



HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Human Trafficking Task Force

Meeting Minutes

October 2nd, 2017 at 6:30pm

Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Winchester Hall

Members present were Lindsey Carpenter, State's Attorney's Office, Pam Holtzinger, Frederick Memorial Hospital, SGT Andrew Alcorn, Frederick City Police Department, Malcolm Furgol, United Way, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Human Relations Commission, Nina Carr and Heather Moreno, Heartly House, Jessica Fitzwater, Frederick County Council, Jessica Beall, Department of Social Services, Lynn Davis, Child Advocacy Center, Barbara Fink, Health Department, Karen Lewis Young, State Delegation, and Annie Jones, Commission for Women.

Also present were guests Laila Nielsen, United Way, Tressa Bell, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Laurie Culkin, Maryland Volunteer Lawyer's Service, Susan Drasal, Catholic Daughters of America, Steve McAteer, community member, Cinthia Rivera and Patricia DeLeon, UMBC Social Work Program, and Adina Gardner, Western Governors University.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes: Correction under Data update to move bullets ii-iv under Community Response and Protocol; delete extraneous "4" in list. Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes and Annie Jones seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
3. Discussion of final report format
 - a. Group discussed possible formats and decided synthesizing recommendations into one "executive summary" list, followed by brief narrative including research and case studies, then more detailed explanation of each recommendation.
 - b. We must remain trauma-informed regarding use of survivor stories; we want to show challenges Frederick County has faced while respecting survivor stories and confidentiality.
 - c. Include list of guest speakers who came; quote of support from state task force; trainings attended by members.
 - d. Training and Community Response drafts will be completed as soon as possible and Heather will synthesize recommendations into a first draft report by November meeting.
4. Discussion of future function of task force.
 - a. Nina suggested beginning discussion tonight and emailing proposals to task force so we can make a final decision on structure of future task force at November meeting.



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- b. Annie discussed her recommendation of housing a Community Awareness committee under Human Relations Commission; our task force representations will discuss this idea with HRC this month.
- c. Suggestion of creating a Multi-Disciplinary Team option with a lead agency to review cases and victim services.
 - i. Create MOUs and regular meetings (similar to SART, Fatality Review Boards)
 - ii. Ability to assess efficacy and implementation of screening tool
 - iii. Need for representation regarding labor trafficking as well
 - iv. A liaison from the MDT could be present at community meetings
- d. Other suggestions
 - i. Frame it as a two-tiered approach (community awareness and MDT) to keep other community partners involved in efforts but not in case review
 - ii. Importance of MDT meeting regularly, perhaps a steering committee quarterly, and an annual public summit
- e. Funding options
 - i. Could put a line item in for future funding
 - ii. Apply for grants
 - iii. Community Fundraising donations housed in a victim services fund accessible to certain providers who follow a request process

5. Public Comment

- a. Steve McAteer shared about the A21 Walk for Freedom on October 14th in Frederick (<http://www.a21.org/shop-event.php?intid=1468>)

6. Adjournment