



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

June 23, 2014
9:00 AM

1700 West Washington Street, Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council was convened on June 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Council.

Members Present

Cindy McCain (Co-Chairperson)
Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)
Margery Ault
Chris Bray
Chad Campbell
Timothy Chung
Jon Eliason
Chuck Fitzgerald

Debbie Johnson
Carolyn Jones
Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Sarah Suggs
Brian Steele
Grant Woods

Members Absent

Allie Bones
Michael Derfus
Sheila Polk

Staff Present

Leah Meyers
John Raeder

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Cindy McCain requested that the members and staff introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Debbie Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2014 meeting as drafted by staff. Ms. Sarah Suggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SEX TRAFFICKING PLAN

Mr. Dave Byers provided a presentation on the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Plan to Address Human Trafficking (Plan). Mr. Byers explained that the Plan will be included in incoming Chief Justice Scott Bales' Strategic Agenda. He also explained that it was important to the AOC that the Plan was comprehensive and sustainable.

Mr. Byers expounded that the Plan has several components, the first of which is an advisory committee which includes representation from Arizona State University, Office on Sex Trafficking Intervention Research (STIR), Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), the Center for Public Policy Studies, the New York Center for Court Innovation, and the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families. The goal of the Plan is to use existing court infrastructure to help victims of sex trafficking. The Plan includes the following components:

- Training for detention officers; probation officers; judges; treatment providers; CASAs, and Foster Care Review Board members.
- Establish a facility in Yavapai County to provide secure and non-secure residential programming for victims of sex trafficking.
- Develop an assessment tool to evaluate the risk factors associated with sex trafficking.
- Implement specialized probation caseloads.
- Provide public education through lawforkids.org.
- Develop a treatment protocol for residential treatment centers.
- Modify the Juvenile On-Line Tracking System (JOLTS) to flag and collect data on sex trafficking.

Mr. Byers noted that in the future the AOC will reach out to prosecutors and other stakeholders to develop deferred prosecution and/or post-adjudication programs.

Ms. Suggs inquired about the timeline for the establishment of the Yavapai facility.

Mr. Byers explained that the program could be done by the end of the year, but cautioned that there wasn't an established timeline and there could potentially be delays.

Mr. Brian Steele inquired about the number of available beds.

Mr. Byers responded that the unit would contain 12 beds and that the AOC was working to contract with a residential treatment provider to operate the facility. He also explained that the AOC would continue to work with the advisory committee to build protocols for determining how long a youth would stay in the secure facility before being transferring to a non-secure facility.

Sergeant Chris Bray commented that the Yavapai facility would be an important resource to keep youth safe.

Mr. Byers thanked Sergeant Bray for his comments and noted that it would be important to work collaboratively with law enforcement in developing protocols.

Mr. Bray remarked that the AOC may want to look to the Letot Center in Dallas as an example.

Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz explained that research suggests that stabilization is an important aspect of treating victims of human trafficking. However, added that in Florida there had been considerable public outcry as a result of detaining victims of trafficking.

Mr. Byers explained that the Yavapai facility would be licensed as a secure residential facility.

Mr. Chad Campbell elaborated by emphasizing that the facility would be focused on treatment and wanted to avoid any connotation that the victims were being sent to detention. He explained that this was important because the youth *are* victims, and because AHCCCS (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System) is suspended when a youth is detained in secure confinement.

Ms. Suggs asked how staffing for the facility would be determined

Mr. Byers explained that the AOC would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to contract with a residential treatment provider to operate the facility.

Mr. Jon Eliason stated that the concept had the support of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and asked Mr. Byers to provide details on the process for transferring a youth within the juvenile justice system to the Yavapai facility.

Mr. Byers responded that there would have to be a physical or paper referral from law enforcement in order for the courts to take jurisdiction of a youth. The AOC will then need to build a protocol to identify a referred youth at the detention center, arrange for all necessary judicial hearings, and a judge would order a child to be moved to the Yavapai facility. He emphasized that there are still a lot of details that need to be worked out.

Mr. Gil Orrantia thanked Mr. Byers for his presentation and remarked that he was impressed by the AOC's progress. He asked how the AOC would be capturing data.

Mr. Byers explained that JOLTS is a data collection system that manages information for the juvenile courts in Arizona. The first step is adding a flag in the JOLTS system so that the courts have the ability to run reports on identified trafficked youth and add additional data collection elements as needed.

Mr. Orrantia inquired about the progress on training.

Mr. Byers explained that one training had been conducted for the service providers. He also stated that the courts have an existing training infrastructure and capacity that allows for statewide training over the internet.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that she was working to train adult and juvenile probation officers. She also encouraged the use of training materials that could be placed in waiting rooms.

5. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY UPDATE

Mr. Campbell explained that the Department of Child Safety (DCS) will need to begin the process of examining human trafficking with research. Mr. Campbell expounded that he has been working with Dr. Roe-Sepowitz to replicate the study that had been conducted with the AOC service providers. The first aspect of the assessment will be to provide training to foster care providers and other frontline case managers in order to develop a system of awareness. This will allow DCS to assess the number of trafficked youth involved in the child welfare system and systematically determine the approaches within the agency to best serve those children. He also mentioned the possibility of developing specialized case loads and the need to develop data collection capacity to identify and flag youth that have been sex trafficked.

6. DEFINING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The members discussed the scope of the Council's work as described in the Executive Order, which includes addressing both sex and labor trafficking. The first phase of the Council's work has been focused primarily on child sex trafficking, however in the future; the Council will also look to examine other forms of trafficking, including labor. Members expressed concern that the public often confuses the term human trafficking with human smuggling or other immigration related crimes. Members also discussed the numerous ways in which sex trafficking is referenced and expressed a desire to standardize the language within the context of the Council. The members decided that in order to avoid any confusion associated with the term "human trafficking", the first phase of the Council's work would be referred to as "sex trafficking" for meetings, trainings, outreach, etc.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Data and Research

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz provided members of the Council with a binder containing a range of recent research studies on sex trafficking.

Outreach and Awareness

Ms. Suggs explained that the Outreach and Awareness Committee identified Indiana and Ohio's outreach and awareness efforts as those to further research and model Arizona's efforts. The Committee also reviewed and revised the *Outreach and Awareness Plan* which prioritizes tasks/activities in developing a public awareness campaign and identifies outreach campaign target audiences and industries.

The Committee's next steps are to:

- Further research Indiana and Ohio's outreach and awareness efforts to identify best practices and model Arizona's efforts after.
- Develop an Arizona specific tagline/logo.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz encouraged the Council to utilize marketing research experts when developing materials and offered to connect the Committee to the Arizona State University marketing experts.

Training Committee

Lt. Colonel Tim Chung reported that the Training Committee discussed the unique needs of runaway youth and the need to enhance the current response to this population due the correlation with sex trafficking. In particular, the Committee discussed incorporating a database to track runaways and the need to create and train law enforcement on runaway protocols. The Committee also reviewed and approved the use of a *Training Plan* that prioritizes working with State agencies to institutionalize training requirements on sex trafficking.

The Committee's next steps are to:

- Contact state agencies identified in the *Training Plan* to determine: current training requirements; and current trainings offered to employees on sex trafficking.
- Identify existing law enforcement protocols for working with runaway youth.
- Work with Prevent Child Abuse Arizona to add sex trafficking to the *Children's Justice Training Offerings* available to law enforcement, child welfare and child advocates statewide free of cost.
- Contact the Arizona Chiefs of Police and the Arizona Conference of Police and Sheriffs to arrange presentations to their respective boards.
- Contact the Arizona League of Cities and Towns to obtain assistance in working with city councils and law enforcement agencies to prioritize training on sex trafficking.

Victim Services Committee

Mr. Steele reported that the Victim Services Committee reviewed two draft documents for the point of entry mapping project and referenced the two updated draft documents contained in the meeting packet for review by the Council. He explained that the Committee was discussing how the mapping project will help other committees with their work in addition to dovetailing the efforts to create an Arizona protocol for the Polaris hotline. The Committee also discussed creating human trafficking program standards for victim service providers.

The Committee's next steps are to:

- Refine and expand the comprehensive point of entry map for victim services.
- Ask Training and Resources United to Stop Trafficking (TRUST) to present at the next meeting on their work in regards to the protocols for Polaris.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Leah Benson stated that Streetlight has experienced problems with runaways because they don't have the ability to provide secure care under their current license. She also noted that there was no mechanism to deny acceptance for a youth that might not be appropriate for Streetlight's program.

Ms. Katie Resendiz, TRUST, stated that as a foster parent it was very encouraging that the Council was examining the intersection between sex trafficking and the child welfare system. She also updated the Council on the progress on the National Hotline and the protocols for Arizona. She explained that the new protocols would launch on July 1st and would change Arizona from a two point-of-contact system to 13 region system. The regions were designed with geography, local law enforcement capability and federal jurisdiction in mind. Each region will be led by a service provider whom has access to networks of services.

Mr. Jeff Taylor, Salvation Army, explained that the Salvation Army had an emergency service facility in Oregon and was opening a new 200 bed long-term residential treatment facility in northern California that has the ability to serve Arizona victims. Mr. Taylor requested that staff contact Mr. Jerry Sandbig to arrange a presentation on the California facility at a future meeting.

Ms. Wendy Madison, Run Against Trafficking (RAT) Race, announced that non-profits and/or individuals could organize teams to participate in the race, and that they are currently looking for sponsors for the event.

9. ADJOURN

Mr. Orrantia adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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