



HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2022 | 2-4:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introduction by HTI – Jennifer Rausch
 - a. Jen Rausch announced the 2021 Human Trafficking Annual Report has been published and is available on the Attorney General’s website. The reporting numbers listed in the report are only pulled from OHLEG where law enforcement agencies report their human trafficking statistics. The numbers do not include service provider data.
 - b. The Ohio Attorney General’s Communication and Publication team has been working on the branding for the *Formal Report on Data Collection Practices and Findings on Human Trafficking in Ohio* created by the Research/Gap and Data Analysis Subcommittee and the *Policy and Procedure Clinical Management of Human Trafficking Patients and/or Those at Risk for Exploitation* created by the Healthcare Subcommittee and Ambassadors Stephanie Rollins, Annette Mango and Harold D’Souza. These reports are officially live under the [Commission Publications](#) tab on our website. Meeting minutes from the past Human Trafficking Commission quarterly meetings are also under the [Meeting Minutes](#) tab on the HTI website.
 - c. The compensation fund for the Ambassadors will live on through 2022. The OAG Finance section is still processing invoices from the 2022 Human Trafficking Summit. Once all of the deposits are made and payments are sent to the vendors, the final number left will go towards the compensation fund. Jen Rausch thanked everyone for their patience and assured this is a top priority matter.
2. Advisory Council Ambassadors Updates
 - a. Stephanie Rollins is excited about the healthcare policy being published on the Attorney General’s website.
 - b. Annette Mango is concerned about employment for survivors and asked the Commission to let her know if anyone knows of opportunities.
3. Subcommittee Updates and Introduction of New Chairs – Group
 - a. Healthcare – Heather Wilde
 - i. Heather Wilde is the new Healthcare subcommittee chair.

- ii. The subcommittee is waiting for the AG Publications team to finish the rest of the branding for their healthcare documents.
- iii. Harold D'Souza is partnering with the group to focus on labor trafficking identification in hospitals.
- iv. The group is also working on creating red flags to go on a healthcare professionals ID badge to assist with identification.
- v. They are working with Ohio State Medical School to provide simulations for their med school. The group is also assisting the Central Ohio Reach and Restore Coalition update their healthcare recommendations.

b. Law Enforcement – Matt Hilbert

- i. Matt Hilbert and JP Rigaud are the new co-chairs for the Law Enforcement subcommittee. They are still working with their law enforcement partners to set-up a time to meet and invite other individuals to join. Currently, the subcommittee has representation from local, state and federal law enforcement. This includes the FBI, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and all 6 Human Trafficking Task Forces who operate under the Attorney General's umbrella.
- ii. The Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force is working with OhioHealth on a screening tool. They have trained over 200 law enforcement officers and firefighters this past year and Sergeant Hess will be hosting a symposium for all task force members.
- iii. The Mahoning Valley Human Trafficking Task Force has been partnering with the new specialty docket called GRACE Court.
- iv. Hamilton County Sheriff's office is operating a new Human Trafficking Task Force.
- v. The Miami Valley Human Trafficking Task Force conducted a sting operation during the NCAA tournament and the Cuyahoga County Human Trafficking Task Force conducted a sting operation during the MLB All-Star game in Cleveland.
- vi. John Morgan, Commander for the Cuyahoga County Human Trafficking Task Force taught an advanced Human Trafficking course with Jen and Jomel at OPOTA. John suggested coordinating with the Richfield OPOTA office to bring the same training up there so more local law enforcement in their area could attend. Jen stated they would reach out to OPOTA.

- vii. This fall, OOCIC is hoping to provide law enforcement agencies across Ohio a free specific training on human trafficking.

c. Victim Services – Kelli Cary and Michelle Hannan

- i. The subcommittee went over their 2022 goals and decided to roll most of them over from the previous year.
- ii. They have two Qualtrics experts assisting with the technical difficulties of the service standard self-assessment. In the meantime, they would like the group to share their subcommittee is available to meet with coalitions or organizations who take the self-assessment by paper to provide consultation and technical assistance.
- iii. In 2022 they will continue to focus on labor trafficking and hope to create a labor trafficking focus group.
- iv. They are looking to partner with other subcommittees, specifically Data and Public Awareness to work collaboratively.
- v. The Cincinnati and Columbus Salvation Army will be conducting focus groups this coming year with those who have lived experience with labor trafficking. They will be compensated and they are hoping to work with individuals from different parts of Ohio.

d. Demand Reduction – Tony Talbott

- i. There are 10 active members on the subcommittee and they are continuing to meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 PM.
- ii. At their last meeting they decided their action items for 2022 would be to look deeper into labor trafficking and sex trafficking demand reduction outside of the regular sex buyer programs.
- iii. The group will review existing anti-human trafficking training materials instead of reinventing the wheel. They are starting to review the She Has A Name labor trafficking and demand reduction materials and will make comments and suggest edits if needed.
- iv. The group will also be creating 3-5 slides about demand reduction that any coalition or service organization can use in their training materials.
- v. This summer they hope to provide an advanced Demand Reduction webinar sponsored by the AG's office as a follow up to the first webinar they produced.

- vi. The group will review the white paper produced by the prior Demand Reduction subcommittee. The goal is to expand and add policy recommendations.
- e. Public Awareness – Lara Wilken and Rosa Beltré
- i. Lara Wilken and Rosa Beltré are the new co-chairs for the Public Awareness subcommittee replacing the temporary chair, Bri Combs. Lara and Rosa are grateful for all the assistance Bri has provided to the subcommittee. Rosa stated the subcommittee would like to be of service to other subcommittees and is looking forward to meeting with the different chairs.
 - ii. In the 2022 calendar year their subcommittee will revamp the original public awareness guide and it will include new definitions, gender inclusive and culturally appropriate language and labor trafficking materials.
 - iii. Lara stated the subcommittee will give shared governance with different experts in the field to have any materials produced by the subcommittee peer reviewed.
 - iv. The subcommittee needs a survivor voice to guide their work to ensure they are staying informed by those with lived experience.
- f. Research, Data and Gap Analysis – Kirsti Mouncey and Jennifer Taber
- i. Kirsti Mouncey and Jennifer Taber are now leading the Research, Data and Gap Analysis subcommittee. They will continue to make data recommendations based on the 2019 Human Trafficking Prevalence study and will promote the Appalachia Vulnerability study.
 - ii. For the 2022 calendar year the subcommittee will look to see how service providers can best share and collect data. They would like to create a best practice for data collection and the subsets of data agencies should record. Jen Taber stated they need to capture research that is siloed at the direct service level. She also stated the subcommittee would produce a manual of data needs and resources.
 - iii. The following areas are the critical issues of data the subcommittee will focus on: forced gang control, familial trafficking, LGBTQ populations, unidentified minors and/or runaway youth and labor trafficking.
- g. Legal and Legislative – Samantha Salamon and Senator Fedor
- i. Samantha Salamon and Senator Fedor were not able to attend the meeting, but Ohio Attorney General Legislative Director Katie Blankemeyer spoke for the subcommittee and provided a Legislative update. She stated House

Bill 390, *Require sex assault exam kits for trafficking in persons cases* and House Bill 276, *Prohibit receiving proceeds of prostitution* had officially passed through the House and will now move to the Senate for review. They are working to expand the language of House Bill 427, *Prohibit manipulation of controlled substance addiction*. The subcommittee is looking for sponsor testimony for the expungement bill.

- ii. Chelsea Golterman, legislative aid for Senator Fedor joined the meeting and reiterated the legislative updates and also emphasized the need for sponsor testimony for the expungement bill. The subcommittee continues to meet once a month. The subcommittee's last meeting was the most productive yet.
- iii. Michelle Hannan asked for clarification on the Receiving Proceeds bill as some members of the Central Ohio Reach and Restore Coalition had concerns. Katie stated they have specific language that would not allow stacking of charges and it only applies to someone criminally who "knowingly" accepts money from a trafficker. 49 other states already have this bill written into law and Katie is currently reviewing the language within each state to mirror Ohio's bill similar to what other states have done.

4. General HTI updates –Jomel Aird

a. John School Fund Applications

- i. Jomel Aird stated the deadline for John School Fund applications has been extended to April 29th. The applications will be considered from counties with a population size of more than 100,000 people. The program must partner with the court system and utilize the [Ohio Attorney General's John School: Sex Buyer Education Guide](#).
- b. The HTI team will schedule a meeting with all the subcommittee chairs to discuss subcommittee work over the next year and to introduce the new chairs to one another.
- c. Subcommittees are encouraged to utilize the ambassadors and reach out for their input.
- d. Jen and Jomel will be presenting a human trafficking case study at the Two Days in May conference. The cost of registration is \$125. You can sign up [here](#).

5. Upcoming Trainings and Developments – Group

- a. Stephanie Rollins has started to train with My Sisters Keepers and has trained 360 girls so far.

- b. CNN International featured Tony Talbott and University of Dayton's STOP anti-trafficking education prevention program. The video is linked [here](#).
 - c. Kelli Cary stated the Summit County Human Trafficking Task Force has expanded to cover Stark, Medina, Portage and Summit counties.
 - d. OAESV is sponsoring 10 individuals for the Two Days in May program. If the application is approved, the individuals will need to register and not pay, then the AG's office will invoice OAESV. Please reach out to rbeltre@oaesv.org if you have any questions.
 - e. Jen Rausch stated Commission members are encouraged to let the HTI team know if they would like to present material or provide a training at the large Commission meetings.
6. In attendance: Jen Rausch, Jomel Spurlock, Emily Billman, Gwen England, Hannah Estabrook, Christi Bartman, Lara Wilken, Heather Wilde, Michelle Hannan, Kelli Cary, Maria Busch, Veronica Scherbauer, Rebekkah O'Bryan, Joella Franzen (Representative White Legislative Aide), Stephanie Rollins, Annette Mango, Mandi Matthews, Karla Trammell, Matt Hilbert, Kirsti Mouncey, Jennifer Taber, Rosa Beltré, Naima Ilmi, Tony Talbott, Megan Mattimoe, Chelsea Golterman, Devionne Camara (Representative Ingram Legislative Aide), Ruth Elendu, Kathryn Taylor, Heidi Carr, John Morgan, Sgt. Dana Hess, Amy LaGessee, Seth Boughton, Chelsea Gaffey, Katie Congrove, Emily Czerniejewski, Brittany Reyes, Adi Niese (Representative Richardson Legislative Aide)