



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes

November 10, 2015

2:30 p.m. EST

Members in Attendance:

1. Anne Connor (NV) Commissioner
2. Maria Genca (CT) Designee
3. Agnes Denson (FL) Commissioner
4. Jeff Cowger (KS) Commissioner
5. Karen King-Jones (KY) Commissioner
6. Melonie Taylor-Gore (MS) Designee
7. Traci Marchand (NC) Commissioner
8. Mia Pressley (SC) Commissioner
9. Cathlyn Samuel (TN) Commissioner
10. Jessica Eldredge (UT) Designee
11. Patricia Welcome (VI) Commissioner
12. Jeff Patnode (WA) Commissioner
13. Holly Kassube (IL) Ex-officio
14. Kelly Palmateer (NY) Ex-officio
15. Gloria Soja (OR) Ex-officio
16. Gillie Hopkins (VT) Ex-officio
17. Judge Darlene Byrne (NCJFCJ) Ex-officio

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Damian Seymour (DE) Chair
2. Barbara Murray (AK) Commissioner
3. Alicia Ehlers (ID) Designee
4. Lea Quam (ND) Commissioner
5. Paul Ottati (NY) Ex-officio
6. Chris Newlin (NCAC) Ex-Officio

Guests in Attendance:

None

ICJ Staff in Attendance:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator
3. Jenny Adkins, Project Manager

Call to Order

A. Connor (NV) welcomed the members to the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee and called the meeting to order in the absence of Chair Seymour at 2:31 p.m. EST.

Roll Call

A. Lippert called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

T. Marchand (NC) made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Denson (FL) seconded. The motion passed.

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T. Marchand (NC) made a motion to approve the July 9, 2015 meeting minutes. M. Pressley (SC) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

Human Trafficking Matrix

- Chair Connor introduced the development of an ICJ Human Trafficking Matrix as determined by the Human Trafficking Work Group in July 2015 and highlighted the identifiers/categories from the Polaris 2014 State Ratings as a baseline format for the matrix:
 1. Sex Trafficking Provision
 2. Labor Trafficking Provision
 3. Asset Forfeiture and/or Investigative Tools
 4. Training and/or Human Trafficking Task Force
 5. Low Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors
 6. Posting Human Trafficking Hotline
 7. Safe Harbor – Protecting Minors
 8. Victim Assistance
 9. Access to Civil Damages
 10. Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims
- Chair Connor welcomed suggestions on how to amass the matrix information.
- The Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee discussed and agreed to gather the information through the regions.
- Chair Connor will email details on the information to be gathered along with procedures for completing the task.

Resources

- Chair Connor and Holly Kassube (IL) participated in the five part human trafficking online webinar sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTA) and reported the sessions to be informative. The presentations for the sessions below were shared with the group.
 - Collaborating with Culturally Specific Organizations to End Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Part 3 of 5)
 - Working Together Part I: Law Enforcement (Part 4 of 5)
 - Working Together Part II: The Courts (Part 5 of 5)
- Recordings of all five sessions are available on the OVCTTA website: www.ovcttac.gov
- Chair Connor referenced Florida's HT Screening Tool and the advantages of using existing screening tools to save state resources. Members were encouraged to share information relevant to human trafficking within their states.
- Judge Byrne conveyed a meeting was conducted by the New York Supreme Court Chief Justice where Chief Justices in 48 states discussed human trafficking state-by-state and

how the courts and law enforcement are handling. Any published information will be shared with the ad hoc committee.

State Updates

- M. Pressley (SC) reported a webinar sponsored by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) entitled *Human Trafficking at the State and Local Level* would be conducted on November 17 at 3 pm EST and offered to forward the link to Chair Connor for circulation.
- J. Patnode (WA) updated that the Washington Human Trafficking Task Force and CSEC (Sexually Exploited Children Statewide Coordinating Committee) are developing a data collection portal to be housed under the Office of Crime Victim Advocate. (<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/Programs/PublicSafety/OCVA/Pages/default.aspx>) Last year the Washington Task Force developed a gap analysis and action plan for the state which he would forward to Chair Connor.
- T. Marchand (NC) reported that the UNC School of Social Work received a \$1.24 million grant and launched project NO REST (North Carolina Organizing and Responding to the Exploitation and Sexual Trafficking of Children). The project developed a list of state wide recommendations and next year will pilot 3-5 sites to initiate the recommendations and analyze the results.
- K. King-Jones (KY) updated that Kentucky screens through the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Administrative Courts; services are provided through the Child Protective Services agency. In the larger cities, Catholic charities provide assistance and services. The Child Protective Services 2015 Annual Report is anticipated soon and will be shared with the group.
- A. Denson (FL) updated the Florida screening tool shared is validated and used across the state when youth are picked up.
- J. Eldredge (UT) reported that the Utah Department of Juvenile Justice was awarded a human trafficking grant and announced a human trafficking training in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 28-29, 2016.
- M. Pressley (SC) shared issues regarding the housing of a female witness in South Carolina's first state prosecuted human trafficking case.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Meetings

- Chair Connor announced that the committee will meet the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is December 8, 2015.

Adjourn

- **T. Marchand (NC) made a motion to adjourn. J. Patnode (WA) seconded. Chair Connor adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 3:18 p.m. EST.**