

**Virtual Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, 19 November 2020**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Del Scruggs, Rich Gibson, Jay Prager, Sara Cochran, Donna Bauer, Dina Ward, Sara Smoley, Leslie Lampieri, Savanna Khoury, Lt. Eric Kruhm, Cheryl Mattis, Monica Krebs, Lisa Davis, Jessica Epps and Andrea Nunez.

**Members Absent:** Yolanda Sonnier, Alicia Altamirano, Chuck Chandler, Stephen Liggett Creel, Andrew Heiliger.

**Others in Attendance:** Leslie Petak, Susan Allen.

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

**1. MEETING OPEN**

- a. 1:00 pm; Rev. Del Scruggs, Vice Chair, Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council (HTPCC), opened the meeting by welcoming committee members. Rev. Del Scruggs led the meeting on behalf of Chair, Yolanda Sonnier, in her absence.

**2. Establishment of Quorum**

- a. The Roll was taken: Fifteen Committee members were in attendance. Rev. Del Scruggs declared the Committee was in quorum and brought the meeting to order.

**3. Consideration of the September 2020 Meeting Minutes**

- a. The committee tabled the 17 SEPTEMBER 2020 minutes for review at the next scheduled committee meeting in January.

**4. September- November Events and Old Business**

- a. January Human Trafficking Awareness Event: Rev. Del Scruggs led discussion to finalize plans for the January Human Trafficking Awareness Event. The council discussed the following event ideas: creating a basic video about Human Trafficking and current efforts of the HTPCC; hosting a virtual red sand event; and creating a video of male County leaders counteracting the demand for commercial sex/sex trafficking.

The council determined to move forward with the virtual red sand event. Participants will participate remotely by recording a video of their participation, including a short statement about human trafficking and the goals for the upcoming year. Andrea expressed support due to feasibility during the next two months. Andrea will order sand, which council members will need to safely pick up at the DCRS building during December or early January. Once members have the sand, they will go to a sidewalk in front of their house/place of their choice with friends and/or

family, and film their sand pouring and statements. Andrea will confirm details and update members with final instructions.

Andrea, Del Scruggs, Rich Gibson and Savanna Khoury, expressed support for creating a video of male County leaders counteracting demand for commercial sex/sex trafficking. However, it was agreed that the idea would not be ready in time for the January event. Furthermore, Andrea expressed she would like to engage with survivor consultant(s) on concept and script, as well as review with OVC grant manager if needed.

Monica Krebs shared nationally, there are some surveys on this concept, generally some support for this kind of messaging. Houston and King County (Seattle) have developed content with similar messaging.

#### **5. Announcements and Events of Importance**

- a. December 30: Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee, 10 am- 11am.
- b. January 21: Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council Full Meeting, 1:00pm – 2:30pm.
- c. January 19: Real Estate Committee, 10 am- 11:30am.

#### **6. Additional Items for Discussion**

- a. Donna Bauer asked about the panel with survivors which was discussed at the previous council meeting. Andrea expressed the committee should keep this in mind for the future and suggested in the meantime members take advantage of free online webinars with survivor leaders speaking.

Sara Cochran noted she listened to one recently and shared notes with Andrea.

#### **7. Next Coordination Council Meeting Date(s)**

- a. The next meeting of the Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council will be held January 21, 2021. The meeting will be virtual.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. The meeting concluded.

Minutes were drafted by: Briana Davis

Yolanda Sonnier  
Chair