



HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2023 | 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introduction – Linda Majeska Powers
 - i. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Linda Majeska Powers urged subcommittee chairs to review and update (as needed) their 2023 subcommittee goals.
 - i. Discussed creating a subcommittee chair/co-chair agreement in order to have clear expectations and guidance for existing and new chairs. Document would be created with chair input.
 - ii. Discussed a luncheon meeting for chairs to meet and talk about projects that may touch multiple subcommittees.
3. Linda Majeska Powers discussed new Advisory Council members as current Ambassador terms are ending.
 - i. Nominations for new Ambassadors have closed, and a new team of Ambassadors will be on board in July 2023.
 - ii. Extended terms of three Ambassadors so they can mentor new Ambassadors.
 - iii. Discussed creation of safety plan for Ambassadors.
4. Advisory Council Ambassadors Updates
 - i. There were no updates from Ambassadors.
5. Subcommittee Updates
 - i. Law Enforcement Subcommittee – Matt Hilbert
 - a. Discussions regarding the May 12 operation in North Olmsted. Ten arrests.
 - b. Reviewed existing goal of increasing training and operation opportunities and will be creating new goals for coming year.
 - ii. Victims Services Subcommittee – Rebekkah O’Bryan
 - a. Primary goals at this time:
 1. Opening the standard survey on a quarterly basis. Tentative open date for next survey is 7/09 – 8/06.

2. Working with the OAG team to develop the Human Trafficking Victim Services Matrix for early production.
 3. Updating child sex trafficking protocol
- iii. Demand Reduction – Tony Talbott
 - a. Discussions about concept of demand reduction, the benefits, misuse of demand reduction, what does demand reduction mean or look like for both sex and labor trafficking, reviewed materials from programs and gave feedback and collecting resources internationally, nationally and locally on demand reduction.
 - b. The subcommittee has created a six module/slides on demand reduction that can be shared and plugged into any presentation. Draft sent to HTI for potential additions and revisions.
 - c. The white paper on demand from the previous administration is currently being updated and will be ready in 2023.
- iv. Public Awareness – Lara Wilken
 - a. The subcommittee completed its first project, Best Practices HT 101 Training Guide. It had seven peer reviews and a survivor-informed review. Victim Services Subcommittee chair and Demand Reduction Subcommittee chair also reviewed it. Training guide sent to HTI for revisions and additions before publication.
 - b. Goals at this time:
 1. Create a best practices HT 101 training guide specific for youth presentations.
 2. Create awareness flyer for communities to place in bathrooms with tear-offs that include local number for victims to call for help.
- v. Research, Data & Gap Analysis – Jennifer Taber and Kirsti Mouncey
 - a. Goal is to continue to promote the recommendations established in the 2019 prevalence study and the 2021/2022 Formal Report on Data Collection Practices and Findings on Human Trafficking in Ohio created by this subcommittee. These recommendations will greatly impact the data being collected. Pilot Project with University of Toledo is moving ahead with the appointment of a project supervisor. MOUs are being developed, and Ambassador survivors have been contacted for sampling.

- vi. Legal and Legislative – Samantha Salamon
 - i. Subcommittee is currently reviewing the expungement bill.
 - ii. Working with Healthcare subcommittee to see what is needed legislatively to improve healthcare response to trafficking.
 - iii. Next meeting will be in July.
- vii. Healthcare Subcommittee – Lara Wilken (for Heather Wilde)
 - i. Discussed update on two filmed scenarios for healthcare education (survivor at the hospital for labor and delivery, familial trafficking with minor victim presenting at healthcare facility) and working with the publications department at the OAG. Discussion and pause points being built into the educational video. Debrief guide will also be created. Subcommittee’s goal is to create two more educational videos (labor trafficking and EMS)

6. General HTI updates – Linda Majeska Powers

- i. HTI staffing positions for the unit.

7. In attendance: Linda Majeska Powers, Katie Blankemeyer, Michelle Hannan, Christi Bartman, Maria Busch, Veronica Scherbauer, Rebekkah O'Bryan, Joella Franzen, Tara Alston, Tony Talbott, Lara Wilken, Annette Mango, Bill Cranston, Crystal Rankin, Kirsti Mouncey, Jennifer Taber, Maggie Kane, Emily Dunlap, Cynthia VanCleve, Jennifer Riley-Himes, Chelsea Gaffey Erin Meyer, Jill Jackson, Kathy Chen, Representative White, Larry Henderhan, Carolyn Bevins, Jill Gorz, Amy Lagesse, Larry McCoy, Matt Hilbert, Viann Barnnet, Ruth Downing, Samantha Salamon, Steve Irwin, Seth Boughton, Ryan Emahiser, Chassidy Barham, Stephanie Rollins, Lara Wilken, Catie Cleveland, Julia Wike, Chelsea Gaffney, Celia Williamson, Heidi Carr, Kristina Nicholson, James Chandler,