



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2017

9:00 AM

1700 West Washington Street,
Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Notice having been duly given, a meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council (Council) convened on **September 6, 2017** at 9:05 am in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Attendance of Council members was as follows:

Members Present

Cindy McCain (Co-Chairperson)	Jon Eliason
Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)	Debbie Johnson
Nathanial Brown	Joseph Kelroy
Heather Carter (via Phone)	Zora Manjencich
Vinny Chulani (via Phone)	Gary McCarthy
Doug Coleman	Frank Milstead
Robert Conrad	Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Tanya Cordor (via Phone)	Jim Waring
Michael Cowan	

Members Absent

Allie Bones
Cara Christ
Carolyn Jones
Greg McKay
Sheila Polk
Brian Steele

Staff Present

Sam Burba
John Raeder
Katherine Blades (representing the Department of Child Safety)

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 Council members to briefly introduce themselves.

Mr. Sam Burba, Interim Director, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, stated that the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family was in a period of transition but emphasized the ongoing commitment to the work of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council. He also announced two upcoming Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family events, the Lighting Arizona Purple Domestic Violence kick-off event and National Red Ribbon kick-off event.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

The June 7, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz motioned to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Michael Cowan. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. I AM LITTLE RED YOUTH TRAFFICKING PREVENTION VIDEO AND CURRICULUM

Mrs. McCain introduced the *I Am Little Red* youth trafficking prevention video and curriculum. She stated that *I Am Little Red* is a short animated video directed toward at-risk youth for sex trafficking with the goal of prevention and awareness. Mrs. McCain explained that the project will be completed later this year and requested that the members of the Council provide feedback on the video. The Council viewed the ten-minute *I Am Little Red* video.

Colonel Frank Milstead asked if the film was direct enough.

Dr. Cowan suggested an instructional curriculum and opportunities to create dialogue with parents.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz recommended a commentary in the film on resources and how to talk to an adult about trafficking.

Mr. Jon Eliason agreed and suggested that the curriculum include a protocol for identifying caring adults and requirements for adult reporting to law enforcement.

Mrs. McCain thanked the members for their input.

5. ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EFFORTS

Ms. Zora Manjencich, Arizona Attorney General's Office, Mr. Stephen Shadegg, Arizona Attorney General's Office and Ms. Michelle Ricker, Arizona Attorney General's Office, updated the Council on the Attorney General's efforts to raise statewide awareness about sex trafficking.

Mr. Shadegg stated that the Attorney General's Office recognized a lack of materials in schools to inform youth about human trafficking. He explained that the goal of the awareness program was to raise awareness and prevent victimization through educational presentations.

Ms. Ricker commented on the various prevention and awareness programs provided by the Attorney General's Office. Specifically, she provided information on internet safety prevention. Ms. Ricker explained that with 3.3 million apps it can be hard for parents to regulate their children's use of social media. Ms. Ricker stated that traffickers often begin grooming victims through Facebook or Instagram. Ms. Ricker stated that the Attorney General's Office offers three programs that target youth, community members and parents. The programs are prevention focused, available statewide and free of charge. Ms. Ricker stated that communities and schools are often initially reluctant to participate because there is a common misperception that human trafficking doesn't happen in my local school, community, town or state.

Mr. Shadegg stated that the Attorney General's Office is working to expand prevention and awareness work, including with tribal communities.

Mr. Orrantia noted that the Council was currently working on training for the Navajo Nation and suggested collaboration.

6. STARFISH SEX TRAFFICKING SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND TRAINING

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz, Arizona State University, updated the Council on the Project Starfish School Prevention Project. The Project Starfish sex trafficking curriculum trains educators on sex trafficking and provides them with content, resources, activities, tools and templates to integrate awareness about sex trafficking into school activities and classrooms. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that the Project Starfish curriculum contains lesson plans that align with the State Standards and tools for teachers and students to discuss trafficking in the classroom. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that the website and curriculum will be available September 30th. Project Starfish was funded by McCain Institute and is free and available for public use.

7. NAVAJO NATION TRAFFICKING LAW

Mr. Nathaniel Brown, Navajo Nation Council, updated the Council on the Navajo Nation Trafficking Law. He explained that the Navajo Nation Council approved a resolution which amended the Navajo Nation Criminal Code to enact the Navajo Nation Law Against Human Trafficking. The law provides the Navajo Nation with additional tools to prevent human trafficking, punish traffickers, and assist and protect victims. Mr. Brown credited the work of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council for bringing awareness to this issue.

Mr. Brown stated due to the Federal Law and the Supreme Court decision in *Oliphant v. Suquamish*, Native Governments cannot prosecute non-natives, which is problematic in human trafficking and domestic violence cases. Mr. Brown noted that the Navajo Nation was exploring criminal justice reform under the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Violence Against Women Act.

8. FUTURE AGENDA DISCUSSION

Mr. Orrantia asked the Council if there were any proposed future agenda items for consideration.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz requested to present on a human trafficking incident study currently in progress.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Awareness Committee

Captain Gary McCarthy stated that the Council's Speakers Bureau had trained over 1,000 people. Captain McCarthy also stated that the Committee was working with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Greyhound to provide human trafficking trainings.

Training, Data and Research Committee

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz updated the Council on the partnership with the National Crime Justice Training Center (NCJTC). She also stated that the Arizona Youth Experience Survey (YES) will be completed prior to the next meeting. Dr. Roe-Sepowitz also announced that the next drop-in-center will be October 1st.

Victim Services Committee

Mr. Joseph Kelroy provided an update on efforts to establish a specialty juvenile trafficking court in Maricopa County. Members of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council met with members of the Maricopa County Juvenile Court, including Judge McNally and Judge Bachus to discuss implementation. The Maricopa County Juvenile Court is in the planning stages and is currently examining identification tools and other necessary resources and partners.

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Brenda Gifford, RAT Race, asked the committee to explore the use of pornography in human trafficking and commended the Council for their work.

Ms. Linda Hartzler, Streetlight, informed the Council that Streetlight now has a counseling license for its group home.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, Mrs. McCain adjourned the meeting at 10:42 AM.