



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2017 – 9:00 am to 10:30 am  
Marquam Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

**In Attendance:** Elizabeth Alston, Amanda Monaco, Alex Palm, Margaret Scott, Lena Sinha, and Joel Shapiro

**Attending by phone:** Dana Vidoni Carelle, Gloria Soja

**Absent:** Rebecca Bender, Teresa Cowing, Anne Falla, Megan Hassen, Hon. Valeri Love, Sarah Nedeau, and JR Ujifusa

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Minutes – previous meeting**

The Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the May 19, 2017 meeting.

**Medical Subcommittee Update**

The Medical Subcommittee had their first meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The subject of the meeting centered on inviting appropriate participants, while maintaining manageable size. Amanda will meet with Michele Roland-Schwartz of the Sexual Assault Task Force to ensure no duplication of work.

The AC suggested the statewide training of medical professionals on appropriate treatment of trafficked victims, particularly minors. Amanda will reach out to Robin Reimer (DOJ) to suggest such a training segment at Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Day at the Child Abuse Summit in April of 2018.

**Review and Finalize Rules and Procedures**

Amanda distributed the current draft of the Trafficking Intervention (TI) AC Rules and Procedures document for review. One addition is the defined inclusion of tribal nation representation. As a result, Amanda invited Teresa Cowing to represent the Burns Paiute Tribe. She has been in communication from the Klamath Tribe about providing a representative as well. This will bring tribal representation on the AC to three, including Anne Falla, of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

The second addition is a confidentiality clause. The AC agreed upon the necessity of also including a document for AC members to sign upon joining.

**Department of Justice (DOJ) Updates**

Amanda has been meeting with Task Forces across the state steadily. Task Force Applications for Certification are now accessible on the DOJ website. Klamath County inquired about keeping statistics regarding commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) vs sex trafficking and how to define the differences. While the differences are defined in statute, it became clear in discussion that different agencies use varied criteria in defining the terms. Because of this, the AC agreed this is part of their work to be done and then published on the DOJ website.

**ACTION:** Amanda will research common practices across the state and add the topic to a future agenda for group review.

Amanda has been discussing the CSEC Fund with Aaron Knott to prepare for its administration. There are no funds present as yet, but this is an area of TI AC oversight.



Upcoming Trainings include the Truckers Against Trafficking training on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Nita Bell is doing similar training with convenience store representatives.

### **Task Force Applications for Certification**

Deschutes County has submitted an application for Task Force certification. Lena will reach out regarding some unresolved questions.

### **AC Membership Application**

Tomas Perez has submitted an application for TI AC membership. He works with the EPIK Project, an abolitionist group in Portland. The AC approved his membership request.

### **Legislative Updates – Joel Shapiro**

Joel noted that seven pieces of legislation were passed related to trafficking intervention, as follows:

SB 247: Changes term "deviate sexual intercourse" to "oral or anal sexual intercourse" for purposes of Oregon Criminal Code.

SB 249: Establishes procedures for person to file a motion to vacate judgment of conviction for prostitution if the person was victim of sex trafficking at or around time of offense.

SB 250: Creates an affirmative defense to the crime of prostitution if, at the time of alleged offense, the defendant was a victim of certain trafficking crimes.

SB 261: Makes evidence about sexual behavior or predisposition inadmissible in civil proceeding, except under certain circumstances.

SB 375: Directs certain agencies to allow informational materials about human trafficking to be posted at roadside rest areas.

HB 2740: Increases the age of trafficked person used in a commercial sex act from 15 to 18 for the crime of Trafficking In Persons.

HB 3176: Authorizes the court, when imposing sentence, to consider whether a defendant committed the crime while subjected to force, intimidation, fraud or coercion to engage in a commercial sex act.

Joel shared the outcome of the STARS litigation as well. The company owning STARS has declared bankruptcy. The individual franchise owners are now defendants in litigation. Prosecutors are optimistic they may be able to recover some funds for the victim. Another sign of progress is that a path has been created to encourage trafficking survivors to pursue civil litigation, and so discourage trafficking over all.

Due to the vulnerability of survivors to various kinds of societal exploitation after the fact, the AC discussed the need to provide support around this issue in order to further protect their interests.

### **Department of Human Services (DHS) Updates**

Liz noted that DHS has completed 11 out of 90 statewide employee trainings. The trainings have informed the identification of a significant number of trafficking victims from case files. The increased awareness will greatly impact victim service agencies, and could be overwhelming. DHS is reaching out to advise them. Amanda is working with Aaron Knott regarding how to lobby for appropriate legislative response at the next opportunity.

*Upcoming meeting dates: September 15, and November 17*