



## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**

### **Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting Minutes August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Winchester Hall**

Members present were Chief Ed Hargis and SGT Andrew Alcorn, Frederick City Police Department, Malcom Furgol, United Way, Mari Lee, Human Relations Commission, Nina Carr and Heather Moreno, Heartly House, Jessica Fitzwater, Frederick County Council, Jessica Beall, Department of Social Services, Lindsey Carpenter, State's Attorney's Office, Barbara Fink, Health Department, Lynn Davis, Child Advocacy Center, Jethro Reid, FCPS, and Annie Jones, Commission for Women.

Also present were guests Sydnee Sichert, Frederick County Council, Suzy Boisclar, Frederick City Police Department, Lisa Hill, Frederick City Police Department, Tressa Bell, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Sara Kominers, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Diana Hobbs, Ken Oldman and Katie Dallimore, United Way.

1. Introductions
2. Special Agent Harper could not attend the meeting.
3. Approval of minutes: Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes and Mari Lee seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
4. Sub-Committee Updates
  - a. Legislative
    - i. Jessica spoke about Carolyn Monroe drafting hotel training legislation.
    - ii. Explained the PG county legislation and how they're working with the HRC.
    - iii. They talked about asset forfeiture from trafficking cases and how other counties allocate funds back to survivor services.
    - iv. They talked about how FC might struggle with having 3 municipalities and how it would be difficult to divide up funds allocated to survivors.
    - v. They talked about the criteria for receiving funds and the generous juror fund that allows jurors to donate their compensation.
    - vi. The DLLR has no protocol and no unit that investigates human trafficking. They kick it to local law enforcement when they receive a case.
  - b. Community Response and Protocol
    - i. No significant updates. Malcolm and Heather presented to the Frederick County Coalition for the Homeless last month.



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- ii. Discussed need for long term housing options for human trafficking victims.
  - c. Data and Scope
    - i. Discussed that FCPS does not have any reports of human trafficking. This is because they pass the case to law enforcement before it is even identified as trafficking.
    - ii. Talked about sharing info across western MD.
    - iii. Each subcommittee should send a bulleted list of approximately 4-6 recommendations to Heather before the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - d. Training
    - i. Discussed final report.
- 5. Public Comment
  - a. Suzy Boisclar talked about Justask.org.
  - b. Discussed with public what young people can do to help. They said informing others and “if you see something, say something”.
- 6. Adjournment