



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2018 – 9:00 am to 10:45 am
Tilikum Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

In Attendance: Joyce Armstead, Elizabeth Alston, Nina Belli, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Mary Dirksen, Chad Opitz, Tom Perez, Margaret Scott, Joel Shapiro, Shannon Sivell, Amanda Swanson, JR Ujifusa

Attending by phone: Rich Austria, Teresa Cowing, Megan Hassen, Hon. Valeri Love

Absent: Rebecca Bender, Alex Palm, Cassie Trahan

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and Introductions

The AC welcomed new members to the committee. Detective Chad Opitz works for the Beaverton Police Department, is on the Portland FBI Trafficking Task Force and represents the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police. Joyce Armstead represents Oregon Youth Authority, working in the Parole and Probation Division. Nina Belli also works for Oregon Youth Authority from the Interstate Compact. Nina will be a regular guest attendee.

Minutes – previous meeting

The Advisory Committee (AC) approved the minutes from the March 16, 2018 meeting.

Updates

- Backpage.com was shut down by the FBI in April. Joel is encouraging any victim trafficked through that site to file a claim against them, with which he is willing to assist.
- DOJ led a week-long training in Ontario, mid-July, with Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sherriff's Office, and Safety Compass. Amanda plans to do a follow up training in Klamath County in August and will return to Sherman County following fire season.
- Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Division is planning a Truckers Against Trafficking training.
- Yamhill County is conducting a Juvenile Justice training for six counties on September 26th, centered on assessing kids in detention. The counties involved include: Yamhill, Polk, Linn, Benton, Tillamook and Lincoln. Megan will reach out to Juvenile judges in those counties to invite their participation in the training, using a flyer which Amanda will create for that purpose.
- Department of Human Services is in second round of mandatory staff trainings. They are gathering data on various aspects of trafficked victims to justify funding requests.
- Online trafficking shows a 60 to 80% drop in presence, which may present an inaccurate picture as providers and buyers are likely regrouping following the demise of Backpage.com.

Continuum of Care Model – Amanda

Amanda and Cassie have been working together to draw up a proposed continuum of care for commercially sexually exploited minors. A very significant part of this model involves housing for minors, including secure housing for some youth. Amanda invited the group to review the proposal for edits. Once the AC approves a final version, the document will be distributed as the state model for building a continuum of care for trafficking victims.



Application Reviews

The AC approved the task force application for Douglas County. The AC approved membership for Molly McDade-Hood, Human Trafficking Sergeant of Multnomah County Sherriff's Office, and Esther Nelson, Executive Director of Safety Compass. Esther will recuse herself from any meeting that creates a conflict of interest.

Sex Trafficking Bench Card – Megan Hassen

Megan and Amanda were requested by a group of judges to provide a bench card with information pertinent to the judiciary. They worked together to gather the information, which has been put into a draft document for AC review. As it is advantageous to incorporate this bench card into the 2019 Judicial Conference, the AC will work to that end.

Statewide Language and Training – Amanda Swanson

There is a strong need to standardize terminology related to trafficking intervention across the state, since language is being used inconsistently, and is often not current or trauma-informed. In addition, there is a significant need to establish standards for what constitutes credible training providers. The AC will develop a formal statement of standards, a speakers' vetting form and a document defining terminology and language.

ACTIONS:

- Amanda will create a flyer for the Juvenile Justice training and forward it to Megan Hassen to use in inviting judges.
- Megan will reach out to the Juvenile judges from Yamhill, Polk, Linn, Benton, Tillamook and Lincoln counties to invite them to the Juvenile Justice training in September.
- Judge Love and Megan will meet following the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges conference to review the bench card.
- List steps for Statewide Language and Training plan
Tom is working on language related to demand for child trafficking.
Liz will work on the vetting form, Oregon law as it relates to child abuse, being trauma-informed, the importance of establishing trainer credibility, and guidelines for qualifications of a subject-matter expert.
Amanda will work on defining primary prevention versus awareness, and subject matter expert definition.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

November meeting:

JR and Rebecca will update the group on the work of the National Human Trafficking Committee. Judge Love will report to the AC a summary of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference

Upcoming meetings: November 16, all-day meeting January 18th