



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2018 – 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Tilikum Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

In Attendance: Alex Palm, Tom Perez, Joel Shapiro, Shannon Sivell, Amanda Swanson, Cassie Trahan

Attending by phone: Teresa Cowing, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Mary Dirksen, Megan Hassen, Hon. Valeri Love, JR Ujifusa

Absent: Elizabeth Alston, Rebecca Bender, Margaret Scott

Guests: Dr. Christopher Carey, Lena Teplitsky

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and Introductions

Portland State University Research Project Presentation – Dr. Christopher Carey, Lena Teplitsky

Dr. Chris Carey, Associate Professor of Criminology, and Lena Teplitsky, Research Associate, both of Portland State University, presented a research project related to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). The study was entitled, “Rules without Relationships = Rebellion: Interviews with Foster Parents of CSEC Survivors.” The study included a list of recommendations to improve outcomes for CSEC survivors and families who foster them.

Dr. Carey is currently working with Coordinated Care Organizations to fund a study in partnership with Oregon Health and Science University focused on the prevention of child trafficking. Joel Shapiro suggested the US Senate Finance Committee would be a good place to seek additional funding for this research project.

Minutes – previous meeting

The Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the January 19, 2018 meeting.

Updates

- Cassie Trahan is presenting at a district level Rotary meeting in April in hopes of inspiring funding for trafficking survivor recovery. She will report back to the AC at the July meeting.
- CVSD has received six applications for advocate funding through the Victims of Crime Act grant.
- In partnership with the FBI, Amanda conducted a training in Tillamook County with very strong response. She looks forward to working with them to help set up a task force in coming months.
- The Legislative Days three-day session is planned for May 21-23. Joel is working to schedule representatives from the AC to meet with them.

Application Reviews

The AC approved county task force applications for Marion, Washington and Clackamas Counties.

Demand Conversation – Tom Perez

As CSEC is driven by the demand of men who purchase sex with children, Tom Perez has founded an organization to answer this demand problem. The EPIK (Every man Protecting Innocent Kids) Project was founded in 2012.



The EPIK Project has been conducting cyber patrol for over four years and will continue as long as the online demand persists. They have disrupted 100,000 attempts to purchase sex. In addition, they have captured unique information on over 50 thousand active online sex buyers. The information captured is made available to law enforcement to assist in supporting official investigations.

There are many areas of emphasis to encourage a strong response to the demand problem with CSEC that go beyond market disruption, including public awareness campaign, engaging male allies at a broader level, buyer accountability and law enforcement tactical strategies. This conversation will be revisited at an upcoming meeting.

CSEC Bench Card – Amanda Swanson, Megan Hassen

Amanda and Megan have been working with Judge Valeri Love and Judge Katherine Tennyson to create a bench card for judges when reviewing issues surrounding CSEC. They have developed a red flag list of nine qualifiers to identify a trafficking victim. The work will be sent out to the AC for review. The bench card will be revisited in the July meeting after further development.

Membership – Amanda Swanson

Amanda is actively reaching out to recruit partner agencies for a broader representation on the AC. Agencies discussed by the AC include: Oregon Youth Authority (possibly Oak Creek), Community Corrections, schools, Parole and Probation, additional tribal representation, law enforcement, someone from the developmental disability world, and perhaps a representative from Safety Compass as a wide-reaching advocacy group.

ACTIONS:

- Joel is working to connect Dr. Carey with Senator Ron Wyden, as a means of connecting with the US Senate Finance Committee.
- Amanda will provide Dr. Carey with Mary Dirksen's contact information for Department of Transportation concerns.
- Amanda will send out a doodle to determine interest in planning for legislative opportunities.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Meeting dates in 2018: July 20, November 16