



**Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council (HTPCC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, 17 November 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:**

X	Yolanda Sonnier	X	Dina Ward (Proxy)	X	Tania Araya (Proxy)
X	Jon Steuernagle		Stephen Liggett-Creel	X	Monica Krebs
X	Jackie Scott	X	Robin Adams (proxy)	X	Sara Cochran
X	Cheryl Mattis (Proxy)	X	Jessica Obiageli Epps		Andrew Heilinger
	Rich Gibson	X	Lauren Blake		Vinitha Nithianandam
X	Jennifer Ritter (Proxy)		Jena Britton	X	Alicia Altamirano
X	Dawn Tinker (Proxy)	X	Mariana Izraelson		Christina J. Bostick
X	Lt. Eric Kruhm (Proxy)		Rachel Sye		Chuck Chandler

**Others in Attendance:**

X	Andrea Nunez (TF Coordinator)	X	Alex Vandress
X	Briana McNemar	X	Stephanie Gonzalez
X	Leslie Petak	X	Atar Stav
X	Nick Weikel	X	DFC James-Wintjen
X	Lauryn Reynolds	X	Heather Heiman
X	Jessica Emerson		

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

**1. MEETING OPEN**

- a. 1:00 pm; Yolanda Sonnier, Chair, Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council (HTPCC), welcomed committee members and introduced Stephanie Gonzalez, Program Manager for TurnAround.

**2. Establishment of Quorum**

- a. The Roll was taken: Fifteen 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 08 September 2022 Committee minutes and opened for discussion. Jessica Epps motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jennifer Ritter seconded the motion. A voice vote of official members was taken and approved without opposition or abstentions.

**4. Election**

- a. An official election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair were held in accordance with the HTPCC bylaws. Current Vice Chair, Jon Steuernagle, expressed interest in the Chair position and was unopposed. Alicia Altamirano self-nominated for the position of Vice Chair with no additional



nominations. Appointed members privately submitted votes to Andrea Nunez. Votes were counted; 10 yes votes for chair and vice chair nominees. Jon Steuernagle, Chair and Alicia Altamirano, Vice-Chair will begin in their respective roles effective January 1, 2023.

**5. Presentations:**

- a. HCPD Case Review: HCPD Detectives presented a case study on Familial Trafficking.
- b. Criminal Record Relief for Survivors of Human Trafficking: Jessica Emerson, LMSW, Esq. and Heather Heiman, Esq. with the Human Trafficking Prevention Project provided an overview of the program and services offered for victims of human trafficking.

**7. Announcements and Events of Importance**

- a. January: Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- b. January 19: HTPCC Full Meeting, 1:00pm – 2:30pm (*hybrid*)
- c. TOP Meeting, TBD (Virtual)

**8. Additional Items for Discussion**

- a. Nick Weikel thanked Yolanda Sonnier for her leadership. Yolanda in turn thanked the full council for their support.

**9. Next Coordination Council Meeting Date(s)**

- a. The next meeting of the Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council will be held January 19, 2023. The meeting will be in-person with the option to join virtually via WebEx.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. 2:37 pm; Yolanda Sonnier closed the meeting and directed the Council to stand in adjournment until January 19, 2023.

Minutes were drafted by: Briana McNemar

Yolanda Sonnier  
Chair