



Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council (HTPCC)

Meeting Minutes¹

Thursday, 19 May 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:

X	Yolanda Sonnier		Dina Ward (Proxy)		Tania Araya (Proxy)
X	Jon Steuernagle	X	Stephen Liggett-Creel		Monica Krebs
X	Jackie Scott		<i>Health Department Rep.</i>	X	Sara Cochran
X	Cheryl Mattis (Proxy)		Jessica Obiageli Epps	X	Andrew Heilinger
X	Rich Gibson		Lauren Blake		Vinitha Nithianandam
	Jennifer Ritter (Proxy)	X	Jena Britton		Alicia Altamirano
X	Tami Bulla (Proxy)	X	Mariana Izraelson		Christina J. Bostick
	Lt. Eric Kruhm (Proxy)	X	Rachel Sye	X	Chuck Chandler

Others in Attendance:

X	Andrea Nunez (TF Coordinator)	X	Kalle James-Wintjen
X	Briana McNemar	X	Andrew Schlossnagle
X	Leslie Petak	X	Kathy Jordan
X	Nick Weikel		

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. MEETING OPEN

a. 1:00 pm; Yolanda Sonnier, Chair, Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council (HTPCC), welcomed committee members to the first hybrid meeting. Introductions were made for members attending in-person and those joining via Web-Ex.

2. Establishment of Quorum

a. The Roll was taken: Twelve Committee members were in attendance. Yolanda Sonnier declared the Committee was in quorum and brought the meeting to order.

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

a. Ms. Sonnier entered the 17 March 2022 Committee minutes and opened for discussion. Rich Gibson motioned to accept the minutes as written. Stephen Liggett-Creel seconded the motion. A voice vote of official members was taken and approved without opposition or abstentions.

4. Review Member Expectations

a. Yolanda Sonnier and Andrea Nunez led discussion of *HTPCC Member Expectations*. Committee members provided feedback.

5. Presentation: OVC Performance Report Summary

- a. Briana McNemar and Andrea Nunez presented a summary of the OVC Performance Report for the period of April 1, 2021- March 31, 2022. (See attachment A.)

6. TOP Committee Updates

- a. July 30th World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: The TOP committee agreed to post fliers at establishments throughout the county. It was recommended members track the locations where they visited and/ or posted fliers for data collection purposes and to inform future initiatives. Fliers are translated in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean and available through the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention.
- b. Other Events/ Initiatives: Andrea Nunez shared additional events discussed such as partnering with the library system to offer another screening and discussion of the documentary, *Trafficked in America*. Briana McNemar suggested pairing the event with an open house prior to the start of the film screening. Yolanda Sonnier recommended identifying other fall festivals and/or events that are scheduled and setting up a table.

7. Announcements and Events of Importance

- a. June 24: Training, Outreach and Partnerships Committee, 10 am- 11:30 am (*hybrid*).
- b. **CANCELLED**: July 21: Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council Full Meeting
- c. August 26: Training, Outreach and Partnerships Committee, 10 am- 11:30 am (*hybrid*).
- d. September 8: Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council Full Meeting, 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

8. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. Sara Cochran noted the announcement on the OHTP website detailing the new partnership with TurnAround. Yolanda Sonnier recommended adding the partnership announcement to the main county webpage.
- b. Members agreed to continue offering hybrid meetings as it allows more flexibility and makes it easier to attend.
- c. Reminder: To schedule at least 1 useful meeting, short community appearance or longer presentation on human trafficking per calendar year.

9. Next Coordination Council Meeting Date(s)

- a. The July 21, 2022, meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council will be held September 8, 2022. The meeting will be in-person with the option to join virtually via WebEx.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. 2:30 pm; Yolanda Sonnier closed the meeting and directed the Council to stand in adjournment until September 8, 2022.



Minutes were drafted by: Briana McNemar

Yolanda Sonnier
Chair

Notes:

- 1) The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format.

Attachments:

- A) Presentation: OVC Performance Report Summary: April 1, 2021- March 31, 2022



ATTACHMENT A

Presentation:

OVC Performance Report Summary: April 1, 2021- March 31, 2022

19 May 2022



HCPD VICE AND NARCOTICS UNIT, HUMAN TRAFFICKING SECTION:

Total Ongoing Sex Trafficking Investigations: 6

New Investigations: 5

- Sex Trafficking: 4
- Labor Trafficking: 1
- Sex AND Labor Trafficking: 0

New Arrests: 1 (sex)

Potential Victims Identified: 8 (all offered services)

* Reporting period: January 1 -March 31, 2022

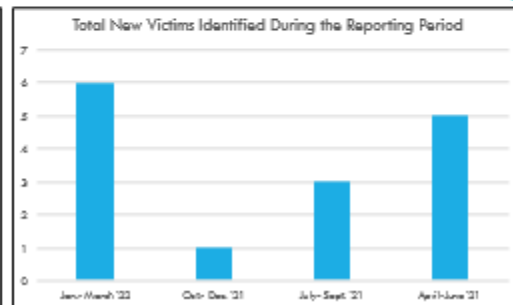
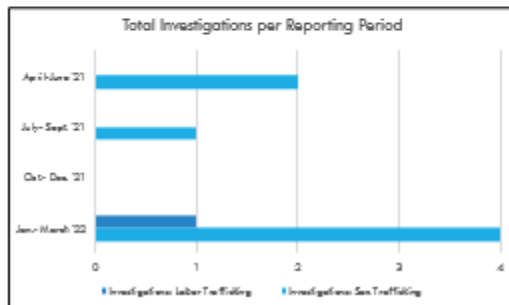
HCPD DATA: APRIL 1, 2021- MARCH 31, 2022

Total Sex Trafficking Investigations **7**

Total Labor Trafficking Investigations **1**

Total Arrests **2**

Total Victims Identified **15**



TURNAROUND:

Total Confirmed and Potential Victims of Sex Trafficking who received services during the reporting period: **4**

• NEW Confirmed and Potential Victims of Sex Trafficking: **1**

New Confirmed and Potential Victims of Labor Trafficking: **0**

New Confirmed Potential Victims of Sex AND Labor Trafficking: **0**

Eligible Family Members Receiving Services: **1**

* Reporting period: January 1 -March 31, 2022

1 Safety Planning

3 Case Management

1 Emergency Financial Assistance

2 Transportation Assistance

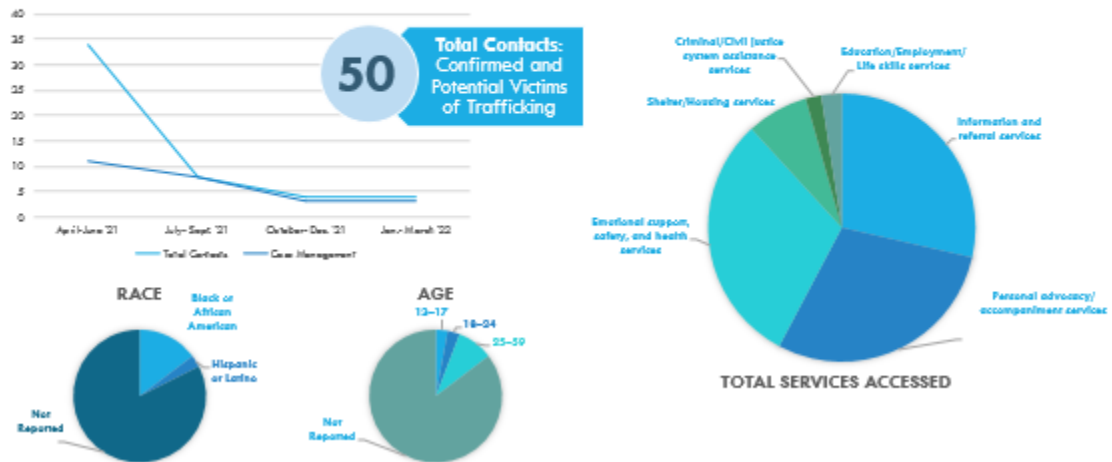
1 Emergency Shelter

3 Relocation Assistance

1 Rental Assistance

SERVICES PROVIDED (AT TURNAROUND)

VICTIM SERVICES DATA (HOPEWORKS AND TURNAROUND): APRIL 1, 2021-MARCH 31, 2022



OHTP PUBLIC AND/OR PARTNER SPECIFIC SITUATIONAL TIPS RECEIVED



Five were credible, specific tips regarding possible present or past sex trafficking situations, all referred appropriately to HCPD Vice and Narcotics Unit, our interim HCPD Regional Navigator and TurnAround.

One was first ever local worker that CASA and OHTP facilitated making a phone complaint with the US Department of Labor's Wage and Hour division.