



Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board Joint Meeting

Approved Minutes

October 23, 2018

Louisiana State Police Headquarters' Training Facility

Commission Members

Ellen Toney (Proxy for Dr. James Bueche)
Alliece Cole
Bob Wertz (Proxy for Jim Craft)
Richard Pittman (Proxy for James Dixon)
Dr. Dana Hunter
Lisa Powell-Quijano (Proxy for Col. Kevin Reeves)
Monica Taylor (Proxy for Jeff Landry)
Secretary Marketa Walters
Sundee Winder (Proxy for Dr. Parham Jaber)

Advisory Board Member Attendee:

Toni Bankston
Taneka Blacknell
Amanda Brunson
Alliece Cole
Homer "Ted" Cox
Rafael de Castro
Michelle Johnson
Kathryn Shipley (Proxy for Stacie Leblanc)
Rep. Valerie Hodges
Casey Morace
Kathleen Stewart Richey

Non Member Attendee:

Juana Lombard, Chelsea Thompson, Mary Yanik, W. Atkins, Jessie Nieblas, Kate Shipley, Julie Olsen, Tiffani Robinson, Like Morris, Meagan Westmoreland, , John Ghassan, Megan Rabalais, John Krentel.

Call to Order

The Chair for the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission, Judge Joy Cossich Lobrano called the meeting to order for the commission members and the Chair for the Human Trafficking Prevention Advisory Board, Alliece Cole, called the meeting to order for the advisory members. Afterwards, the roll was called.

Approval of the Minutes

There was a motion to approve June 19, 2018 and September 18. 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by the Commission and Advisory Board.

Report from Governor's Office

Dr. Dana Hunter, Children's Cabinet's Executive Director, presented updates from the Governor's Office. She advised that the Regional Human Trafficking Report (resulting from the regional summits) was received from the National Criminal Justice Training Center, Amber

Alert. Dr. Hunter informed members that the report was well written and is now one of the state's first comprehensive reports which gives voice to the providers and members from the community. Some highlights that emerged from the report are as follows:

- a. Children refused to disclose that they were victims.
- b. Victim identification-participants felt they had more victims in their region than reported.
- c. There's a lack of available training and the need for additional education.
- d. There's a need for centralized flow of information.
- e. There's a need for aftercare services

The report would be sent out to participants within the next month.

Chair Lobrano advised that they had new committee members and are still identifying people in the state who would be beneficial. The new members that were in attendance were J. Lombard from ATC, Luke Morris with the Department of Revenue and John Kernel who's an attorney, an expert of the juvenile justice system and a licensed counselor.

Human Trafficking Funding and Data Collection PowerPoint Presentation

Chair Lobrano requested suggestions on how they can obtain funding and for persons who will be beneficial for human trafficking funding and data collection.

She stated that she had two immigration attorneys who have offered to chair the working group for immigration.

Summary and Prioritization of 2018 Recommendations to Governor/Legislature PowerPoint Presentation

Chair Lobrano advised that the recommendation from the committees have been excellent. She stated that at this meeting, they would work on the development of the recommendation summaries for clarity and summaries would be done through the spectrum of prevention outline.

Some committee members have requested more time to develop their recommendations; therefore, there had been some revision of the schedule.

Chair Lobrano reviewed the content of the annual report and discussed the overlapping between sex and labor trafficking.

Discussion of Second Draft of 2018 HTPC Annual Report and November 13, 2018 Final Approval of 2018 Annual Report

Chair Lobrano advised that an approval will be needed by the members for the second draft and she opened the floor for comments.

Chair Lobrano recommended, as a result of feedback from some members, that each committee have their own healthcare subgroup.

Chair Lobrano advised that everyone has been given a draft of the annual report and should make sure their names and titles are proper. Any changes should be emailed to Jami Becnel.

She stated that working groups would be working with Jami Becnel, taking on the newer initiatives that are taking place in human trafficking.

Approval of Second Draft of 2018 HTPC Annual Report

There was a motion by members to approve the draft of the annual report to give guidance to move forward and the motion was seconded with the Commission and Advisory Board in agreement.

Discussion of 2019 Annual Report, Schedule and Deadlines and Committees

The November meeting where the draft was to be approved has been asked to be continued by many members; therefore, the Commission and Advisory Board voting meeting will be moved to December 12, 2018.

Chair Lobrano requested that any designees be in writing for their files.

Chair Lobrano asked members to see how human trafficking fits in with existing programs, determine what stakeholders could exist in the further development of this program and identify the stakeholders. Afterwards she asked the groups to collaborate and submit to the commission a plan of implementation of a new program or a plan of development to assist existing programs.

Chair Lobrano advised that there was a tentative 2019 schedule in the appendix of the annual report and at the December meeting; there would be an approval of the schedule.

Other Business

No other business

Public Comments

No Public Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Members motioned to adjourn Commission and Advisory Board meeting and seconded by members. Afterwards, Members separated into their committees to collaborate on their recommendations for the annual report.