



HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting Minutes September 18th, 2017 at 6:30pm Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Winchester Hall

Members present were SGT Andrew Alcorn, Frederick City Police Department, Pam Holtzinger, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Michael O'Connor, Maryland Municipal League, Malcolm 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, Delegate Karen Lewis Young, and Annie Jones, Commission for Women.

Also present were guests Sydnee Sichert, Frederick County Council, Tressa Bell, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Adina Gardner, Western Gov. University, Kate Alexander and Anne Zmuda, Maryland Catholic Conference, David and Anne Grieger, Theresa Heigal, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Susan Drasal, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Lisa Orr, Frederick County Sustainability, Kate Masters, Frederick News Post, Jazzmine Magloie, Suzy Boisclar, Frederick City Police Department, Natalie Cioffi and Maria Herrera, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Laila Nielsen, United Way, Sara Kominers, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Laurie Cullen, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service Human Trafficking Prevention Project.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes: Mari Lee moved to approve the minutes and Lindsey Carpenter seconded the motion. Malcolm's name was misspelled. Minutes were approved with the correction to Malcolm's name.
3. Data and Scope Committee: Annie Jones recommended a resolution for a standing committee under the Human Relations Commission rather than a "task force". The focus would be education materials, an annual conference and community outreach training. Would need to consider victims services and data tracking.
4. Susan Ritter, Victim's Advocate from Homeland Security Investigations presented.
 - I. Majority of HIS cases are domestic, US citizen youth.
 - II. The community identifies a lot of HT cases.
 - III. Preplanning is needed in regards to needs/placement
 - IV. A lot of foreign HT victims only want to return to their home country.
 - V. Unaccompanied alien children face sponsor exploitation
 - VI. Targeting education for middle/high schoolers is best form of prevention.
 - VII. Control over a HT victim may be in another country, not US.



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- VIII. Recent trends include Heroin-involved cases; female pimps; minors/transgender minors.
- IX. Many cases of victims being nannies.
- X. There are other consequences for diplomats other than jail.
- XI. Services in MD are not good for kids.
- XII. Many people still don't know HT is a mandated report.
- XIII. Children are recruited out of shelters by other kids.
- XIV. There is trafficking of people with disabilities.

5. Sub-Committee Updates

- I. Data
 - i. Jessica brought up where the data and tracking would live if task force was under HRC.
- II. Community Response and Protocol
 - i. Heather went through increase in public awareness.
 - ii. Heather showed and talked about the protocol resource guide.
 - iii. There were some security concerns about safety if using Religious Coalition could be listed as an emergency shelter option.
 - iv. Also needed to follow up with Hope Works to see if they could even be a shelter and switch the order in which they were listed.
- III. Training
 - i. Pam requested that bullet points were brought together for next meeting for recommendations.
- IV. Legislative
 - i. Karolyn Monroe has drafted some bills just in case they are recommended to be put forth in the final recommendation.

6. Public Comment

- I. Spanish Speaking Community of MD introduced themselves and are new in Frederick County. Told the group services they provide.
- II. A lot of Catholic women were at the meeting because of the Archbishops address in April that HT is a significant problem.

7. Adjournment