

Meeting: Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council

Date: June 22, 2020, 2pm by video and phone webex

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Attendees:

- Members: Jackie Scott and Cheryl Mattis (DCRS), Jay Prager (Dept of Health), Lt. Eric Kruhm and Dave Francis (Howard Co Police), Rich Gibson and Jennifer Ritter (Howard Co State's Attorney's Office), Dina Ward (Howard County Sheriff's Office), Yolanda Sonnier (Howard County Office of Human Rights), Stephen Liggett Creel (Howard County Dept of Social Services), Sara Smoley (Grassroots Crisis Intervention), Savannah Khoury (HopeWorks), Rev. Delavago Scruggs, Leslie Lampieri and Jon Steurnagle (Howard County General Hospital/Hopkins), Jessica Epps (Howard County Commission for Women), Andrew Heiliger, Chuck Chandler, Monica Krebs, Sara Cochran (total official voting members: 20)
- Other attendees: Susan Ritter (US DHS/HSI), Tom Stack (Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative), Kathy Jordan, Leslie Petak, Cathy Leimenstoll (AGAST), Bob Ford (Howard County Human Rights Commission), Suellen Siegel, Briana Davis (DCRS OCF)

Minutes:

- Office of Human Trafficking Prevention Manager Andrea Nunez called meeting to order, welcomed virtual attendees to the first official meeting of Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council since legislation passed establishing it as permanent advisory body to the Howard County Executive and County Council.
- All official members introduced themselves as well as regional partners Susan Ritter from US DHS' Homeland Security Investigations and Tom Stack from the Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative.
- Savannah Khoury from HopeWorks noted they are looking for a new anti-trafficking department director. Andrea said she'd share the job description via email with all on the call for sharing within their networks.
- Andrea reviewed some of her work to date and key points in the draft Rules of Procedure for the HTPCC, which were circulated in advance to all members, including the option for virtual or call-in attendance as needed.
- State's Attorney Gibson asked for clarity on sending representatives to meetings on his/his office's behalf. Andrea Nunez will confirm with Howard County Office of Law DCRS attorney and report back.
- Sara Cochran asked for clarification re term lengths, which Cheryl Mattis and Andrea will get and report back.
- Andrea advised members to consider running for Chair and Vice-Chair, to email her with interest with the hope of holding an election at the next meeting.
- Andrea suggested forming issue-focused committees to drive work forward around people's interests.

- Andrea described the already existing workgroup focused on real estate professional training on trafficking and relationships with local landlords geared at more successful survivor housing rentals in partnership with HopeWorks.
  - Rev. Del Scruggs suggested a committee focused on faith based partnerships and partnerships broadly. Monica Krebs also expressed interest in work generally focused on partnerships.
  - Leslie Lampieri and Jon Steurnagle expressed interest in a medical/hospital focused committee
  - Andrew Heiliger expressed interest in a committee focused on fire personnel training
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- Concluding the meeting, Andrea promised to promptly:
    - circulate a Doodle poll to determine the best possible standing monthly meeting date for members.
    - Confirm every members' term length and circulate a complete roster of members with term lengths and contact information noted. She also advised that all members would have their names published to the Coordination Council website (without individual contact information).
    - Share pictures of the human trafficking awareness bus campaign that ran earlier this year.