



Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission

Approved Minutes

April 24, 2018

Louisiana State Police Headquarters Rm D

Member Attendees:

James Bueche, Jr. Ph.D.
Jody Forunato (Proxy for Amanda Calogero)
Alliece Cole
Bob Wertz (Proxy for Jim Craft)
Sefla Fuhrman
Sundee Winder (Proxy for Dr. Parham Jaberri)
Judge Joy Lobrano
Lisa Powell
Monica Taylor
Sec. Marketa Walters

Non members

Justin Berry
Tyler Bosworth
Carrie Dean
Chad Gremillion
Ashley Knezek
Natalie Laborde
Julie Olsen
Kate Shipley
Jon Tircult
Chelsea Thompson
Paul Young

Call To Order

Judge Joy Cossich Lobrano, Chair of the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and the roll was called. The approval of the minutes was moved to later in the agenda to await the presence of more members for voting.

Proxy Sign-in Sheet and Email

Chair, Judge Lobrano spoke regarding the statute on how the elected official designates a proxy.

- The elected official and commissioner member's named in the statute needs to designate one person.
- It does not allow for the proxy to designate another person, if they cannot attend a commission meeting.
- If the member or the proxy cannot attend, then the commission member needs to notify the Chair, if there will be another designee who will be attending the meeting.

Update: Regional Trafficking Summits

Children's Cabinet Executive Director, Dr. Dana Hunter, gave the Regional Trafficking Summits Update.

- Funding was given to go into each region of the State
- Facilitators from Amber Alert, the National Criminal Justice Training Center gave specific questions to participants of each region.
- There was sharing and collaboration at each summit
- Baton Rouge had over 60 participants
- Alexandria had over 45 participants
- Shreveport had over 70 participants
- Monroe had approximately 45 participants
- Houma had over 70 participants
- Hammond had approximately 119 participants
- New Orleans had 132 participants
- Lake Charles had 90 participants
- Lafayette had over 90 participants
- Each summit participants were given a forty item survey on how they perceived groups working together in their region and what they felt were the gaps.

Amber Alert will be providing our state with a comprehensive report which includes data analysis and a copulation of feedback from the summits. A draft is expected to be received by the end of May and a final version of the report by the end of June.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. James Bueche, Jr. motioned to approve the January 23, 2018 minutes and it was seconded by Natalie Lambert. All members were in agreement of the approval of the minutes.

Advisory Board Chair's Report

Chair, Lobrano, recognized the Human Trafficking Prevention Advisory Board Chair, Alliece Cole. They have been working on a committee structure for the commission and advisory board members to work together to develop one collaborative annual report.

Dr. Dana Hunter gave an update of the last Advisory Board Meeting as follows:

- The members divided into 4 subcommittees: John School, Prevention, Training and Policies, Hotels and Ordinances.
- Used the spectrum of prevention to discuss what they wanted to do in terms of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention.
- Discussed SB335 by Senator Beth Mizell.
- Discussed Federal legislation: Stop enabling Sex Trafficking Act.

Annual Report Template Presentation

Chair, Lobrano presented a template of the annual report that could be used by members as a framework. The template consisted of the following seven committees which will coincide with the seven sections of the annual report.

1. Sex Trafficking of Minors – Primary and Secondary Levels of Prevention
2. Sex Trafficking of Minors ; Tertiary Level of Prevention
3. Sex Trafficking of Adults – Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Levels of Prevention
4. Commercial Sex Trafficking Demand – Eradicating the Demand to Buy Humans for Sex
5. Hotel Industry and Sex Trafficking Prevention (will be amended to add transportation)
6. Healthcare Industry and Sex Trafficking Prevention
7. Labor Trafficking

The Chair gave the following information for members for their committee groups:

- If more data is needed than what the summits have provided, then the statute allows them to request data from different departments.
- One important aspect of implementing any type of prevention is showing the progress.
- Commission recommendations involve budget items-more funding for services are needed.
- Each committee will have its own spectrum of prevention grid chart.
- The Commission and Advisory Board have a drop box which will have the template for the annual report for collaborating.
- Chair, Lobrano would like for each committee chair to showcase, at some point, different programs that are working for their focus area.

Chair, Lobrano introduced Julie Olsen, who works with the Community Care Model of early intervention, a center which is set up in Plaquemine and St. Charles Parish. Ms. Olsen, Executive Director of the Care Center, explained how the care center began and how it works. They are recognized as the human service agency for Plaquemine Parish.

Approval of 2018 HTPC Annual Report Template & Committees

Chair, Lobrano advised that the annual report will be titled, “Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board;” and there will be an indication throughout the report that it was a joint effort. She stated that on page 1 of the template, VIII will be added to include Summit Report.

Monica Taylor motioned to approve the annual report template and committee structure; and it was seconded by Secretary Marketa Walters. All members were in favor of approving the template.

Committee Assignments

Chair, Lobrano advised members to sign up for one or more of the seven committees.

Other Business

Chair, Lobrano informed members of the Federal Administration for Children and Families, Region 6, working group for sex trafficking of minors in Texas, requested that she appoint a team of Louisiana workers. She's accepting members or referrals of those who may be interested in being a part of the workgroup.

Public Comments

No public comments

Motion to adjourn

Secretary Marketa Walters motioned to adjourn meeting and it was seconded by Dr. James Bueche, Jr.