

HTPCC Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES¹
Wednesday, 30 June 2021

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Andrea Nunez, Nick Weikel, Cheryl Mattis, Mariam Imohi, Sara Cochran and Stephen Liggett-Creel.

Others in Attendance: Leslie Petak, Susan Allen, Kathy Jordan and Briana Davis.

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. MEETING OPEN

- a. 10:05 am; Nick Weikel, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members.

2. New Business

- a. UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: Nick Weikel, Chair, summarized key points from the June small group discussion for planning World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The small group decided to utilize social media to create individual posts of each council members hanging posters in the community. Each council member would post the picture on their personal social media account, which the county would share on Facebook.

Sara Cochran acknowledged that the United Nations (UN) website for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons has a social media package available that the council could utilize.

Andrea Nunez screen shared and reviewed the materials with the committee. The awareness materials appeared to be from previous years. The committee agreed to revisit to determine if updated materials were available for use. Sara Cochran noted contact information was listed on the UN website and suggested the committee could contact the organization directly.

Nick Weikel noted the 2021 Campaign theme is 'Voices of Survivors'. He addressed Mariam Imohi and inquired whether any survivors at HopeWorks were able to step into an advocate role with the Coordination Council. Mariam Imohi stated there were two survivors that potentially have interest in serving in an advocacy role in the future and noted HopeWorks is working towards developing opportunities for Survivor Leadership.

- b. Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Nick Weikel recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, noting the committee should start planning in advance. He opened for discussion of possible ideas.

Mariam Imohi noted HopeWorks would be more than willing to partner for community events. She expressed she would find out more information about any planned events and report back to the committee.

3. Old Business

- a. Requests for Speaking Engagement Opportunities: Nick Weikel reminded the committee to connect with personal contacts within the community to field requests for speaking engagements.

Andrea Nunez encouraged members to share contacts directly with her office to be added to the community partners spreadsheet for future engagements.

Andrea Nunez noted she is developing a standardized training that will be used for all future engagements. To meet the requirements specified under the OVC grant, the training must be approved, and any member presenting must have completed training prior (i.e., attended as an attendee, led mock training, etc.).

4. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. Two new positions under the grant- Corporal at Howard County Police Department and an Anti-Trafficking Case Manager at HopeWorks- have been filled.
- b. Sara Cochran shared that she attended the Survivors Panel discussion on June 15 which she found informational. She noted that some of the speakers were part of a previous event hosted by the council.

5. Announcements and Events of Importance

- a. July 15: Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council Full Meeting, 1:00pm – 2:30pm.
- b. July 22: Policy and Legislation Committee Meeting, 12:30pm- 1:30pm.

6. Next Committee Meeting Date(s)

- a. The next meeting of the HTPCC Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee is scheduled for August 27, 2021 from 10am – 11am. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format (i.e., in-person and virtual).

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 11:10 am; Nick Weikel concluded the meeting.

Minutes were drafted by: Briana Davis

Nick Weikel

Chair

Notes:

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