



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

September 7, 2016

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 7, 2016 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)	Debbie Johnson
Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)	Joseph Kelroy
Allie Bones	Zora Manjencich
Nathaniel Brown (via Phone)	Gary McCarthy
Doug Coleman	Greg McKay
Cara Christ	Frank Milstead
Robert Conrad	Sheila Polk
Tanya Cordor	Brian Steele
Jon Eliason	Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Tim Jeffries	Jim Waring

Members Absent

Heather Carter
Vinny Chulani
Carolyn Jones

Staff Present

Debbie Moak
John Raeder

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 announced that the Governor had appointed two new members to the Council, Representative Heather Carter and Dr. Vinny Chulani. Mrs. McCain asked the Council members to briefly introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)

Minutes for the June 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Col. Frank Milstead motioned to approve the June 9, 2016 minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Jeffries. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. LEGAL MOMENTUM HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

Ms. Penny Venetis, Legal Momentum, explained that Legal Momentum is a national nonprofit organization that leads action for the legal rights of women and girls. Legal Momentum helped draft and pass the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and has worked on every subsequent reauthorization. Legal Momentum is now working in partnership with local and national organizations to pursue legal mechanisms to end commercial online exploitation. Ms. Venetis emphasized the important role of communities and organizations in raising awareness and discussed potential ways the Council could collaborate with Legal Momentum to address commercial online exploitation.

5. Arizona Attorney General's Office Trafficking Prosecution and Outreach Update

Mr. Blaine Gaddow, Arizona Attorney General's Office, stated he was hired to expand the capacity of the office to prosecute cases involving human trafficking. He explained that the Attorney General's Office typically prosecutes criminals charged with complex financial crimes, organized crime and conspiracies involving illegal drugs. Therefore, the Attorney General's Office examines possible human trafficking cases from an organized crime or financial crime perspective. Mr. Gaddow stated that currently seven major cases have been filed by the Attorney General's Office related to human trafficking.

Ms. Amilyn Pierce, Arizona Attorney General's Office, updated the Council on the Attorney's General's Office's human trafficking outreach efforts. She explained that they offer free presentations on human trafficking that include information regarding how traffickers find their victims and steps parents can take to protect their children. The presentations also include examples of warning signs and resources parents can refer to if they suspect someone may be a victim of human trafficking.

6. MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TRAFFICKING PROSECUTION UPDATE

Ms. Sara Micflikier, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, provided an update on the Maricopa County Attorney's Office trafficking prosecution efforts. Ms. Micflikier discussed a recent case in which a trafficker was sentenced to 196-years in prison for trafficking three women, including one minor. She also played audio clips and one video clip of a verbal interaction between a trafficker and the victims.

Mr. Brian Steele asked what happens in a case if the victim cannot be located.

Ms. Micflikier remarked that without a victim it is very difficult to proceed with a criminal case.

Ms. Allie Bones commented that the Crime Victim Rights Project can provide victim advocates for individuals going through the criminal case.

7. CITY OF PHOENIX VICE UNIT VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Ms. Sarah Hutchinson, Phoenix Police Department, provided an update on the new mobile victim advocate embedded within the Phoenix Police VICE Unit for victims of sex trafficking. The advocate is co-located with the vice detectives and works on scene with officers to provide victims with advocacy and referrals for services.

8. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Trafficking Programs

Mr. John Raeder updated the Council on the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding. He explained that historically VOCA has provided approximately eight-million in funding to the state, but was recently increased to forty-million. This additional funding supports the following trafficking programs:

- **City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center**
The mobile victim advocate is embedded within the Phoenix Police VICE Unit providing services to victims of sex trafficking.
- **Sojourner Center**
The human trafficking outreach and case manager conducts community outreach for human trafficking victims and assists with specialized services for human trafficking victims in shelter.
- **International Rescue Committee**
The case manager provides linguistically appropriate intensive case management, including health and mental health services, employment services, and assistance obtaining attorneys to apply for appropriate visas for trafficking victims.
- **StreetLightUSA**
A case manager co-creates a service plan with the resident and begins facilitation of addressing her needs and trauma counselors provide individual and group therapy.

9. Committee Reports

Outreach and Awareness Committee

Ms. Debbie Johnson discussed the up-coming human trafficking train-the-trainer program. Ms. Johnson also mentioned the committee's work to develop an outreach plan for the NCAA Final Four which will be in Glendale in 2017.

Mr. Jeffries updated the Council on a computer based human trafficking training module developed by DES. He explained that all DES staff will be required to complete the training.

Policy Committee

Mr. Steele stated that the Policy Committee was working on legislative recommendations for the 2017 session. The committee is also planning a service provider symposium for spring 2017. The symposium will be directed at existing and/or potential human trafficking service providers.

Training Committee

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz updated the Council on trainings for the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department. She also noted that she was working on the Homeless Youth Experiences Survey (YES).

Victim Services Committee

Ms. Sheila Polk explained that the committee is planning training on the *Guidelines for Developing a Coordinated Response to Youth Sex Trafficking Guidelines* in Yavapai County early next year and will be working in collaboration with the Training Committee to plan additional training events around the state.

10. Call to the Public

Ms. Andrea Cater, Concerned Citizens for America, requested that the Council take a stance on Proposition 205.

Ms. Angie Bayless, CEASE Network, updated the Council on demand reduction activities and stated that buying sex is down 18% in the region.

Ms. Sheila Pessingua, Pima County Juvenile Court, remarked that the Pima County Task Force is providing human trafficking trainings with truck drivers, the Tucson Police Department, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and the Department of Child Safety.

Mr. Justin Miller, TRUST, invited the Council to attend TRUST's "Get Connected" event on September 28th. He also invited the Council to attend a lecture by Dr. Lisak on October 5th.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.