



Arizona Human
Trafficking Council

**Arizona Human Trafficking Council
Victim Services Committee
August 23, 2018
8:00 AM**

1700 West Washington Street, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council's Victim Services Committee was convened on March 27, 2018 at 8:30 AM 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (6)	
Brian Steele, Chairperson	Lois Lucas
Sarah Beaumont	Rachel Mitchell
Sheila Kembel	Victoria Riechers (representing Allie Bones)
Staff/Guests Present (2)	Members Absent (1)
Nikki Green	Cara Christ
Joanna Jauregui	

Call to Order

- **Mr. Brian Steele, Chairperson**, called the Victim Services Committee meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. with six members and two staff present.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Mr. Steele, Chairperson**, welcomed everyone, and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Mr. Steele**, requested a review of the March 27, 2018 meeting minutes
- Ms. Sarah Beaumont motioned to accept the March 27, 2018 minutes
- Ms. Lois Lucas seconded the motion
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes

Review and Discussion of Previously Stated Victim Services Goals

- **Mr. Brian Steele** discussed the outcomes of the March 27th meeting in which a survivor forum was discussed to inform victim services including outreach and housing services. The purpose of the meeting is to further discuss the feasibility of the stated goals, discuss ways in which service providers can address victims needs and how service providers can incorporate the YES Survey findings into their scope of practice. **Ms. Lucas** stated that one issue she has encountered is related to housing. The wait for long-term housing (Starfish Place) is approximately 5 weeks, and so the need for the expansion of emergency and long-term housing is needed. **Ms. Beaumont** stated that Phoenix Children's Hospital has the capacity to expand their service area to provide care. The biggest barrier they have experienced is that the victim is not

ready to receive services. Services provided by the mobile clinic include mental and behavioral health services, PrEP Clinic and gynecological services. Engagement gaps exist in terms of where to reach victims. The mobile clinic employs a social worker who is present at each visit, and they work to give a "warm" handoff (of services) to Mercy Maricopa and at that point, transportation becomes an issue. **Ms. Lucas** stated that they are seeing younger court-ordered participants in diversion programs and there is an issue engaging them. **Mr. Steele** noted that insight from this survivor would be important and questioned whether hosting a focus group was possible? **Ms. Beaumont** asked whether there was a possibility of the mobile health clinic partnering with the diversion programs.

- **Ms. Rachel Mitchell** stated that they are currently working to get more attorneys involved in the issue. They have found that when there is not a team effort from the beginning of the case, the outcomes are not as good. The focus has been on building multi-disciplinary teams. **Ms. Sheila Kembel** stated that an issue she experiences from a juvenile justice point of view is bridging the service gap for survivors when they turn 18. **Mr. Steele** asked if the survivors are aging out of group homes or juvenile corrections? **Ms. Kembel** stated that it is both instances, but many times when a survivor is motivated to get out of the life, the systems themselves act as a barrier. **Ms. Beaumont** asked whether it was the perceived lack of resources or was it a lack of guidance within the programs or resources? **Mr. Steele** stated that what they experience is a lack of engagement. Many of the kids in their programs do not want to engage and so the continuation of services after 18 is unsuccessful..

Open Discussion

- **Mr. Steele** stated that Streetlight is currently in the process of building a Level One Facility in Wickenburg, Arizona, that will have forty beds. Victims that are considered high flight risk will be housed there to receive therapeutic services. The Dream Center received a grant for transgender victims of torture that will allow them to provide 5 beds for this population.
- **Ms. Beaumont** asked for a contact within juvenile justice to connect services to individuals in that system to health care services offered by the mobile clinic

Call to the Public

- N/A

Adjourn

- Chairperson Brian Steele called for adjournment at 8:40 a.m.

Dated the August 23,, 2017
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Respectfully Submitted By:
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