



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2024 – 9:00 am to 9:52 am  
Video Conference**

**In Attendance:** Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Liz Alston, Jay Benke, Angie Denning, Mary Dirksen, Esther Garrett, Jim Goodwin, Kaitlyn Hardy, Alhena Herrera Martin, Ashley Johnson, Kitina Larsen, Florence Mackey, Heidi Moon, Tom Perez, Ashlee Purdy, Margaret Scott, Amanda Swanson, JR Ujifusa, Rosa Van Gordon, Letetia Wilson, Brittany Zitzelberger

**Absent:** Rich Austria, Joyclyn Bell, Nina Belli, Teresa Cowing, Kristen Harris, Chelsea Holcomb, Lina Lechlech, Judge Valeri Love, Robin Miller, Sage Neilson, Richard Sheldon, Shannon Sivell, Rosa Van Gordon

**Minutes:** Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome** - Amanda opened the meeting with group introductions.

**Minutes** – The Advisory Committee (AC) members present approved minutes from the August meeting.

**Updates**

~ Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview Trainings are scheduled in November and December. They would be helpful for task force members to attend.

~ Legislative workgroups are forming. Representative Tran is leading one related to the illicit massage industry. Representative Deal reached out about another. The group discussed the importance of all legislative preparations be done in partnership with one another.

~ The Compass Summit is evolving. Safety Compass has started collaboration with Child Abuse multi-disciplinary teams in nearby counties, for training. Safety Compass and the Children's Center of Clackamas County are combining annual training efforts to include both child abuse and human trafficking subject matter. The event will be called the Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Summit and will be held April 30-May 1 in Portland.

~ Safety Compass has hired a Director of Labor Trafficking intervention and are building up an infrastructure. They are working on a gap linguistically for victims speaking various dialects, and no interpreters are available.

~ There will be a South Coast Child Abuse Summit held March 3-4 in Coos County, as well as the Disrupter Summit in Southern Oregon in April.

~ Oregon Dept of Justice (ODOJ) is holding their next phase of train the trainer's Indicators Training in February. This is a step above basics, intended support training facilitators.

**January Event**

The annual Human Trafficking awareness event is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by ODOJ, it will be similar in scope to those of years gone by. It will be a morning event. There will be a drawing. The subject is Remembering the past with hope for the future. The goal is for people to come away with a sense of hope. The AC was requested to attend.

**Safe Harbor**

The safe harbor conversation is going well. Amanda Swanson anticipates a recommendations and considerations document about safe harbor for Oregon when the conversation has concluded next year.



### **Legislative Updates**

Legislative concepts AC members have heard about include discussions around safe harbor and prevention. Dept of Human Services may need to request to add the definition of labor trafficking to child abuse, if current guidelines do not cover it. The group was encouraged to reach out to Amanda if they hear more.

### **Survey Conversation**

ODOJ has conducted a survey of task forces. The majority are working on awareness. The biggest barriers are feedback around law enforcement and prosecutors needing training. Amanda is creating a separate survey for the AC.

### **Brainstorm for 2025 Direction**

The group discussed topics for direction in 2025 including:

- Job opportunities for survivors
- Resources and treatment support for adult victims
- School trainings for staff and students; some traction is being gained using the peer to peer strategy of the [EPIK Project's My Friends Are Not For Sale](#).
- Training for law enforcement and district attorneys
- Trafficking specific services for adults and minors
- Legislative mandate for counties to respond in consistent fashion
- Prevention

In response to the 2022 Senate Bill (SB) 1052, ODOJ is rolling out a Sex and Labor Trafficking training. It will be offered in Spanish and English and will be available online in Workday, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. As part of the requirements of SB 745 data has been gathered with screening victims of sex trafficking in juvenile justice and we will be pulling that data and reporting to the legislature next year. The AC will be invited to review the report. They are finalizing curriculums, including a basic labor trafficking version.

### **ACTIONS:**

- Amanda will send out a registration email for those who want a table at the awareness event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.

Next meeting: February 7, 2025