

HTPCC Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES
Friday, 24 June 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Andrea Nunez, Stephen Liggett-Creel, Vinitha Nithianandam, Chuck Chandler and Dina Ward.

Others in Attendance: Briana McNemar, Leslie Petak, Geneva Rieu and Laura Willemin.

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. MEETING OPEN

- a. 10:00 am; Andrea Nunez, called the meeting to order and welcomed committee members and initiated brief introductions for new public attendees.

2. New Business

- a. July World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: In recognition of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, members are to post 1-2 flyers throughout the month of July. Members are encouraged to take pictures of themselves posting flyers in the community, if comfortable, to be shared on social media. Leslie Petak suggested OHTP provide print copies and push pins for members to pick up from the office.

Briana McNemar reminded members to complete the flyer distribution spreadsheet to track the locations and number of flyers distributed. If unable to complete the spreadsheet, send the information via email to Briana McNemar.

- b. Outreach: OHTP partnered with the Centro de los Derechos del Migrante (CDM), the longtime migrant worker rights-focused organization based in Baltimore and Mexico City, to conduct a pilot outreach initiative to seasonal workers throughout Howard County. In 3 separate outreach trips, CDM had first conversations outside the workplace with seasonal migrant workers and left materials for others. OHTP plans to continue these outreach efforts designed with a rights-based approach to reaching workers vulnerable to exploitation in our county.

Leslie Petak inquired about members donating items to the HTPCC/ OHTP for future outreach initiatives. Andrea Nunez noted the office would follow up to confirm.

- c. Upcoming Events: OHTP has scheduled several events and engagements for the fall.

- I. August 2, 2022: National Night Out, Long Reach High School, 6-9pm
- II. August 1-7, 2022: Howard County Fair – OHTP staff to assist with tabling outreach
- III. October 13, 2022: *Trafficked in America* film screening with open house in partnership with the East Columbia Branch Library, 5-9pm
- IV. November 19, 2022: Champions for Change Conference; two human trafficking focused breakout sessions will be offered.

4. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. Andrea Nunez offered members the opportunity to participate in small groups and/ or one on one in depth discussions with OHTP. Stephan Liggett-Creel expressed interest in coordinating training to build capacity among Department of Social Services' staff, foster parents and youth. Andrea Nunez noted she would connect with TurnAround to arrange formal training(s).
- b. Andrea Nunez provided an updated regarding staffing at TurnAround. The two grant funded positions are still vacant. Interviews are ongoing.
- c. Nick Weikel and Leslie Petak expressed interest in learning more about demand reduction. OHTP will provide literature about the demand perspective and will include on the next meeting agenda.

5. Announcements and Events of Importance

- a. August 26: HTPCC Training, Outreach and Partnerships Committee, 10-11:30 am.
- b. September 8: Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council Full Meeting, 1:30pm – 3:00pm.

6. Next Committee Meeting Date(s)

- a. The next meeting of the HTPCC Training Outreach and Partnerships Committee is scheduled for August 26, 2022, from 10am – 11:30 am. The meeting will be virtual.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 11:00 am; Andrea Nunez concluded the meeting.

Minutes were drafted by: Briana McNemar