



# **HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**

## **Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting Minutes May 1, 2017 at 6:30pm Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Winchester Hall**

Members present were Miles Ward, Frederick County Human Relations Department, Chief Ed Hargis and SGT Andrew Alcorn, Frederick City Police Department, Malcom Furgol, United Way, Mari Lee, Human Relations Commission, Heather Moreno, Heartly House, Jessica Fitzwater, Frederick County Council, Jessica Beall, Department of Social Services, Lynn Davis, Child Advocacy Center, Lindsey Carpenter, State's Attorney's Office, Annie Jones, Commission for Women, Jet Reid, Frederick County Public Schools, Barbara Fink, Health Department, Nina Carr, Heartly House, Michael O'Connor, Maryland Municipal League, and Karen Lewis Young, State Delegation.

Also present were guests Sydnee Sichert, Frederick County Council and Charlee Borg, HopeWorks

1. Approval of minutes: Lindsey Carpenter amended the minutes from April 17th, 2017 to correct spelling of Matt Vilcek, FBI. Barbara Fink corrected duplication of her name. Chief Ed Hargis moved to approve corrected minutes and Malcom Furgol seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
2. Heather Moreno gave brief overview of MD Victims' Rights Conference
  - a. Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr, Director of the Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative at UMB, works with Amelia Rubenstein on data collection. They are piloting Child Sex Trafficking Prevention and Intervention Education program in schools. (contact: [nfinigan-carr@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:nfinigan-carr@ssw.umaryland.edu))
  - b. Dr. Renee Murrell, FBI Victim Specialist in Baltimore spoke on initiative to train CPS workers to identify and refer child sex trafficking victims. The Children's Home is now only emergency diagnostic shelter authorized by DHR/CPS to send victims (Arrow no longer available). If child victim identified after 5pm, contact Baltimore City CPS. (contact: [Renee.Murrell@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Renee.Murrell@ic.fbi.gov) 410-365-7834)
  - c. Scott Santoro, Senior Training Advisor, US Dept. of Homeland Security Blue Campaign advocates for victim-centered approach from law-enforcement and first responders. They have many resources available for human trafficking awareness and training. (contact: [scott.santoro@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:scott.santoro@hq.dhs.gov))
3. Delegate Lewis Young reviewed 2017 Human Trafficking Legislative Updates
  - a. HB1208 passed in both chambers by large margin but was tied into controversial "Trust Act" so it did not pass; there may be a variation of this bill next year
  - b. Bills that passed included making more information available, posting hotline info and child abuse definition including trafficking by any individual
  - c. Will look into duplicating Anne Arundel County efforts
    - i. HB102 program that received state funding for school based awareness and prevention



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- ii. HB634 “Bond Bill” uses bond bill money to create DV/trafficking shelter through YWCA
  - d. Discussed looking at MD General Assembly bill search online to see information and history on all bills. We can call department of Legislative Services to suggest adding “human trafficking” in drop down list to search bills.
- 4. Group Discussion
  - a. Creation of Google Drive: Heather will email invites to all task force members. Anyone can add, share, and edit documents. It is only accessible via invitation.
  - b. Jet Reid will be replacing Scott Blundell as FCPS Representative on the task force.
  - c. Nina mentioned the next Commission for Women meeting will discuss immigration related issues for women, which may be pertinent to trafficking victims visa needs.
- 5. Sub-Committee Presentations
  - a. **Legislative:**
    - i. Timeline: all sub-committees should send legislative recommendations to Jessica by September/October; draft legislative proposals by October/November; finalize by December
    - ii. Will likely split legislative recommendations into three sections:
      - 1. Potential state recommendations
      - 2. Potential county recommendations
      - 3. Executive requests
    - iii. Will see if county code changes can improve enforcement of state posting laws.
    - iv. Sub-committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
  - b. **Community Response & Protocol:**
    - i. Timeline: foresee reaching all goals by this summer
    - ii. Sgt. Alcorn shared updated draft of screening tool; most likely used for first responders (law enforcement, hospital staff, DSS) then more in-depth assessment done by properly trained service professionals
    - iii. Discussed talking with fire department regarding training and using screening
    - iv. Will consider how Heartly House could set up advocacy program for trafficking victims so they would have an advocate upon identification
    - v. Sub-committee meeting schedule for Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
  - c. **Data and Scope:**
    - i. Waiting for survey results to inform timeline
    - ii. 102 respondents so far; agreed to send survey to primary care offices
    - iii. Michelle will send csv export of final survey data; sub-committee may meet with her to look at results in the live system and manipulate data as needed.
    - iv. One more reminder will be sent before it closes May 4<sup>th</sup>; unless there is an underrepresented group and extend one more week.



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### **d. Training**

- i. Waiting for survey results to inform timeline
- ii. Report will include a resource guide and disciplines listed with recommended training
- iii. Heartly House will share training and resource in the next month
- iv. May 16<sup>th</sup> is Love146 Fashion Show fundraiser for trafficking victims; contact Nina if interested in representing a task force table there

### **6. Task Force Timeline**

- a. February 28<sup>th</sup> is final resolution deadline
- b. Each sub-committee will bring completed drafts to October meeting to share; edited drafts completed by November meeting; final by December
- c. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, suggested presenting to community
- d. Discussed need for legislative recommendations by November/December

### **7. Adjournment**