



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 3 – 9:00 am to 10:36 am
Video Conference**

In Attendance: Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Liz Alston, Rich Austria, Joyclyn Bell, Nina Belli, Jay Benke, Teresa Cowing, Jim Goodwin, Kaitlyn Hardy, Molly McDade-Hood, Robin Miller, Esther Nelson, Chad Opitz, Tom Perez, Margaret Scott, Richard Sheldon, Amanda Swanson, JR Ujifusa, Letetia Wilson
Absent: Mary Dirksen, Chelsea Holcomb, Judge Valerie Love, Florence Mackey, Cassie Trahan
Guests: Kristen Harris, Kaitlyn Richards
Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome - Amanda opened the meeting by introducing the two guests, Kaitlyn Richards, Executive Director of Kaitlyn's House, and Kristen Harris, of Prevention Now.

Kaitlyn's House Presentation – Kaitlyn Richards

Kaitlyn Richard shared details about Kaitlyn's House, a residential juvenile detox facility located in Springfield that serves the youth ages 12-17. They have room for 10 kids at a time, kept separated by gender. The system is relationally based, with medical, mental health and substance abuse staff on hand. They provide trauma informed care, keeping the kids for 5-7 days typically, for a maximum of 14 days, with out-patient treatment following. The service is covered by Trillium.

Prevention Now Presentation – Kristen Harris

Prevention Now (PN) is a national data research organization that works to gather trafficking data for states to use to support funding requests and provide services more effectively. The ultimate goal is to prevent trafficking and leverage data to uncover human trafficking when it occurs. Amanda noted that she will facilitate a conversation between PN and Oregon Youth Authority as they have very strong data collection in place.

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

Updates

NW Survivor Alliance – A debate on the full decriminalization of prostitution is occurring at Lewis and Clark University. They invited the support of the AC at the event. Joyclyn will provide more information to the group as it becomes available.

CARES NW – Dr. Bimpe Adewusi and a colleague presented at the [Chadwick Center Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment](#) regarding a case of trafficking they worked with closely.

Safety Compass – The annual Task Force law enforcement training for the tri-counties of Washington, Clackamas and Marion recently were recently completed.

Juvenile Justice – Senate Bill 745 is under review. Jim Goodwin and Amanda Swanson testified before the House Judiciary Committee recently. They feel this is a very good step for justice-involved youth.



Multnomah County – A work group has been meeting together to plan to address the problem of the illegal massage industry.

Department of Human Services – Liz Alston is representing Oregon on a national anti-child trafficking steering committee. The group is considering modifying language away from sex trafficking to human trafficking, which will impact all programs, including the funding of data collection. They are still working on getting screening into rule and not only procedure.

Multnomah County Sherriff's Office – is partnering with other agencies to provide support for surveillance work at the Super Bowl in Arizona.

Department of Justice – is putting together a legislative list for the current session with all the pertinent bills proposed, including sponsorship. The group discussed concerns about Senate Bill 745. Amanda will send out the list next week.

Joel Shapiro has received funding to help with parental rights of survivors. Interested parties should reach out to www.traffickinglawcenter.org.

Application for Membership

The group reviewed the application request for membership of the advisory committee of Kristen Harris and unanimously approved the request.

ACTIONS:

- Sherree will move Kristen Harris through the membership process.
- The AC will notify Amanda or Mary Dirksen if they become aware of ways traffickers may have used DMV nefariously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

Next meeting: May 5, 2023