



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2021 – 9:00 am to 10:35 am
Video Conference**

In Attendance: Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Liz Alston, Rich Austria, Joyclyn Bell, Jessica Benke, Amber Harchuk, Hon. Valeri Love, Molly McDade-Hood, Robin Miller, Esther Nelson, Mel Parker, Tom Perez, Richard Sheldon, Amanda Swanson

Absent: Nina Belli, Teresa Cowing, Mary Dirksen, Shannon Karsten, Desireé Lepsey, Florence Mackey, Chad Opitz, Shannon Sivell, Cassie Trahan, JR Ujifusa

Minutes: Letetia Wilson

Welcome

Amanda welcomed the group; especially Joyclyn Bell, for her first meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes – previous meeting

The Advisory Committee (AC) approved minutes from the May meeting.

Updates

- *CARES* - Dr. Adewusi announced there are jobs open at CARES (Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services). Links will be sent out for job postings.
- *J Bar J* - The Anti-Trafficking Project has received Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing vouchers to be used throughout the state. They are taking referrals from other parts of the state. Providers with a survivor in need of a HUD voucher should reach out to Mel Parker.
- *Department of Human Services (DHS)* - DHS created the Survivor Investment Partnership Program allowing for additional funding to Tribes, Culturally Specific Programs and DV/SA Advocacy Programs during the recent legislative session.
Senate Bill 515 passed and will require businesses with an Oregon Liquor License to be mandatory reporters of trafficking to the Child Abuse Hotline. DHS is working with Department of Justice (DOJ) to offer a one-day Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) conference in September. The audience is DHS Child Welfare staff and members of Oregon Trafficking Task Forces. One goal is to strengthen partnership between DHS staff and Task forces. [Link to register for training.](#) The child abuse hotline training has been completed and a CSEC refresher course is underway.
- *EPIK* – EPIK has been working behind the scenes bringing partners together to work on educating the public on the dangers of decriminalization of prostitution and the sex trade across the state. They have been receiving consistent and generous offers for support from national partners.
- *NW Survivor Alliance (NWSA)* – Robin Miller and Joyclyn Bell provided an overview of the new group. The alliance is working to build the group and planning an event to highlight the harms of the full decriminalization model and bring awareness to partial decriminalization also called the Equality Model. NWSA is organizing with live experience experts and others interested in involvement. They referenced an [OPB article](#) and [Oregon Sex Workers website](#) about a town hall event held by Representative Nosse and Commissioner Hardesty in support of full decriminalization.



- *Advocacy* –Safety Compass has new office space at the Marion County Family Resource Center located in Woodburn. This will serve as their headquarters. There will be an open house in September.

- *DOJ*
 - *The Criminal Justice Division* has hired their first trafficking analyst, Kaitlyn Hardy who started two weeks ago.
 - The Human Trafficking Train-the-Trainer Workshop Series is scheduled to start in September. A few spots are open for registration.
 - Labor Trafficking Subcommittee – This subcommittee has met twice, focusing on awareness materials and basic labor trafficking training. There is a separate labor trafficking workgroup convened by Aaron Knott and Kim McCullough to look at legislation.
 - Work is finishing up on the National Human Trafficking Advisory Committee survey, due by the end of this month. Amanda will send the completed survey to the AC.
 - The Data/Research Subcommittee is working on a glossary of terms.

Discussion on Safe Harbor Laws

Three articles were sent out to review. Liz Alston has agreed to be the holder of the research; information or research can be sent to her.

For Oregon to move towards a Safe Harbor Model, these changes are needed:

- Specific types of protection for youth related to full and partial decriminalization models.
- Funding
- Data collection
 - Clackamas County Juvenile Department has screening data
 - Molly also has data in Multnomah County Jails
- Information gathering
- A model that is trauma informed
- Extending the age for youth up to 24 or 25
- Receiving centers beyond detention
- Potential victim services for victims who are also incarcerated or charged with a crime including co-occurring charges not related to prostitution
- Culturally specific services
- Early childhood education to work with families to prevent this cycle from continuing.

Discussions at the AC will help form a legislative concept. Some concepts may be established separately. The AC was encouraged to email Amanda with any further information.

ACTIONS:

- Amanda will send out research as it becomes available to prepare for discussions.
- Amanda and Liz will meet to:
 - Look at prioritizing the topics within the Safe Harbor Model to review at future meetings.
 - Create documents for smaller topics to discuss for the Safe Harbor Model.

The meeting time will change to be from 9:00 to 10:30 or 11:00 moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Remaining 2021 Meeting: November 5