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Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission & Advisory Board

Meeting

October 20, 2022

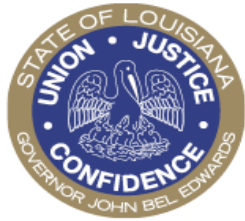
1:30pm

Louisiana State Capitol, 4th Floor Press Room

- I. Call the Meeting to Order Chief Tommy Clark
HTPC Chair

- II. Roll Call Ashley Bourgeois
 - a. Ashley Bourgeois called roll for the Commission and Advisory Board.
 - b. The following members of the Commission were present:
 - i. Chair- Chief Tommy Clark
 - ii. Co- Chair- DA Kristine Russell (Proxy: Chief Clark)
 - iii. Bill Sommers
 - iv. Bob Wertz
 - v. Casey Morace
 - vi. Gerald Millet
 - vii. Capt. Belinda Murphy
 - viii. Sec. Marketa Walters (Proxy: Christy Tate)
 - ix. Monica Taylor
 - x. Richard Pittman
 - xi. Amanda Perry
 - xii. Rep Valarie Hodges (Proxy: Lawrence Callender)
 - c. The following members of the Advisory Board were present:
 - i. Chair- Casey Morace
 - ii. Co-Chair- Michelle Johnson
 - iii. Alliece Cole
 - iv. Angela Wiggins-Harris
 - v. Ashley Politz
 - vi. Hon. Kathleen Stewart Richey
 - vii. Laurie McGehee

- III. Opening Remarks



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- a. Chief Clark welcomed Mary Kate Andrepont to provide remarks for the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention.
- b. Mary Kate Andrepont updated the Commission on several key initiatives.
 - i. The OHTP is fully implementing the LCYTC Accessibility Initiative (AI) project. It is focused on serving under-identified typologies of trafficking, including labor trafficking and family facilitated trafficking, and under-identified populations. You will continue to hear more from us over the next couple years on these topics and new training and education materials targeting these populations.
 - ii. As a reminder, we are still disseminating awareness materials for the R.E.A.L. public awareness campaign. We also have a thirty minute virtual training available. Please reach out to our office if you need any material, or visit the website: <https://www.stoptraffickingla.com/>
 - iii. We launched the Natural Disasters and Human Trafficking Outreach Toolkit. You can locate the flyers and implementation guide on <https://humantrafficking.la.gov/resources/disasters/>
 - iv. Next week, the OHTP is hosting the Statewide Task Force Convening in Lake Charles, LA to support the development and ongoing improvement of anti-trafficking task forces.

IV. Old Business: August 2022 Minutes Chief Clark

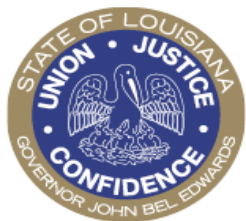
- a. Chief Clark opened the floor for discussion of August 2022 Minutes.
- b. Discussion
 - i. Amanda Perry provided some edits to the minutes.
- c. Vote
 - i. Perry motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Monica Taylor seconded. All in favor, approved as amended.

V. New Business: December Meeting Date Change Chief Clark

- a. Chief Clark noted that there is a new meeting date for December. The Commission meeting will now take place on December 8, 2022 at 1:30pm-3:30pm. Clark also reminded members that meetings are in-person going forward.

VI. Annual Report and Subcommittee Recommendation Presentations Chief Clark

- a. Andrepont provided an overview of the annual report and subcommittee recommendation voting protocols.
- b. The Commission is required to submit an annual report on or before February 1st of each calendar year. The annual report details the work of the Commission in 2022, major updates or gaps in human trafficking prevention and response, as well as the findings and recommendations of the Commission. Recommendations voted on today will be included in the annual report.



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- i. Subcommittees will submit their individual reports on December 2, 2022.
- ii. Annual report vote at the December 8, 2022 Meeting.
- c. Each subcommittees will present their recommendations. Commission members will vote to endorse/approve the recommendation and include it in the Commission's final report.
 - Per 46:2165, a legislative recommendation is adopted upon approval of two-thirds of Commission members present.
 - Commission members will vote by roll call.
 - The subcommittee order of presentations will be 1) Sex Trafficking of Minor Victims Subcommittee, 2) Sex Trafficking of Adult Victims Subcommittee, 3) Labor Trafficking Subcommittee, and 4) Immigration Subcommittee.

VII. Recommendation #1: Human Trafficking Training to Medical Professionals in Schools, Minors Subcommittee

- a. Chief Clark welcomed the Minors Subcommittee to provide a presentation of their first recommendation.
- b. Angela Wiggins-Harris presented the recommendation on human trafficking training to medical professionals in schools.
- c. Discussion
 - i. Taylor noted a small typo in the recommendation.
 - ii. Secretary Sommers asked who would be responsible for presenting or disseminating the trainings. Wiggins- Harris noted that the recommendation suggests schools partner with existing agencies who have developed the training.
 - iii. Millet suggests the subcommittee reach out to the School Board Association for input.
 - iv. Morace asked if this recommendation is for K-12. Wiggins-Harris confirmed it was.
 - Wertz recommended spelling this out in the recommendation.
 - v. Morace asked if there is a reason teachers were not included. Wiggins-Harris responded that a recommendation was passed last year for training to teachers and school personnel specifically.
 - vi. Laurie McGehee noted that in Bossier and Caddo Parish, they were able to implement mandatory training with no opposition from the School Board.
 - vii. Taylor asked Wertz if the mandatory peace officer training that passed last session extends to School Resource Officers. Wertz said yes.
- d. Vote
 - i. Wertz made a motion to approve the recommendation with an amendment to narrow the scope to K-12. Perry seconded.



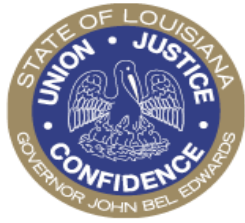
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- ii. Roll call vote. 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Recommendation was approved.
 - Chair- Chief Tommy Clark: yes
 - Co- Chair- DA Kristine Russell (Proxy: Chief Clark): yes
 - Bill Sommers: yes
 - Bob Wertz: yes
 - Casey Morace: yes
 - Gerald Millet: abstain
 - Capt. Belinda Murphy: yes
 - Sec. Marketa Walters (Proxy: Christy Tate): yes
 - Monica Taylor: yes
 - Richard Pittman: yes
 - Amanda Perry: yes
 - Rep Valarie Hodges (Proxy: Lawrence Callender): yes

- VIII. Recommendation #2: Human Trafficking Training to Medical Professionals: Pediatricians, Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Staff, *Minors Subcommittee*
- a. Chief Clark welcomed the Minors Subcommittee to provide a presentation of their second recommendation.
 - b. Angela Wiggins-Harris presented the recommendation on human trafficking training to medical professionals including Pediatricians, Emergency Departments, and Urgent Care Staff.
 - c. Discussion
 - i. Taylor noted the same typo as in the previous recommendation.
 - ii. Morace asked who would be in charge of ensuring training is followed through. Wiggins-Harris responded that the governing authorities would be.
 - iii. Ashley Politz noted that it will be hard to track and follow, and may be better for Board of Medical Examiners to put into place. She suggested that continuing education credits may be an avenue to implement it.
 - iv. Bob Wertz is concerned about mandated training when CEUs are already in place. He suggested that the recommend be introduced as a concurrent resolution for further study.
 - v. Johnson asked if there is a child abuse training medical professionals must take. Politz responded about mandatory reporters.
 - vi. Tate noted that with Act 662, DCFS is updated their child abuse training to include human trafficking.
 - vii. Taylor noted that in medical school, there is a legal class requirement.
 - viii. Politz asked if we should adjust the recommendation to propose a concurrent study resolution. Pittman responded that he thinks it is okay to



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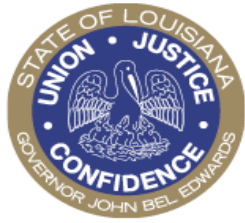
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keep it as is, since it is a recommendation and the Legislature can choose the best pathway to introduce it. Taylor agreed.

- d. Vote
- i. Pittman motioned to approve the recommendation. Perry seconded.
 - ii. Roll call vote. 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Recommendation was approved.
 - Chair- Chief Tommy Clark: yes
 - Co- Chair- DA Kristine Russell (Proxy: Chief Clark): yes
 - Bill Sommers: yes
 - Bob Wertz: yes
 - Casey Morace: yes
 - Gerald Millet: abstain
 - Capt. Belinda Murphy: yes
 - Sec. Marketa Walters (Proxy: Christy Tate): yes
 - Monica Taylor: yes
 - Richard Pittman: yes
 - Amanda Perry: yes
 - Rep Valarie Hodges (Proxy: Lawrence Callender): yes

IX. Recommendation #3: Justice for Survivors Act, *Adults Subcommittee*

- a. Chief Clark welcomed the Adult Victims of Sex Trafficking Subcommittee to provide a presentation of their recommendation.
- b. Michelle Johnson introduced Natalie Sharp and Beatrice Taylor with the Louisiana Survivors for Reform to provide an overview of the Justice for Survivors Act.
- c. Discussion
 - i. Wertz asked if it allows for elimination of fees. He recommends that it does. Morgan Lamandre responded it is covered through last year's expungement bill.
- d. Vote
 - i. Pittman made a motion to approve recommendation. Wertz second.
 - ii. Roll call vote. 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Recommendation was approved.
 - Chair- Chief Tommy Clark: yes
 - Co- Chair- DA Kristine Russell (Proxy: Chief Clark): yes
 - Bill Sommers: yes
 - Bob Wertz: yes
 - Casey Morace: yes
 - Gerald Millet: abstain
 - Capt. Belinda Murphy: yes

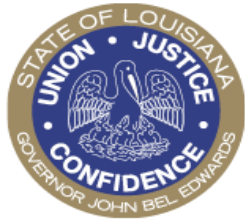


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- Sec. Marketa Walters (Proxy: Christy Tate): yes
 - Monica Taylor: yes
 - Richard Pittman: yes
 - Amanda Perry: yes
 - Rep Valarie Hodges (Proxy: Lawrence Callender): yes
- X. Recommendation #4: Natural Disasters and Human Trafficking Toolkit Implementation, *Labor Trafficking Subcommittee*
- a. Chief Clark welcomed Andrepont on behalf of the Labor Trafficking Subcommittee to provide a presentation of their recommendation.
 - b. Andrepont provided the presentation overviewing the recommendation. Members of the subcommittee were unable to attend. She reminded the Commission that the Labor Trafficking and Immigration subcommittee met jointly this year. This recommendation is non-legislative and does not require two-thirds vote or roll call vote.
 - c. Discussion
 - i. No discussion noted.
 - d. Vote
 - i. Taylor made a motion to accept recommendation. Morace seconded.
 - ii. 12 yes, 0 no, X abstain. Recommendation was approved.
- XI. Recommendation #5: Strengthening Protections Against Labor Trafficking in State Contracts, *Labor Trafficking Subcommittee*
- a. Chief Clark welcomed the Labor Trafficking to provide a presentation of their first recommendation. Andrepont provided an overview of the recommendation.
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Taylor suggested the LA Workforce Commission be the oversight agency. Wertz suggested to the Office of State Procurement, as overseeing state contracts.
 - ii. Taylor noted that it could be an internal policy and not legislation. Wertz noted that the Office of State Procurement, however, may prefer legislation as a backing.
 - c. Vote
 - i. Taylor made a motion to approve recommendation. Wertz seconded.
 - ii. Roll call vote. 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Recommendation was approved.
 - Chair- Chief Tommy Clark: yes
 - Co- Chair- DA Kristine Russell (Proxy: Chief Clark): yes
 - Bill Sommers: yes
 - Bob Wertz: yes



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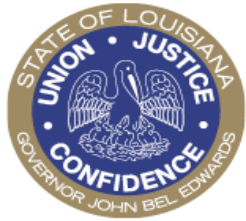
- Casey Morace: yes
- Gerald Millet: abstain
- Capt. Belinda Murphy: yes
- Sec. Marketa Walters (Proxy: Christy Tate): yes
- Monica Taylor: yes
- Richard Pittman: yes
- Amanda Perry: yes
- Rep Valarie Hodges (Proxy: Lawrence Callender): yes

XII. Recommendation #6: Theft of Labor and Services, *Immigration Subcommittee*

- a. Chief Clark welcomed the Labor Trafficking to provide a presentation of their second recommendation. Andrepont provided an overview of the recommendation.
- b. Discussion
 - i. Pittman mentioned several concerns. He believes the recommendation is written too broadly and the penalty language is inconsistent.
 - ii. Johnson added that it may fall under contractor fraud.
 - iii. Andrepont noted that it was intended to model Tennessee and Texas's theft of labor law.
 - iv. Clark said that as written, it may be confusing for law enforcement.
 - v. Taylor said the recommendation needs more work.
 - vi. Wertz suggested that it be deferred for further study, and it needs to be clear whether it is a criminal or civil recommendation.
- c. Vote
 - i. Wertz made a motion to defer the recommendation for further study and review by the subcommittee. Callender seconded.
 - ii. 12 yes, X no, X abstain. Recommendation was deferred

XIII. Recommendation #7: Expanding Membership of HTPCAB to Reflect All Survivors of Human Trafficking, *Immigration Subcommittee*

- a. Chief Clark welcomed the Immigration Subcommittee to provide a presentation of their first recommendation. Andrepont provided an overview of the recommendation. She noted that the recommendation is the same one brought last year by the subcommittee.
- b. Discussion
 - i. No discussion noted.
- c. Vote
 - i. Perry made motion to approve the recommendation. Taylor seconded.
 - i. Roll call vote. 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Recommendation was approved.



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- Chair- Chief Tommy Clark: yes
- Co- Chair- DA Kristine Russell (Proxy: Chief Clark): yes
- Bill Sommers: yes
- Bob Wertz: yes
- Casey Morace: yes
- Gerald Millet: abstain
- Capt. Belinda Murphy: abstain
- Sec. Marketa Walters (Proxy: Christy Tate): yes
- Monica Taylor: yes
- Richard Pittman: yes
- Amanda Perry: yes
- Rep Valarie Hodges (Proxy: Lawrence Callender): yes

- XIV. Topics for Next Meeting Chief Clark
- a. Chief Clark introduced the topics for the next meeting.
 - i. Annual report vote (December 2, 2022 deadline)
 - ii. Any other remaining recommendations
- XV. Public Comment Chief Clark
- a. Chief Clark opened the floor for any public comments.
 - i. No comments
- XVI. Other Business Chief Clark
- a. Chief Clark opened the floor for other business.
 - i. No comments
- XVII. Adjournment Chief Clark
- a. Chief Clark entertained a motion to adjourn
 - b. Taylor motion to adjourn. Wertz seconded. Meeting ended at 3:12PM