



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2018 – 9:00 am to 10:45 am
Tilikum Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

In Attendance: Elizabeth Alston, Nina Belli, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Amber Harchuk, Esther Nelson, Alex Palm, Tom Perez, Misty Schoene, Margaret Scott, Joel Shapiro, Shannon Sivell, Amanda Swanson, Cassie Trahan

Attending by phone: Mary Dirksen, Megan Hassen, Hon. Valeri Love, JR Ujifusa

Absent: Joyce Armstead, Rebecca Bender, Teresa Cowing, Molly McDade-Hood, Chad Opitz

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and Introductions

The Advisory Committee (AC) welcomed new attendees, Amber Harchuk, DHS Co-located Advocate, and Misty Schoene, who works with the state refugee program. In addition, this was Esther Nelson's first AC meeting as an AC member.

Minutes – previous meeting

The AC approved the minutes from the July 20th meeting.

Updates

- JR and Rebecca both serve as representative members on the National Advisory Committee on Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the U.S., which meets twice per year. JR invited the AC to send any input they may have for the national committee's January meeting in outline form.
- In August, Judge Love attended the National Judicial Institute on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). The training was a success with several judges in attendance, including one Court of Appeals judge.
- On November 2nd, Amanda presented a judicial training in Eugene on CSEC. The presentation was well received, with many multi-disciplinary partners present. Judges are interested in knowing what resources are in place.
- Conversations with Senator Kathleen Taylor have begun related to potential bills for the legislative session. Portland Police Bureau has added another detective to the Sex Trafficking Unit and they are looking to expand further.
- Yamhill County hosted a valuable training with at least eight counties represented. There were 55 attendees. They plan to develop a best practice process for handling of juvenile trafficking victims.
- Rural counties are encountering a lot of familial trafficking of children to meet basic economic needs. "Survival sex" is being engaged in by a number of youth for their own economic subsistence.
- There are now 11 Oregon counties with task forces. Lane, Deschutes and Klamath County task forces have all hired coordinators. Amanda is planning to have a training in the spring that will allow the new coordinators to meet the AC.



Trafficking Awareness Event – Amanda

Friday, January 11, 2019, Department of Justice (DOJ) is hosting a National Human Trafficking Awareness Day Event. There will be two awards: a Team Impact Award and an Above and Beyond Award, both presented by the Attorney General. Amanda requested nominations for these two categories.

Continuum of Care Model – Amanda

Amanda presented the proposed Continuum of Care for Commercially Sexually Exploited Minors chart and requested input of the AC. The goal of the document is to provide a public overview for a vision of ongoing care. Several ideas were discussed. Amanda will work with Cassie to fine tune the document and set up a work group with an appointed leader.

Statewide Language and Training – Amanda

Liz provided some definitions for standardized language surrounding trafficking. Amanda stressed the importance of forming a work group to create a best practice document for public use. The group inquired if DOJ could provide a calendar or mailing group to promote trainings. Shannon suggested a listserv mailing group would be more logistically feasible. The group discussed upcoming trainings and training needs.

ACTIONS:

- Shannon will follow up regarding DOJ operating a listserv for trafficking intervention.
- Amanda will send out a survey in December to determine ways to improve committee capacity.
- Amanda and Cassie will fine-tune the Continuum of Care Model.
- Amanda will set up a work group for the Continuum of Care Model document and help to determine a leader.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Upcoming meetings:

February 8 – 9:30 to 4:00

April 5 – 9:00 to 11:30

July 12 – 9:00 to 11:30

October 11 – 9:00 to 11:30