

Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 30, 2016 – 9:00 am to 10:15 am Marquam Conference Room, Portland Legal Office

In Attendance: Mel Jett, Amanda Monaco, Joel Shapiro, and JR Ujifusa

Attending by phone: Rebecca Bender, Anne Falla

Absent: Stacey Ayers, Megan Hassen, Scott Kerin, Angela Leet, Hon. Valeri Love, Margaret Scott, Lena

Sinha, Shannon Sivell, Gloria Soja, and Dana Vidoni Carelle

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and introductions - Amanda

Anne Falla is the new Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee (TIAC) member, representing the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Minutes – Previous Meeting

The Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the July 29, 2016 meeting.

Agency Updates

JR Ujifusa is now Senior District Attorney in charge of drugs and trafficking. The practical difference that this makes to the area of human trafficking is that there will now be more trained personnel at Multnomah County to do this work.

Legislative Update/Sex Trafficking Workgroup – Joel

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Intervention legislative workgroup has convened their first meeting since the last legislative session. Several ideas for new bills are in the works.

- Suspension of drivers licenses for those purchasing commercial sex
- Provision of an affirmative defense for sellers, meaning proof of coercion, intimidation or force, can provide immunity to court conviction. This applies to prostitutes in all age groups.
- Safe Harbor for minor prostitutes
- A proposal to remove the term "Deviant" from "Deviant Sexual Intercourse"
- A proposal to access the use of electronic evidence
- A proposal to place signage at official rest stops, with the Polaris National Human Trafficking Resource Center contact information
- A proposal to place traffickers higher on the Sex Offender Registry Tier System
- A Proposal for civil liability for buyers
- A Proposal prohibiting grand jury indictments from naming victims
- A promoting and compelling bill regarding the intent of the victim to engage in prostitution

NOTE: Polaris National Human Trafficking Resource Center does not automatically add local resource information for distribution. Local agencies must apply and gain approval prior to promotion for that agency. This is not common knowledge across the state.

TIAC Structure

Amanda is working on structuring the AC for maximum efficacy. She created the TIAC Rules and Procedures draft for AC review. This document will form the basis for group structure. She is researching best practice for review and provision of state-approved task forces, recommended practice and resources



for endorsement across the state. The AC may form subcommittees for some of the oversight work required to provide full support for task forces.

January is Trafficking Awareness Month. The AC aspires to have a statement from the Attorney General endorsing this group to the state, along with more members at the table to represent all areas of expertise and possibly a List Serve in place.

STARS Litigation

Joel Shapiro is working with Tony Rhiner in prosecuting a civil lawsuit with BOLI against STARS Cabaret in Beaverton, for trafficking minors.

ACTION:

• The AC members will review draft of the Trafficking Intervention AC Rules and Procedures and be prepared to discuss at the November meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

Electronic Screening Tool Update Use of DHS Tool Instructions for Screening Tribal Input

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Future meetings, at Portland DOJ Legal office, 9:00 to 10:30 am: Nov 18

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