**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 28 – 9:00 am to 10:15 am  
Video Conference**

**In Attendance**: Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Rich Austria, Nina Belli, Joyclyn Bell, Jay Benke, Mary Dirksen, Jim Goodwin, Kaitlyn Hardy, Judge Valerie Love, Florence Mackey, Molly McDade-Hood, Robin Miller, Esther Nelson, Chad Opitz, Tom Perez, Richard Sheldon, Amanda Swanson, Cassie Trahan, Letetia Wilson

**Absent:** Liz Alston,Teresa Cowing, Chelsea Holcomb, Margaret Scott, JR Ujifusa

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome -** Amanda welcomed the group.

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

**Updates**

**Safety Compass –** The Portland metro area task forces are sponsoring a January 25th regional training event that is open attendance, free of charge. They will hold one for law enforcement (LE) on January 26th.   
They received a federal grant for a 24/7 reception center for adults to fast-track survivors to safe housing. It is a three-year project that will begin initial work in January. Clackamas Women’s Services is involved with the project.

**CARES NW –** Dr. Bimpe Adewusi and a colleague will present at the [Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment](https://ovc.ojp.gov/events/37th-annual-san-diego-international-conference-child-and-family-maltreatment). They will share their experience caring for trafficking victims.

**Oregon Judicial** – A new youth detox center is opening in the Willamette Valley. Kaitlyn Richards will be asked to come and discuss this at an upcoming meeting.

**Housing update –** There is fundingavailable to assist trafficking survivors with housing costs, including moving costs and rent. This is available in Vancouver and must be spent by June 30, 2023. Reach out to Robin Miller for more information.

**Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)** – Mary Dirksen is participating on a national Department of Transportation (DOT) committee to develop a DOT trafficking response toolkit for nationwide use. They meet next week to select a contractor.

**Department of Justice (DOJ)**  - The second OVC Improving Outcomes grant has been confirmed, with funding through 2025. DOJ will hire a Labor Trafficking Specialist with an expected start date of October 1, 2023. They are developing more curriculum, including a labor trafficking training. They have funding for two to three regional Law Enforcement (LE) trainings through 2025.

They will partner with Prevention Now to determine best practice for holding and utilizing data from other state agencies. There is a heavy emphasis on labor trafficking and work is being done with the legislative task force on cleaning up laws to simplify prosecution.

Amanda recently presented the Oregon model of trafficking response to the Louisiana Governor’s Office of Human Trafficking Prevention Conference. She shared the processes in use in Oregon and received strong, encouraging feedback.

**January Awareness Event**

The January trafficking awareness event will be held at the 100 Market Street building in downtown Portland. The theme is “Hold onto Hope,” and will celebrate all that has been accomplished. The event will be January 12, 2023, 9:00 am to noon. The Attorney General will speak, and it will include tables sponsored by the various county task forces. DOJ will send out registration and event information soon.

**DOJ Documents**

The AC reviewed two documents in development by DOJ and provided feedback for improvement. Amanda clarified questions about the documents.

* *Housing Continuum Document* - This document provides an overview of what is needed for housing survivors that can be used before legislature to request funding.
* *Sample Crisis Response Youth Flow Chart* - This document was created to provide an overview to communities of how to proceed when responding to a trafficking survivor. It is intended to be a generalized response that can be posted at a community location.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Next meeting: February 3, 2023