



ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 27, 2015

9:00 AM

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 (Committee) was convened on March 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.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)
Margery Ault
Allie Bones
Brian Steele

Victim Services Committee Members Absent

Carolyn Jones

Staff Present

Debbie Moak
John Raeder

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Committee approved the February 10, 2015 minutes by unanimous vote.

C. POLARIS PROTOCOL

The Committee discussed the current status of the Polaris Protocols in the State of Arizona.

Mr. John Raeder discussed a collaborative project between the Governor's Office and the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence which supports the development of sexual assault response teams in each of Arizona's 15 counties. The Arizona Coalition to

End Sexual and Domestic Violence will collect the necessary information for the Polaris Protocols as part of on-going efforts to establish sexual assault response teams.

D. VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) ASSISTANCE FUNDS

Mr. Raeder explained that the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) cap has been increased from \$745 million to \$2.3 billion. The result is that Arizona's projected funding, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety, has increased from approximately \$9 million to \$40 million. The purpose of this VOCA is to provide funding to governmental and non-profit agencies that provide direct services to crime victims.

The Victim Services Committee recognized that this dramatic increase in federal funding serves as an opportunity to expand services for victims of human trafficking in Arizona. The Committee, in coordination with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Arizona Department of Public Safety will host a webinar to inform victim service providers about VOCA funding, including purposes, eligible services and allowable costs.

E. ARIZONA MODEL PROTOCOL DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

The Committee Discussed the development of a statewide model protocol for the coordinated response to human trafficking. The model will contain best practices and can be modified depending on the unique needs of individual jurisdictions within Arizona.

F. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled using the *Doodle* website.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

H. ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 PM.