



HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Human Trafficking Task Force

Meeting Minutes

November 6th, 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, Chief Ed Hargis, Frederick City Police Department, 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, 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 and Susan Drasal, Catholic Daughters of America.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes: Lindsey Carpenter moved to approve the minutes and Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
3. Reviewed final report draft in sub-committee groups. All edits will be sent to Heather by Wednesday, November 15th.
4. Discussion of future function of task force.
 - a. Jessica Beall discussed the need to continue legislative efforts and the idea of SART taking on HT cases
 - b. Discussed options for recommending future structure of task force and the need for detailed description of what each committee/group would be responsible for if we did the two-tiered approach. Nina will summarize description, functions and timelines of possible groups.
5. Updates
 - a. Heather gave update from Maryland task force meeting
 - i. They want each county to host an awareness event/social media blast in January to support Human Trafficking Awareness Month
 - ii. Mari Lee offered to assist with social media awareness
 - iii. December 4th is the Maryland Child Trafficking Conference at Towson
 - b. Pam shared that FMH will be having a human trafficking training from the state task force on December 12th
 - c. Jessica confirmed date of our presentation to county council Tuesday, January 23 at 4:30; we need to have PowerPoint created to go along with report.



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6. Public Comment

- a. Laurie Culkin from the Human Trafficking Prevention Project emphasized the importance having affirmative steps to continue moving forward with task force work. In her experience throughout the State she recommends keeping the general body together so the efforts don't stall. She can also link us to the MHTTF Legislative group.

7. Adjournment