



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2016 – 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Marquam Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

In Attendance: Rebecca Bender, Dana Carelle, Mel Jett, Angela Leet, Amanda Monaco, Lena Sinha, Margaret Scott and Joel Shapiro

Attending by phone: Megan Hassen, Gloria Soja

Guest: Alex Palm

Absent: Stacey Ayers, Anne Falla, Scott Kerin, Hon. Valeri Love, Shannon Sivell, Tami Kane-Suleiman, and Glen Ujifusa

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and introductions – Amanda Monaco

Minutes – Previous Meeting

The Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the September 30, 2016 meeting.

Updates – Joel Shapiro

The legislative workgroup in Salem is preparing eight drafts of proposed bills for the 2017 Legislature. The STARS civil lawsuit is under way, by the Bureau of Labor and Industries, on behalf of trafficked minors. Joel expressed the hope that this will empower other minors to reach out for help in similar situations and to discourage trafficking through strip clubs.

Seattle Delegation Meeting – Amanda Monaco

Some AC members attended a meeting in Seattle to discuss the Washington State Model Protocols (WSMP) for child trafficking. This model is the gold standard for combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) across the nation. Representative Kathleen Taylor, Representative John Huffman, Judge Nan Waller, Aaron Knott, Tami Kane-Suleiman and Nicole Bockelman and Amanda Monaco attended.

The WSMP has taken five years and hundreds of thousands of dollars to develop. The Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) Trafficking Intervention work has approximately 80% of the same practices in place. The next step in moving forward is to establish greater authority through Legislative and DOJ Mandates. Amanda recently met with AG Ellen Rosenblum, Deputy AG Fred Boss, and Criminal Justice Director Michael Slauson to inform them of Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee (TIAC) progress in this area. AG Rosenblum will attend an upcoming meeting of the TIAC to move toward the desired mandate.

As possible future steps, Amanda discussed the possibility of providing grants through the CSEC Fund to approved agencies and a possible annual Trafficking Summit to provide training and support to those organizations.

ACTIONS:

- Shannon Sivell is working on a proposal for the approaching legislative session, to obtain legislative mandate.
- Amanda will email a copy of the WSMP to the AC.



Listserv

Amanda is developing a Trafficking Intervention Newsletter Listserv to distribute bimonthly. The Listserv will go to Task Force members only, with the exception of the AC. Amanda will send out the first edition in January. She solicited input from the AC.

Trafficking Awareness Month

A survivor-inspired poster for Trafficking Awareness Month is in development for January. The Sexual Assault Resource Center has agreed to sponsor a design contest, for survivors. The theme is "Your Story Matters". The posters will be available online. Amanda hopes to solicit support from a service organization to sponsor Trafficking Awareness Month in the future.

Discussion for Improvement

Ideas discussed:

- Dana suggested a contact number for rural counties to reach out to when they have identified a trafficking victim, but do not have resources readily available to them. Amanda volunteered to be the point of contact until something further is developed.
- A priority for 2017 is to develop curriculum to train agencies how to work with this population.
- Rebecca Bender Initiative (RBI) has a five-part training series, Change the Culture, providing advanced instruction for community professionals. In addition, RBI offers Elevate, an online academy with a 16-week mentoring course to trafficking survivors in the U.S., taught by survivor leaders. Elevate is provided free of charge to survivors. Training information is available at www.rebeccabender.org.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Future meetings, at Portland DOJ Legal office:

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January 20
March 17
May 19
July 21
September 15
November 17