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Chief Tommy Clark
Commission Chair

Michelle Johnson
Advisory Board Chair

Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission & Advisory Board

August 21, 2025; 10:00 a.m.
Louisiana State Capitol, 4th Floor Press Room
900 N 3rd St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** Chief Tommy Clark
a. Chief Tommy Clark called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

II. Roll Call:

- a. Mary Kate Andrepont called roll for the Commission and Advisory Board.
b. The following members of the Commission were present:
I. Beth Mizell, absent
II. Christy Tate, here by proxy (Lauren Brocksmith)
III. Danielle Lax, present
IV. Jennifer Hannon, present
V. Jessica Vallelungo, present
VI. Jon Tircuit, present
VII. Kelley Henessy Dickerson, present
VIII. Kristine Russell, absent
IX. Monica Taylor, present
X. Nicolette Gordon, present
XI. Paula Miles, present
XII. Steven McCain, present
XIII. Susie Schowen, present
XIV. Tommy Clark, present
c. The following members of the Advisory Board were present:
I. Alliece Cole, present
II. Amanda Moody, present
III. Carmen Spooner, present
IV. Casey Morace, absent
V. Catalene Theriot, absent
VI. Chantrelle Varnado-Johnson, present
VII. Clayton Kleinpeter, absent
VIII. Darrell Renfro, absent



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- IX. Holly Tupper, present
- X. Jennifer Best, present by proxy
- XI. Michelle Johnson, present
- XII. Rafael Castro, present by proxy (Sean Cassidy)
- XIII. Rheneisha Roberston, absent
- XIV. Rochelle Fahrig, present
- XV. Sheri Combs, present
- XVI. Sherrard Crespo, present by proxy (Erin Sims)
- XVII. Stephanie Sterling, present by proxy (Amber Hebert)
- XVIII. Tiffany Simpson, present

- III. **Opening Remarks:** Chief Tommy Clark
- a. The new Commission Members made introductions.

- IV. **Speaker:** Lucy Hennon, Presenting Innovations to Housing Access: *Safe Stays and the Grove*
- a. Lucy Hennon presented a powerpoint on *ReloShare* and their housing access initiatives for human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault survivors: The Grove (available shelter bed space in real time) and Safe Stays (hotel booking platform for social service agencies).

- V. **Old Business:** Chief Tommy Clark
- a. Vote to Approve May 2025 Minutes.
 - I. Nicolette Gordon motioned; Paula Miles seconded; all approved.
 - II. Public Comment, *none*.

- VI. **New Business:** Updates From Subcommittee Chief Tommy Clark
- a. Subcommittees:
 - I. Labor trafficking and Immigration: The subcommittee is exploring new outreach efforts, collaboration with major industries, and improving intake processes to identify victims of labor trafficking with the Louisiana Works/Louisiana Workforce Commission
 - II. Sex trafficking of adults: The subcommittee created three working groups on the topics of parental rights for survivors, multidisciplinary team (MDT) development, and affirmative defense.
 - III. Sex trafficking of minors: The subcommittee created three working groups created for their areas of focus: education, juvenile justice, and medical/behavioral health.
 - b. Legislative Updates:
 - I. Michelle Johnson provided legislative updates from the recent Legislative Session.
 - A. HB 5 by Jackson
 - B. HB 74 by Mike Johnson
 - C. HB 163 by Dickerson
 - D. HB 268 by LaFleur



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- E. HB 359 by Miller
- F. HB 531 by Travis Johnson
- G. HB 570 by Carver
- H. SB 221 by Mizell

c. 2025 Data Report Addendum

- I. The Annual Report was released in February and contains all services provided for victims within that calendar year. The Addendum Report, released this month, includes data from law enforcement, state and federal prosecutions, illicit massage businesses data, among others.

d. Training and Conferences:

- I. Former First Lady, Donna Edwards, will host the NCPHST annual virtual conference on September 10th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- II. The Methodist Children's Home Training will be on September 26th in Ruston, La.
- III. Lake Charles Training at L'Auberge Casino - Southwest Louisiana Professional Development - Alliance Against Human Trafficking on September 18th from 8 am- 5 pm.
- IV. Care Coordination Symposium in Baton Rouge, September 16-17. CEUs will be provided. The training focuses on familial trafficking.
- V. Survivor Symposium - February 11, 2026 in New Orleans. More details to be shared.

VII. **Other Business:**

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. The next meeting will be held October 16th, 2025.
- b. Topics for next meeting: Subcommittee Recommendations
 - I. Subcommittee recommendations will be due on October 3rd. Commission members, please be prepared to vote.

VIII. **Adjournment:**

Chief Tommy Clark

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Paula Miles, seconded by Jennifer Hannon. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.



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Co-Chairs

Kaffia Arvie
Secretary

**Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board
Labor and Immigration Subcommittee**

MINUTES

August 21, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building, Iowa Room 1-153
900 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order:

- a. This meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

- a. Present: Mark Fontenot, Carmen E. Spooner, Thomas Mule, Jolene Glover, Amber Hebert, Noel Ballas, Mason Spillman
- b. Absent: Kaffia Arvie, Rep. Joe Orgeron, Major Stephanie Minto, Trulinda Augillard

III. Old Business:

- a. Reviewed Recommendations
 - I. Improve and clarify questions at intake/interview to identify victims of immigration and labor trafficking.
 - II. Improve information sharing between Government Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations to increase awareness and decrease the incidences of trafficking.
 - III. Increase and Improve outreach in the local, regional, and state to increase awareness and decrease incidences of trafficking.
- b. Training
 - I. Subcontractors will complete mandated training.



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- II. Any licensing boards or commission will complete mandated training
- III. The most impactful boards to start with are: The Louisiana State Board of private security examiners or first responders (Fire/EMS).
- IV. Thomas Mule' motioned for approval, and Mason Spillman seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Approved.
- c. Update on 7/22/2025 State Police 5K Planning Meeting
 - I. State Troopers Association 5K – January 10, 2026. The race starts and ends at the Governor's Mansion

IV. New Business:

- a. Adam Parks, Homeland Security
Mr. Parks shared his agency's mission and their openness to interact with the committee. He goes where he is invited. He already has connections within our Commission.
- b. Our subcommittee should connect with:
 - I. Louisiana Restaurant Association (LRA)
 - II. Louisiana Hotel & Lodging.
 - III. Norwegian and other cruise lines
 - IV. HR Departments

V. Other Business:

- a. The next Meeting date is October 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment:

- a. This meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.



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**Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board
Minor Subcommittee**

MINUTES

August 21, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building, Louisiana Purchase Room
900 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order:

- a. This meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

- a. Present: Holly Tupper, Alliece Cole, Jennifer Hannon, Andrew Morris, Heidi Borgeous, Lacey Shull, Sarah Monceaux, Lily Erwin, Tomas Juarez, Kristi Juarez, Lavillia Moore, Michael Singly.
- b. Absent: Deborah Solcher, Andrew Morse, Clayton Kleinpeter.

III. Old Business:

- a. Focus Group Recommendations Review
 - I. Recommendations: Update the OHTP website to include resources for survivors to locate evidence-based practices (EBPs), accessible to all Medicaid clients.
 - II. Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for mental health services and behavioral health interventions. Feedback: to change the term “psychotherapy” to “mental health services.” In associated charts, add other prescriber codes for clarity and completeness.
 - III. OJJ (Office of Juvenile Justice) Focus Group Recommendations. Key Issues are CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) are overrepresented within OJJ. Current systems are missing opportunities to



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identify these youth. Recommendation to develop and administer a Louisiana-specific sex trafficking screening tool during either the intake or mental health assessment phases across all juvenile justice facilities. Language of the tool should remain intentionally broad to allow flexibility across regions. The goal is for early identification to connect youth with care coordination and advocacy services. Feedback to consider probation officers as potential administrators of the screening tool. Clarify language and replace “psycho-social assessment” with “mental health assessment.” Emphasize availability of training resources to support implementation without overburdening staff.

IV. New Business:

- a. Education Focus Group Recommendations
 - I. Initial Recommendation: Implement Human Trafficking (HT) training for educators.
 - II. Update: DCFS has updated the mandatory reporter training to include HT training. The recommendation is for educators to complete the updated mandatory reporter training that includes HT content. Additional Recommendations include developing policies to support the identification of students experiencing exploitation, and providing three specific implementation methods for policy enactment. Create toolkits to guide educators on next steps when a student is identified as a potential victim of human trafficking.
 - III. Feedback to discuss the development of a screening tool in schools, potentially tied to mental health. Current guidance remains vague and would benefit from further development.

V. Other Business:

- a. The next Meeting date is October 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

- a. This meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



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Jennifer Best, LPC-S and Taylor Pillow, Esq.
Co-Chairs

Annalichia Boudreaux
Secretary

**Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory
Board Adult Sex Trafficking Subcommittee**

MINUTES

August, 21, 2025
1:00 PM - 3:00PM

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor North Dakota Room
1201 N Third St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order

- a. Michelle Johnson called this meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call

- a. The following members are present: Michelle Johnson, Kelley Hennessy Dickerson, Stephanie Wilkins, Rochelle Fahrig

III. Old Business:

- a. Review working groups research and recommendations
 - I. Adult MDT- To have law enforcement, care workers, all come together in collaboration to work on different cases.
 - WellSpring is starting a MDT with funding
 - JPHSA connecting
 - 17 and served up until 21 (youth advocacy services)
 - Eden scheduling tours for potential partners
 - Make a recommendation for a generic MDT.
 - II. Affirmative Defense- Amending section F of 1446. 2
 - MJ states we should keep the list
 - Judge states she this may need to be in another section in Title 14
 - Concerns that it will not be passed
- b. Custody Retention



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- I. Termination of Parental Rights- adding language to support trafficking survivors (6 months). What about private custody cases?
- II. 6 month period would not apply if there is suspicion of HT– put pressure to investigate

IV. New Business:

- a. Assign writers for report outlining the three subcommittee recommendations: Michelle Johnson

V. Other Business:

- a. The next meeting will be on October 16, 2025.
- b. October 3, 2025: Submit any recommendations to the Executive Committee for consideration by the Commission.

VI. Adjournment

- a. This meeting was adjourned at 2:21. Rochelle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Representative Dickerson.