



## **ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 28, 2014  
1:30 PM**

**1700 West Washington Street  
Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families Conference Room  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

A meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council's Victim Services Committee was convened on July 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families Conference Room, 1700 West Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Committee.

### **Victim Services Committee Members Present**

Sheila Polk (Chairperson)	Carolyn Jones
Margery Ault	Brian Steele

### **Arizona Human Trafficking Council Members Present**

Allie Bones

### **Guests**

Lynda Hartzler	Katie Resendiz
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### **Staff Present**

Leah Meyers	John Raeder
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### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

### **B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Ms. Carolyn Jones moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2014 meeting as drafted by staff. Mr. Brian Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. PRESENTATION FROM TRUST ON POLARIS PROTOCOLS**

Katie Resendiz from Training and Resources United to Stop Trafficking (TRUST) provided details about their efforts to create a better response system from Arizona for the Polaris hotline. Ms. Resendiz explained that TRUST is building a 127 partner collaborative across many different disciplines to be resources for calls that come into the Polaris hotline. Arizona currently has two regions with local contacts for Polaris staff to contact for

assistance. TRUST is trying to create 24 hour 7 days a week contacts from a victim service provider and a law enforcement entity in each of the 13 different regions. In addition, TRUST has identified 26 different service areas that they hope to get a referral source for in each of the 13 Arizona regions. Aside from improving the Arizona protocol efforts, TRUST also wants to do outreach and promote use of the hotline to address human trafficking in Arizona. Ms. Resendiz stressed that it is important to look at all possible entry points for publicizing the hotline number.

Members asked Ms. Resendiz how the committee can help with this effort and she indicated that any promotion, outreach or training efforts about the Polaris hotline is needed. TRUST is looking for assistance to build buy-in and a call to action for the issue as well as to help expand the resource list in Arizona. Also, she stated that continued funding for the Polaris hotline and a dedicated statewide coordinator for human trafficking in Arizona would also be helpful.

Members discussed possible ideas of getting a training requirement implemented for anyone requesting licensing or certifications from the State. Ms. Resendiz talked about an effort in New Mexico to have universal screening questions in the mental health arena. There was also discussion about a full day or half day forum with service providers to provide training and discuss how they can help identify victims.

Chair Sheila Polk suggested that TRUST could present at the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council to talk about how county attorneys can get involved. Ms. Resendiz indicated that they are presenting the protocol idea at the next Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network meeting to ask advocacy centers to be the victim service contact in each of the 13 regions. John Raeder also offered to help with getting training in the Prevent Child Abuse Arizona catalogue as well as with program participants with the Rural grant addressing sexual assault in Southern Arizona. Ms. Resendiz stated that Marcia Stanton from the Phoenix Children's Hospital is creating a child welfare training curriculum from the law enforcement training already in use.

Ms. Resendiz stated that TRUST will continue its work with the hotline protocols for the next 12 months. Their hope is to mentor trainers in each region and statewide to continue the work in building relationships locally and with Polaris directly. She once again emphasized that a statewide coordinator and promotion of the hotline are the two most important actions for the future.

Ms. Resendiz stated that TRUST is also working on a mapping project of all the human service providers who mention the issue of human trafficking as well as address it directly. Leah Meyers stated that she will provide Ms. Resendiz with the point of entry document the Committee created and Ms. Resendiz stated she will review it.

#### **D. NEXT STEPS DISCUSSION**

Members discussed possible steps for the Committee to move forward. The question raised was how can we help Arizona do better at identifying victims, provide effective referrals and know what resources are available.

Members agreed that training for existing human service providers is important. There was discussion of how existing booklets and materials can be distributed with human service providers as well as how to implement universal screening. It was proposed that the

juvenile justice system should find a means to identify and document (check box in their database) that the youth is a victim of trafficking. Ms. Resendiz suggested looking at Minnesota and Washington models of how they are screening and identifying victims. Committee members also discussed providing training, capacity and skill building for human service providers to shift the narrative on this issue.

Members agreed that it is a priority to support TRUST in their Polaris hotline protocol project. Members suggested that the Committee and Council support the network and collaboration building.

**E. COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Ms. Meyers stated this is not need until the September 10, 2014 Council meeting. Members agreed to table this until after the August 20, 2014 Victim Services Committee meeting.

**F. NEXT MEETING**

Chair Polk suggested that the members help create an action plan. The following questions were sent out via email after the meeting for each member to think of possible actions and activities. Carolyn Jones challenged the group to think about what we can do to *create trauma to triumph*.

- How can we support the hotline protocol efforts in general and specifically after TRUST's 12 month emphasis on this project is over?
- What can be done to help with capacity building?
- How can we promote or find support for human trafficking services?
- Provide a conference and/or training for human service providers in Arizona.
- Prevention efforts in the community. (This was added by Leah Meyers after the meeting.)

**G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No public comment.

**H. ADJOURNEMENT**

Chair Polk adjourned the meeting at 3:18 PM.