz will also be working with Ms. Nikki Green on a train-the-trainer program in the fall and on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a training for forensic nurses in partnership with Honor Health.

- **Victim Services Committee**

- **Mr. Steele** stated that the committee has focused on the YES Survey to guide provider services, address gaps and expand funding. Mr. Steele stated that last year there was a deficit of available space in shelters. Since then, 29 beds have been added in Northern Arizona, 12 beds for boys aged 18 to 26 and 8 beds for pregnant teenagers. Since the provider collaboration began last October, 70 minors have been recovered with only 5 AWOL cases. Six minors are back with their family, and 59 remain in trafficking group homes- and 84% retention. Mr. Steel invited Mr. Jim Waring to speak on a pending ordinance update.
- **Mr. Waring** stated that he is unable to confirm, but had a pending meeting with Ms. Vickie Hill from the city attorney's office regarding increased penalties for Johns.
- **Mr. Orrantia** invited Mr. Joe Kelroy to address the council.
  - **Mr. Kelroy** stated that the state supreme court initiated work with ASU and Dr. Roe-Sepowitz to train probation officers throughout the state of Arizona. The training created an opportunity for probation and detention officers in each county to become specialists on human trafficking, working above and beyond their formal duties. Each year a luncheon is hosted to thank them for their work, as they commit to the position of specialist without receiving additional pay. Mr. Kelroy has worked with county specialists since 2016 and focused activities based on county needs, including the creation of task forces, coalitions and the engagement of family advocacy centers. Mr. Kelroy asked that the county specialist present to stand and receive recognition from the council and guests for their work.

### Future Meeting Dates

- **Co-Chair Gil Orrantia**, announced the following meeting dates;
  - 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.
  - **Ms. Vienna Welch**, Yavapai County Juvenile Probation, stated that since the council was created, she has seen a ripple effect across the state on the issue of human trafficking. In 2015, a young woman was trafficked through the trucking industry and sold to approximately 300 individuals but thanks to the collaboration of Andy Jensen, Phoenix PD, and Natalie Nor, Mesa PD, she was recovered and back at home with her family. Ms. Welch stated she was grateful for the council's work, and the continuance of the conversation and collaboration that lets victims know that they are heard and lets Johns and traffickers know that we are coming for them.
  - **Ms. Stacy Sutherland**, TRUST, stated that training would be held August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for health care professionals. Currently 350 providers were committed included 100 Honor Health employees from across the West coast. The training will include over 25 speakers including survivors and will address a trauma informed approach, the YES Survey, Community Health Human Trafficking Response, as well as Human Trafficking in Indian Country. Event registration is available on Event Brite.

### Adjourn

- **Ms. Zora Manjencich** motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- **Mr. Kelroy** seconded the motion.
- **Chairman Gil Orrantia** called for adjournment at 10:33 AM.

Dated 4 of June 2018  
Arizona Human Trafficking Council  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Malcolm Hightower  
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