



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2017 – 9:00 am to 10:30 am
Marquam Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

In Attendance: Elizabeth Alston, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Amanda Monaco, Alex Palm, Tom Perez, Joel Shapiro, Lena Sinha, Shannon Sivell

Attending by phone: Anne Falla, Megan Hassen, Hon. Valeri Love, Sarah Nedeau, Gloria Soja, Margaret Scott, JR Ujifusa

Absent: Rebecca Bender, Teresa Cowing

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome

The Advisory Committee (AC) welcomed Tom Perez to the group.

Minutes – previous meeting

The AC approved the minutes from the July 21, 2017 meeting.

Updates

- *Truckers Against Trafficking – Amanda Monaco*
Amanda and JR Ujifusa presented at the Truckers Against Trafficking training in Salem recently. Attorney General Rosenblum was present, along with Jenna Novak of the National Human Trafficking Hotline. This training was instrumental in law enforcement and truck stop owner connections.
- *Corban University (CU) Round Table* is scheduled for October 10th, at 7:00 pm. CU Policy class staff have initiated a conversation related to community response to the problem of trafficking. They have expressed interest in developing legislative policy and have invited DOJ input.
- *The JUST Conference* is scheduled for October 23rd in New Orleans. There will be a strong Oregon presence among presentations.
- *STARS Litigation* –STARS litigation results: One case is completely settled, with the owners agreeing to pay \$1.25 million to a 13 year-old trafficking victim. A second victim, who was 15 years old when she was trafficked at STARS, is still in civil litigation against the corporation and owners. In related litigation by BOLI, a proposed order would award \$1 million in damages from the corporation to the 15 year-old victim. A final order in the BOLI litigation will be issued within a few months.
- One case is completely settled, having been ordered to pay \$1.25 million to a 13 year-old trafficking victim. A 15 year-old victim is in civil litigation, against the corporation and against one owner.
- *Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare Trainings* – Liz Alston has been conducting statewide trainings of DHS Child Welfare staff; having completed 48 of 96 trainings. Over 1,000 employees have been trained on how to recognize and properly respond to trafficking victims. This has created new challenges in proper placement of these recently identified children. Significant numbers of rural children are affected. The federal report is due September 29th. Since tracking began mid-year in 2017, numbers will be higher in subsequent years. The report will be published and available publicly.



- *New Federal Demand Requirements* – The DHS federal government has updated the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which requires the prosecution of buyers. It covers child pornography, as well. This gives those doing demand work more traction.
- *Red, Yellow, Green Project (DHS)* – Liz Alston has developed a structural process for response called the Red, Yellow, Green Project for Child Welfare. This will allow for a cohesive plan statewide as agencies address cases individually. It will help caseworkers in the referral process, provide standardized language, and highlight areas of need more readily.

Confidential Agreement Review

Amanda added a short statement on confidentiality to the bylaws draft.

County Task Force Applications

Multnomah and Deschutes Counties have submitted applications for Task Force certification. The Multnomah County application was approved.

Letters of Appointment

The Attorney General sent out letters of appointment to the Trafficking Intervention AC members to formalize the work of this committee.

November Agenda

- The AC will review accomplishments of 2017.
- Trafficking Intervention Fund discussion
- Legislative policy change discussion
- Policy questions

ACTIONS:

- Amanda will follow up with the Oregon Trucking Association president to clarify their position on the depth of support related to enforcement of demand legislation.
- Amanda will forward the Trafficking Victims Protection Act to the AC.
- Lena Sinha will follow up to resolve an outstanding question on the Deschutes County application.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Upcoming meeting dates: November 17; 2018 dates: January 19, March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21, November 16