



## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**

### **Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting Minutes December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Miles Ward, Human Relations Department, 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, Jet Reid, Frederick County Public Schools, and Michael O'Connor, Maryland Municipal League.

Also present were guests Deb Conroy, Serenity Treatment Center, 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 Chief Hargis seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
3. Present and edit final report.
  - a. Any additional edits must be in by this Friday.
  - b. Group suggested edits to strengthen report.
  - c. Discussion of final recommendation #1 – Multi-Disciplinary Response Team, need for lead agencies, those committed, and staffing need. Will continue researching best methods of community awareness and prevention.
4. Discussed upcoming Human Trafficking vacatur bill
  - a. Laurie from MVLS discussed experiences with survivors who would benefit from such a bill. Lindsey brought up hesitation to write task force letter of support; we will review again when actual legislation comes out.
5. Updates
  - a. Frederick Memorial Hospital is holding its Human Trafficking protocol training next Tuesday 12/12.
  - b. Lindsey gave an update from the State Human Trafficking conference: Department of Labor has two specific Labor Trafficking investigators (OFCCP, Wage & Hour).
  - c. Next meeting will be Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
6. Adjournment