



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2019 – 9:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Tilikum Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

**In Attendance:** Elizabeth Alston, Amber Harchuk, Molly McDade-Hood, Alex Palm, Shannon Sivell, Amanda Swanson

**Phone Attendees:** Rich Austria, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Teresa Cowing, Mary Dirksen, Esther Nelson

**Absent:** Joyce Armstead, Nina Belli, Rebecca Bender, Kristen Farnworth, Hon. Valeri Love, Chad Opitz, Tom Perez, Margaret Scott, Cassie Trahan, JR Ujifusa

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome**

A quorum was not present so official decisions could not be made at the meeting.

**Minutes – previous meeting**

The AC members present approved the minutes from February 8, 2019. Since a quorum was not present other members input will be solicited by email.

**Updates**

- Multnomah County Department of Community Justice is applying for a federal grant to assist with research into how traffickers become traffickers.
- Oregon Health Authority is looking forward to expand the SAGE Youth Residential program contract, which will add an additional four beds for transitional housing of trafficking victims.
- DHS has completed partnership training with Door to Grace. They will release the training soon. It is 2.5 hours of training for foster parents, including trafficking 101 as well as information about runaway behavior and psychology and the brain.
- The Tillamook County training received a good response, including a resulting arrest of a buyer. There is much promise for a task force to come out of this effort.
- Columbia County is slated for training as well.

**State Report Cards**

Polaris, a non-profit organization that runs the National Human Trafficking Hotline, has published a document grading criminal records relief laws related to human trafficking. The focus of the report relates to state practices of criminal charges of trafficking victims. The majority of states received poor ratings in the report, including Oregon. The group consensus is that the complex problem of human trafficking requires a multi-faceted approach with many steps to be implemented before laws can be changed. The AC will revisit this subject at a future meeting when more members are present.

**Task Force Lead Conference Calls**

Amanda has been conducting weekly conference calls with the lead workers of the county task forces. This allows for freer networking and communication. Each task force is making significant progress forward.



## **Subcommittees Reports**

### *Victim Response Subcommittee*

The subcommittee is working on gathering data related to substance abuse and the need for detox support for victims. They are establishing terms and definitions for standard use. These will be reviewed by the AC prior to statewide distribution. The group is currently looking into funding options for a full or part-time researcher.

### *Law enforcement subcommittee*

The subcommittee is discussing a one-day training workshop that can be recorded and distributed as small training bites with DPSST credit. This will not be in 2019, but at a later date.

Department of Justice (DOJ) Criminal Justice Division is working with the Criminal Justice Commission to sponsor a liaison officer who travels across the state and meets with law enforcement agencies, on monthly tours. Trainings will follow the visits. This will help facilitate data collection to demonstrate need and inform trainings. They also have an analyst who can process the data intake and include the information in the law enforcement bulletin to help spread awareness. This analyst has been assigned to do a threat assessment on human trafficking.

The group also suggested the possibility of some DOJ case prosecution.

### *Bench Card Subcommittee*

The Bench Card Subcommittee has met to discuss doing a presentation at a couple of judicial conferences. They are gathering information about what would be most helpful to judges. They have good examples from other states to build from, regarding the structure of the document.

## **ACTIONS:**

- Amanda will add Alex to the Victim Response Subcommittee email group as he has not been included to date.
- Applications on the agenda will be tabled until the next meeting, when a quorum is present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

### *Upcoming meetings:*

*July 12 – 9:00 to 11:30*

*October 11 – 9:00 to 11:30*