



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2022 – 9:00 am to 10:30 am
Video Conference**

In Attendance: Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Liz Alston, Rich Austria, Joyclyn Bell, Nina Belli, Jay Benke, Ashley Cadotte, Teresa Cowing, Mary Dirksen, Kaitlyn Hardy, Chelsea Holcomb, Desirée Lepsey, Florence Mackey, Molly McDade-Hood, Hon. Valerie Love, Robin Miller, Esther Nelson, Tom Perez, Margaret Scott, Richard Sheldon, Amanda Swanson, Cassie Trahan, JR Ujifusa, Letetia Wilson

Absent: Amber Harchuk, Chad Opitz

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome

Amanda welcomed the group and noted that Shannon Karsten is no longer representing Oregon Health Authority, but that role is now filled by Chelsea Holcomb. Ashley Cadotte is now on the Advisory Committee (AC) representing the US Attorney’s office. Mel Parker has stepped down from the AC.

Minutes – previous meeting

The AC approved minutes from the November meeting.

Updates

- **EPIK** is hosting an event with Northwest Survivors Alliance to share research on the effects of decriminalization (decrim) on victims. The event will take place in Portland, location yet to be announced.
- **NW Survivor Alliance** is working on a one-page document to support refuting decrim. They are working toward non-profit status and are looking for volunteers who can help survivors with skill development.
- The **National Advisory Committee** has published the [state response to the subsections](#) of the recent state survey. It is under review for best practices.
- A **Statewide Law Enforcement (LE) Task Force** has begun. They are drawing information from county task forces to distribute to LE. The group is looking to start a state listserv.
- A **podcast for primary care doctors** is in the works to provide information about recognizing and helping trafficking victims in a trauma informed way.
- **ODOT** partnered with LE in January for points of entry inspections.
- The **January Panels** on myth busting were very well received. The group discussed doing them more often. For this more help will be needed.

Subcommittees

Labor Victim Services - Legislative concepts are being formulated to support the work of labor trafficking intervention. There is a new labor trafficking component at Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to go with the sex trafficking training.

Data and Research – have not met since the November AC meeting. They will meet again in April. Due to the approval of Senate Bill 515, people serving liquor are now mandatory reporters for human trafficking. Amanda and Liz are working with Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) on



training and policy. The AC discussed the importance of sanctions for violations. OLCC is very cooperative with the process.

Human Trafficking Indicators

The group discussed the draft of indicators document that DOJ has generated and gave feedback. Amanda invited ongoing feedback by email.

2023 Long Legislative Session

Amanda invited input for concepts for the 2023 Legislative session.

Ideas included:

- universal screening for all youth age 13 and over who connect with the system
- research support for LGBTQIA+ youth of color and tribes
- expanding access to residential treatment
- expanded services to include male identified youth
- more intensive community-based services
- extend services to adults to assist with transition from foster care to adult status
- development of a trafficking database
- culturally appropriate resources for assisting families to prevent trafficking
- a trafficking hearsay exception
- a law that will allow LE to have tools to investigate suspected trafficking even if decrim laws go into effect
- Training issues:
 - mandating training updates by law
 - funding for trainings
 - mandatory annual trainings in schools
 - mandatory trafficking awareness trainings across state agencies

ACTIONS:

- Jay will send the AC a list of points to be refuted regarding decrim.
- The AC will send recommendations to Amanda for membership positions related to homeless youth and Juvenile Justice.
- Amanda is compiling a legislative concepts list and will send to Senator Taylor for development.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Scheduled meetings:

May 6

August 5

November 4