



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2019 – 9:30 am to 11:10 am  
Tilikum Conference Room, Portland Legal Office**

**In Attendance:** Bimpe Adewusi, Rich Austria, Kristen Farnworth, Molly McDade-Hood, Esther Nelson, Chad Opitz, Alex Palm, Margaret Scott, Amanda Swanson, Cassie Trahan

**Phone Attendees:** Elizabeth Alston, Nina Belli, Mary Dirksen, Amber Harchuk, Hon. Valeri Love, Shannon Sivell, JR Ujifusa

**Absent:** Joyce Armstead, Rebecca Bender, Teresa Cowing, Tom Perez

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome**

Amanda introduced Dr. Bimpe Adewusi to the Advisory Committee (AC) as the newest member. Dr. Adewusi serves CARES Northwest as a Child Abuse Pediatrician.

**Minutes – previous meeting**

The AC members approved the minutes from July 12, 2019.

**Updates**

*Amanda Swanson*

- Department of Justice (DOJ) has received a federal trafficking grant. This will allow the addition of two full-time positions to help in the work, over two years. The first year, an analyst will be hired to assist with coordinating the work, and to provide advocacy. This will allow Amanda to focus on the four pilot counties (Malheur, Klamath, Lincoln and Coos) and to build policy and procedures around the state. In the second year of the grant, DOJ will hire an analyst through the Criminal Justice Division to help support law enforcement around the state with cases and provide further training.
- The Mid-Columbia Task Force has recently formed, uniting Hood River, Gillam, Sherman and Wasco Counties.
- The Mental Health Professional training series, conducted by Cassie Trahan, has the final training scheduled for Portland on December 5<sup>th</sup>. An additional December training may be scheduled if necessary to meet demand.
- The Klamath Tribe has held a tribal training on human trafficking. The Tribe will be working on developing tribal policy around how to assess human trafficking at the casino and on the reservation.
- Amanda will be conducting training at Chinook Winds Casino later this month to train their staff in how to identify trafficking occurring at the casino and how to report it.
- 2020 DOJ trainings include six regional events in conjunction with Western Information Systems Network (WISN) and the Sexual Assault Task Force, and other experts in the field.
- Amanda provided the AC a glossary of terminology with definitions for review and input.

*Medical Training*

The AC discussed the need for medical training for hospital and clinic staff, including Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs).



*Molly McDade-Hood* is presenting at The American Society of Criminology annual meeting with Chris Carey on the subject of tattoo and branding, in San Francisco. Dr. Carey will discuss Department of Human Services (DHS) foster care kids.

*Cassie Trahan* – A Village for One has broken ground on their new residential house. In addition, they received a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, which will allow for two additional staff persons for their organization.

*Margaret Scott* – Morrison Family Services has received their contract from Oregon Health Authority for Sage House. This will allow for their expansion to four additional beds, for a total of 16. They currently have 10 people on a waitlist. The additional four beds will be dedicated to transitioning the residents to release.

*Esther Nelson* has scheduled a training with Sgt. Jason Ritter at the WISN Conference, using the Clackamas County Model. The Portland metro counties are seeing more regional collaboration.

*Kristen Farnworth* shared a draft of the bench card, requesting the AC members review and provide feedback related to judges recognizing potential trafficking victims and other pertinent information. Judge Love will provide final feedback after the document is updated.

*JR Ujifusa* – The National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the U.S. is about to release state recommendations to State Attorneys General, requesting eventual wider distribution.

### **2020 Human Trafficking Awareness Event**

Amanda is creating a document for the Human Trafficking Awareness Event in January, which addresses common fallacies related to trafficking. The group provided input to that effort.

### *Community Nominations for Awards*

The AC is working to nominate organizations that do not primarily have a trafficking intervention emphasis, but have made a significant impact to this work. Several awards will be presented at the January meeting.

### **ACTIONS**

Amanda

- Send out a list of trained mental health professionals, which Alex will forward to CCOs for utilization.
- Send out a draft of the document addressing myths of trafficking, by October 31<sup>st</sup>

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- Email Kristen bench card feedback
- Email Amanda if interested in serving as the co-chair to the group
- Provide glossary feedback to Amanda at the February meeting

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

*Upcoming meetings: February 7, May 15, August 14, November 13*