

HTPCC Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES
Friday, 25 February 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Andrea Nunez, Yolanda Sonnier, Sara Cochran, Stephen Liggett-Creel, Chuck Chandler and Mariana Izraelson.

Others in Attendance: Briana McNemar, Leslie Petak, Ovan Shortt and Claudia Allen.

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. MEETING OPEN

- a. 10:00 am; Andrea Nunez, called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members.

Andrea Nunez announced Nick Weikel is stepping down from his role as Committee Chair and opened discussion for next steps. Ovan Shortt expressed future interest in the role, but no other interest was expressed. Members purposed and supported Andrea Nunez and Briana McNemar act as Chair moving forward.

2. New Business

- a. April Sexual Assault Awareness Month Planning: Claudia Allen, HC Office of Human Rights and Equity, shared the Office is hosting a book discussion of *Believing* by Anita Hill, focused on gender-based violence. She purposed partnering with the HTPCC for the April 26, 2022, in-person event. She suggested OHTP attend and present briefly about sexual and gender-based violence as well as the overall work of the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention.

Andrea Nunez, with support from members, agreed to partner for the event.

- b. Other Spring Awareness Events/ Initiatives: Andrea Nunez prompted the committee to discuss possible awareness events for the spring.

Ovan Shortt shared there are currently 30 attendees registered for the March 2, 2022 Lunch and Learn for Howard County and Maryland Parks and Recreation staff. He hopes the event will lead to more active involvement/ partnerships within the Department. Ovan suggested a panel discussion focused on youth, leading into a walk with prominent county leaders, police, etc.

Yolanda Sonnier suggested partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department to display signage at park restrooms and other recreational facilities. Leslie Petak voiced support, noting the past AGAST Rest Stop Project, was successful and effective for raising public awareness.

3. Old Business

- a. Review of January Human Trafficking Awareness Month: Sara Cochran attended the January film screening and discussion, stating it was 'excellent'. She noted the event was well attended and shared good information. Looking ahead to next January, she suggested hosting another film screening or book discussion; mentioning the book *Girls Like Us* by Rachel Lloyd.

Ovan Shortt echoed Sara Cochran, sharing it was a great learning experience.

- b. HTPCC/ OHTP Annual 2022 Events Calendar: Andrea Nunez provided an update regarding additions to the Annual 2022 Events Calendar sharing newly scheduled events. The calendar will be updated monthly and shared with members regularly.

4. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. Mariana Izraelson inquired about incorporating the documentary, *Trafficked in America*, as part of their annual required staff trainings at Grassroots. Andrea Nunez and Yolanda Sonnier confirmed there would not be any issues regarding copyright and noted the documentary was available for public access on PBS Frontlines website. Andrea Nunez also recommend the free online UMSSW Human Trafficking 101 training.
- b. Reminder: By March 10, send Briana an interesting scholarly or news article or short report relating to labor law and/or labor trafficking to be discussed during the Full HTPCC Meeting.

5. Announcements and Events of Importance

- a. March 17: Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council Full Meeting, 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

6. Next Committee Meeting Date(s)

- a. The next meeting of the HTPCC Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee is scheduled for April 29, 2022, from 10am – 11:30 am. The meeting will be via WebEx.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 11:30 am; Andrea Nunez concluded the meeting.

Minutes were drafted by: Briana McNemar