

HTPCC Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES¹
Friday, 30 October 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Del Scruggs, Andrea Nunez, Cheryl Mattis and Sara Cochran.

Members Absent: Leslie Lampieri, Chuck Chandler, Suellen Siegel, Kathy Jordan.

Others in Attendance: Leslie Petak, Susan Allen, Daniel Kershner, Maggie Crook and Briana Davis.

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. MEETING OPEN

2. 10:00 am; Rev. Del Scruggs, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members.

3. Old Business

- a. Virtual Meet and Greet Event:** Rev. Del Scruggs shared the success of the Virtual Meet and Greet Event October 6, 2020. There was a total of twenty-eight attendees from various churches and congregations throughout Howard County. Rev. Scruggs thanked Andrea Nunez for her presentation and noted there was good dialogue.

Andrea Nunez shared the event led to a request to join a social justice committee at a local faith organization. Ms. Nunez in partnership with Lt. Eric Kruhm, HCPD, attended a meeting and engaged in a Q & A discussion with approximately 20 members.

4. New Business

- a. OVC Grant Terms Review:** Andrea Nunez shared a brief update to review key elements within the OVC Grant. One of the commitments specified in the grant is for further outreach and training throughout the county. Ms. Nunez also noted any promotional materials (i.e., videos, ads, fliers, etc.) may need prior approval by the OVC Grant Manager.
- b. National Human Trafficking Awareness Month:** Rev. Del Scruggs led discussion around planning for the upcoming Human Trafficking Awareness Month Event. Rev. Scruggs proposed the theme of, Human Trafficking and Safety/ Prevention in the Virtual Environment. Andrea Nunez spoke briefly about past events.

Cheryl Mattis recommended not planning any large in-person events due to COVID-19 and instead focusing on public awareness events/ campaigns, such as recreating the bus ads and using social media platforms to share information.

Maggie Crook proposed holding a virtual 5k event and potentially budgeting for event t-shirts.

Sara Cochran expressed interest in the red sand event that was done in years prior, noting that there were different ways to recreate the event. Ms. Cochran also proposed promoting the event/ campaign through the County Executives Newsletter in the December and January editions.

Andrea Nunez built on the idea of creating a video featuring committee members providing a brief overview of the event or overview of Human Trafficking. The video could also be a means to show the community the work the council has been doing virtually.

Briana Davis described the proposal of organizing a panel discussion with survivors of sex and labor trafficking alongside professionals in the county. The idea was originally introduced by Monica Krebs during the Legislative and Policy Committee meeting.

Daniel Kershner shared the idea to target younger males in an information campaign to overturn the way paying for sex is perceived in the "bro culture". Andrea Nunez expressed support and noted that it could be geared towards men of all ages.

5. Announcements and Events of Importance

- a. November 19: Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council Meeting, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

6. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. Andrea Nunez and Rev. Del Scruggs will coordinate a meeting with Jarrett Carter to discuss creating a promotional video for the January Human Trafficking Awareness Event.
- b. Leslie Petak will share AGAST PSA Flier with the committee once completed.
- c. Sara Cochran and Leslie Petak shared a book recommendation, *Facing the Truth* by Bill Hadley.

7. Next Committee Meeting Date(s)

- a. The next meeting of the HTPCC Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee is scheduled for December 30, 2020 from 10am – 11am. The meeting will be virtual.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting concluded.

Minutes were drafted by: Briana Davis

Rev. Del Scruggs

Chair

Notes:

- 1) The meeting was conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.