**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 5, 2022 – 9:00 am to 10:30 am  
Video Conference**

**In Attendance**: Liz Alston, Joyclyn Bell, Jay Benke, Ashley Cadotte, Mary Dirksen, Jim Goodwin, Kaitlyn Hardy, Chelsea Holcomb, Judge Valerie Love, Florence Mackey, Esther Nelson, Chad Opitz, Tom Perez, Amanda Swanson, Cassie Trahan, JR Ujifusa Letetia Wilson

**Absent:** Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Rich Austria, Nina Belli, Teresa Cowing, Amber Harchuk, Molly McDade-Hood, Robin Miller, Margaret Scott, Richard Sheldon

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome -** Amanda welcomed the group.

**Minutes – previous meeting -** The Advisory Committee (AC) approved minutes from the May meeting.

**Updates**

**A Village for One** is ready to go in Washington County with direct services. They have hired an experienced clinician and a case manager. Anise’s Place is full with no waiting list.

**Oregon Health Authority** has aPolicy Option Package moving forward for legislative approval. It includes a residential program for male identifying youth.

**Juvenile Justice –** A statewide initiative, the Juvenile Delinquent Intervention Program has formed, which will include consideration of trafficking response. They are considering making policy and procedure more consistent across the state. The Juvenile Justice Summit scheduled for September 28th is open to all interested parties.

**Safety Compass –** is doing a quarterly survivorship event as an opportunity to connect.

The annual Marion, Clackamas and Washington County for January is in planning stages. Any AC members interested in offering training for the metro area are encouraged to submit a proposal.

**FBI** – is doing a cross country operation to identify and locate child victims of sex trafficking and coordinate with victim services. They will provide stats to the group once collected.

**Law Enforcement Task Force** has met twice and is working on a contact sheet. The International Association of Chiefs of Police have a new law enforcement presentation.

**Labor Trafficking Subcommittee –** is planning a response protocol including a resource list for providers. They hope to have a standardized training for labor trafficking developed in 2023. The Legislative Human Trafficking Task Force is developing legislation to bring mandatory reporting laws into place for adults, as it’s already in place for minors. Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) now has a labor trafficking component as well.

**OVC Grant – Amanda Swanson**Department of Justice (DOJ) has submitted the second round of grant application for the federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Grant. They plan to maintain current DOJ staffing and to add a Labor Trafficking Specialist in year two. They will focus on data and prevention for now and will also expand curriculum. The Road Maps (sex trafficking) curriculum is in the final stages with the copy editor; then will be sent to OVC for review. A labor trafficking curriculum will follow.

There is a Law Enforcement training on August 16th. It’s a basic 101 with fundamentals of human trafficking. The goal is to gage where law enforcement are in their training around human trafficking to help us plan for our regional 2-day trainings next year. Another training for county task force trainers is scheduled for September 20-21. Both trainings are in Keizer.

**Minor Trafficking Case Study and Service Mapping Workshop**DOJ and Department of Human Services (DHS) have created a service mapping workshop, to be held September 9th, 10:00 am to noon. The purpose is to demonstrate what a Safe Harbor law in Oregon would look like. They will work through a case study, identify barriers and gaps. The training is invitation only with limited participation. They hope to have recommendations to fill the gaps by the end of the workshop. The goal is to create a 10-year plan to change the system and mitigate harm. This will be used to inform legislature and policy makers.

Concerns were raised about full decriminalization for youth, as it potentially creates more harm. The group discussed possibly using the term partial decrim instead so as not to give power to the full decrim movement. Safe Harbor adds a thoughtful layer, holding the third parties accountable.

**Discussion on Training Needs**

The group discussed training needs, how to build consistency and what they can do to help. They hope to develop flexible directives. Feedback from the group for how to best proceed included the following areas:

* Develop consistency in data collection
* Create a list of state-endorsed services
* Develop a catalogue of trainers and a vetting system
* Provide information for where child sex abuse becomes trafficking and the response
* Mental health network and keeping their training current
* Keep terminology current
* Possibility of using a shared platform, such as SharePoint for distributing information

**ACTIONS:**

* Amanda will reach out to Jim Goodwin about training Juvenile Department staff in human trafficking response.
* Jay Benke will share updated terminology list with the group
* Sherree will move the November meeting to October 28th

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Next meeting: October 28