



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

September 8, 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 September 8, 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)	Jim Waring
Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)	Gary McCarthy
Allie Bones	Jon Eliason
Doug Coleman	Sheila Polk
Randy Christensen	Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Lt. Robert Conrad	Brian Steele
Chuck Fitzgerald	Sarah Suggs
Carolyn Jones	Margery Ault
Debbie Johnson	
Joseph Kelroy	

Members Absent

Frank Milstead
Tanya Cordor
Paul Boyer
Zora Manjencich
Greg McKay

Staff Present

Debbie Moak
Deborrah Miller
John Raeder

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. McCain introduced and welcomed the following new members:

- Councilman Jim Waring, Phoenix City Council
- Dr. Randy Christenson, Phoenix Children's Hospital,
- Lt. Robert Conrad, Phoenix Police Department.

Mrs. McCain asked all members to introduce themselves.

Mr. Orrantia recognized Chief Kara Kalkbrenner, City of Phoenix Fire Department and Chief, Nathaniel Brown, Councilman with the Navajo Nation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council approved the May 27, 2015 minutes by unanimous vote.

4. CITY OF PHOENIX HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE UPDATE

Councilman Jim Waring, Phoenix City Council, provided background information on the creation of the City of Phoenix Human Trafficking Task Force (Task Force). Formed in 2013 by Mayor Greg Stanton to address issues surrounding the Super Bowl, the Council members and Mayor decided not to have a Task Force to deal with a one-time event, but rather have an on-going Task Force to address the issues of human trafficking.

Ms. Ashley Bunch, City of Phoenix, presented information on the efforts of the Task Force. She stated that the Task Force was working with Ms. Angie Bayless to post signage at all city bus stops to raise awareness of human trafficking and reduce demand for prostitution. The Task Force also worked to implement new administrative regulations for all city employees; which explicitly prohibit solicitation during work hours or trips for business. The City of Phoenix will also be hosting a Faith Based event on Trafficking on November 3, 2015 at Steele Indian Park. Ms. Bunch concluded by stating that the city will have signage on all city trucks in January 2016 in support of human trafficking awareness month.

Councilman Waring stated that Phoenix dedicated police officers to work directly on human trafficking which was having a great impact in the city.

5. CITY OF PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFICKING DATA

Lt. Robert Conrad provided statistical information on the success of programs implemented by the City of Phoenix regarding human trafficking. In the City of Phoenix, there is mandatory booking for all "customers" and their vehicles are impounded for 30 days. Lt. Conrad provided data from March 2015 through August 2015 relating to the arrests; 90 customers were arrested, 43 vehicles were towed and impounded, 35 juveniles were rescued. Lt. Robert Conrad stated that the Phoenix Police Department and the Task Force are working with federal agents across the county to arrest and prosecute.

Mr. Orrantia commended Phoenix on their programs and efforts and asked if there were other cities using the same types of programs.

Lt. Conrad did not know of any other cities that had formalized plans/programs such as Phoenix.

Mr. Orrantia asked what happens to youth victims.

Lt. Conrad explained that some become wards of the state; some are reunited with family or returned to foster care. Lt. Conrad stated the Phoenix was working to hire a full-time advocate for the victims.

Representative Doug Coleman inquired about the funds generated from the impounds?

Lt. Conrad stated the funds go into the City General Fund.

6. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY TRAINING & THE PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES ACT

Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Arizona State University updated the Council on the 2015 Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) Children's Bureau Grant with Arizona State University. Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz explained that ASU Office for Sex Trafficking Intervention and Research has completed 22 trainings for 1100 Department of Child Safety workers, the training included new skills about risk factors, identification and response. Additionally, developed STAVY work group to discuss current systemic issues for sex trafficked minors, clinical training, and interventions currently being implemented at Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development, Durango and Southeast youth detention facilities.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz also discussed new Federal requirements for September 29, 2015. She explained that Title IV-E agencies must demonstrate that they have; consulted with other agencies having experience with at-risk youth, developed policies and determine procedures (including caseworker training) to identify, document and determine appropriate services for at-risk youth and sex trafficking victims, agencies must demonstrate implementation of procedures by Sept. 29, 2016, including at-risk or confirmed victims in placement, youth not in foster care who are receiving services under CFCIP, and at the option of the agency, youth under age 26 who were never in foster care.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz also discussed additional Federal requirements of Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (comprehensive bill related to investigations, a victims' fund, criminal fines, links child pornography to sex trafficking) for agencies applying for Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants.

Mrs. Cindy McCain thanked Dr. Roe-Sepowitz for the update.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Representative Doug Coleman stated that discussions for next legislative session are just beginning and he will provide updates as they become available. Rep. Coleman provided highlights from legislation passed in the last session. H.B. 2454 added additional aggravating circumstances to Human Trafficking expanded Racketeering to include Human Trafficking, and prescribe penalties for advertising. Rep. Coleman stated that Victim Services, as well as financial issues need to be reviewed and part of discussions for next session.

8. COMMITTEE REPORT

Outreach and Awareness Committee

Ms. Debbie Johnson also highlighted the following Committee activities:

- The Outreach and Awareness Committee provided a final review of the Human Trafficking Council PowerPoint. Staff is incorporating the final revisions and developing a training model for the Power Point.
- The Committee also examined new logos and branding for the Council and will be working with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family on creating a new interactive website for the Council.
- The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is working with the Committee to develop a human trafficking bumper sticker that can be displayed on all ADOT vehicles.
- The Committee has reviewed an initial draft and staff is finalizing a revised version. The Committee is working with Representative Boyer and Representative Coleman on providing human trafficking outreach presentations to key members and leaders in the Arizona Legislature. The Committee is also planning a presentation that can be offered to the legislature during the session. Representative Boyer and Coleman are also working on a human trafficking op-ed in the *Capitol Times*.
- Staff met several times with the City of Phoenix and Sky Harbor Airport regarding displaying human trafficking outreach materials within the airport terminals. While the City of Phoenix and the leadership at Sky Harbor expressed strong support for both the Arizona Human Trafficking Council and the City's Human Trafficking Task Force, they are prohibited from displaying non-commercial materials in the terminal areas. The Airport is committed to working with the Council and is willing to offer trainings to airport employees and display materials in employee areas.
- The Committee is in discussions with Westcor to include outreach posters and materials in mall kiosks.

Training Committee

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz highlighted the following Committee activities:

- November 3, 2015 Faith Summit held at Steele Indian School Park
- November 17 – 18, 2015 Phoenix Fire Department Training
- Possible presentation by Florida Prison/Jail Trafficking expert, John Meekens to Council on November 210, 2015

Victim Services Committee

Ms. Shelia Polk highlighted the following Committee activities:

- The Arizona Human Trafficking Council's Victim Services Committee continues to work on the development of a statewide model protocol for responding to human trafficking (model protocol). The model protocol will serve as a roadmap of best practices for providing a trauma-informed, coordinated response to victims of human trafficking. The Victim Services Committee will take the feedback from the Stakeholder meeting and create the draft framework for the model protocol. Once the Committee has completed an initial draft it will be referred back to the Stakeholder group for additional details and feedback. The Committee will repeat this process a couple of times in order to create a final draft of the model protocol to be used at the November 16th Solution Summit.
- The Committee also continues to work with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence to collect contact information for the National Hotline Protocol.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Councilman Nathaniel Brown with the Navajo Nation provided information to the Council regarding Human Trafficking and efforts within the Navajo Nation to reach out to their youth. Councilman Brown stated that the Nation is working to provide guidance, assistance and counseling services to youth, as the suicide rates in the Nation are seven times higher than the National average, additionally, encouraging their law enforcement officers to seek counseling. Leaders are also encouraging youth to use the Hotline number for Human Trafficking, but they find that it is not culturally sensitive and they hope to bring this issue forward.

Savannah Sanders, spoke about the release of her new book on *Sex Trafficking and Ways in Which it Can Be Avoided*.

Kimberly Kline, with the O'Connor Institute reported that they continue to work with hotels to provide training to employees and are reaching out to airport employees to also provide training.

Andrea Evens, with Rat Race provided information about the 2nd Annual "Rat Race" event to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Mesa Riverview Park. This is an awareness event that the public is encouraged to register and attend.

10. ADJOURN

Mr. Orrantia adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.