



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2018 – 9:30 am to 2:45 pm  
Tilikum Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

**In Attendance:** Elizabeth Alston, Rich Austria, Rebecca Bender, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Mary Dirksen, Megan Hassen, Hon. Valeri Love, Amanda Monaco, Alex Palm, Tom Perez, Margaret Scott, Joel Shapiro, Shannon Sivell, Cassie Trahan, JR Ujifusa

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome**

The Advisory Committee (AC) welcomed new members Mary Dirksen and Cassie Trahan.

**Minutes – previous meeting**

The AC approved the minutes from the November 17, 2017 meeting.

**Advisory Committee Objective/Mission Statement Review**

Amanda reviewed the Trafficking Intervention (TI) AC mission statement and objectives.

**Lane County CSEC Multidisciplinary Team Certification Application**

The AC voted to approve the certification for the Lane County Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Multidisciplinary Team, as the task force for that county.

**Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funding for county task force coordinators** is now available for eight to 10 positions across the state. There are currently eight task forces established within Oregon.. Areas of the state with particular need include the Pendleton area and the Oregon coast.

**Application from All Care and Portland State University**

Portland State University is partnering with All Care, a Coordinated Care Organization, based in southern Oregon, to conduct a research project entitled, “CSEC in Oregon: A Public Health Modeling Approach.” The effort is being led, in part, by Dr. Christopher Carey, a local expert on human trafficking. The application was submitted to the AC for funding. As the Trafficking Intervention Fund has yet to be funded, the AC will provide a letter of support for them to present to Representative Stark in a legislative funding request for their project. The research from this project holds promise of informing trafficking response for the state.

**Strategic Planning**

Amanda conducted an AC Survey following the November meeting; results showed the following areas of priority in this order:

1. Housing/treatment
2. Law enforcement
3. Demand
4. No wrong door approach
5. Prosecution/education/prevention

The AC determined the best course of action will be to address law enforcement education, housing/treatment and demand as the areas of emphasis for 2018.



### *Law Enforcement:*

#### *General Plans*

- Create a training DVD specific to Oregon sex trafficking awareness and response. Crime Victims' Services Division (CVSD) will fund the DVD project.
- Work to make the trafficking response within law enforcement agency-driven rather than personality driven.
- Develop a packet of slides for partners that show solidarity from the AC.
- Long term goals include – a DDA response person in each county, a point person in each law enforcement agency, basic training for all police officers trainings and a plan to supplement basic training

#### **ACTIONS:**

- Amanda will create a calendar of possible trainings
- Rich Austria is traveling throughout the state with Michael Slausen to meet with chiefs of police to gather and distribute information. This will be a perfect time to initiate this conversation. Amanda will work with Rich to determine if there is a way CVSD can provide support for this endeavor.
- Rich will reach out to Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to discuss incorporating sex trafficking education into Basic Training.
- Rich will work with an analyst in his division of Criminal Justice to provide an analysis of Oregon trafficking statistics.
- The Oregon Homicide Investigators Association, of which Rich Austria is president will consider sex trafficking as a topic for training at their 2018 conference.
- Oregon Juvenile Justice Directors' conference is an area of possible training. Dana Vidoni Carelle will inquire
- Rebecca Bender will incorporate law enforcement response into her talk at the Oregon State Sheriff's Association Conference in July.

The goal for these steps toward law enforcement education is to create standardized and advanced training, and to identify a role specific to each agency, for standardized response in trafficking cases.

#### *Housing and Treatment*

The SAGE (Supportive, Achieve their goals, Grow, and become Empowered) Youth Residential Program administered by Morrison Family Services and funded in part by Oregon Health Authority is currently the only residential facility in the state geared for stabilization of minor sex trafficking survivors. It houses a dozen girls at a time, ages 11 to 16.

There is currently no crisis housing or housing for young adults over age 16, or housing for more than a dozen survivors. There are many variables that demonstrate reasons for the lack, which the AC discussed thoroughly. They determined the best course action to tackle this problem, which will take a few years to get corrected.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- March AC meeting – hear research information from Dr. Carey. Information provided by Dr. Carey will help inform the AC about moving forward in this area.
- Amanda will make a list of an ideal trafficking response, in order to quantify the need for funding



- Joel Shapiro will lead a formulated plan of response with legislative support to pitch for the 2019 legislative session, in order to obtain a baseline funding for the Trafficking Intervention Fund. Legislators who are supportive include Representatives Duane Stark and Nancy Nathanson.
- Private funding is ideally coupled with public funding to best resource housing needs. Options discussed include Rotary and HUD. Faith-based organizations could be feasible partners if curriculum is not also faith-based.
- Margaret Scott and Cassie Trahan will provide statistics from their organizations to help quantify the numbers of trafficking victims applying for housing.
- Tom Perez will provide demand-specific information

#### **March Agenda**

- Dr. Carey's CSEC in Oregon research project presentation
- Tom Perez will define demand

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

*Meeting dates in 2018: March 16, July 20, and November 16*