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Human Trafficking Commission

Meeting Minutes

150 E. Gay St., 18th Floor

Columbus, Ohio 43215

July 27, 2015

2pm-4pm

In Attendance:

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine
Veronica Scherbauer – AGO
Amy O’Grady – AGO
Crystal Lybarger – Foundations for Living
Matt Hilbert – AGO
Gene Jarvi – Ohio Department of Public Safety
Brett Bogan – Lexis Nexis
Leah Curtis – Ohio Farm Bureau
Tom Liutkus – Travel Centers of America
Larry McCoy – AGO, BCI
Ryan Chrysler – Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force
Christa Luttmann – AGO
Cazzie Reyes – Freedom Center
Steve Overholser – AGO
Maria Marballi – Ohio Department of Public Safety
Heidi Lenzo – Be Free Dayton
Brandon Feller – United Way Delaware Co.
Sherri Garner Brumbaugh – Garner Trucking Inc.
Jim Newsome – Garner Trucking Inc.
Paige Thomas – Huntington National Bank
Jeff Barrows – Gracehaven
Ryan Scheiderer – AGO, BCI
Sue Pohler
Matt Raile – Huntington National Bank
Timothy Jadlot-Roe – Ohio United Way
Jill Jackson – Ohio Department of Education
Danny Eldredge – Hannah News

Hannah Marburger – Amethyst Inc.
Kelsie Johnson – She Has A Name Cleaning Services
Ty Sindledecker – Hilton Columbus Downtown
Julia Hansen – Hilton Columbus Downtown
Bradley D’Sa
Nanci Craig – Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services
Andrea Lewis – Ohio Latino Affairs Commission
Amanda Eason – United Way of Hocking Co.
John Rush – She Has A Name Cleaning Services
Lili Reitz – Ohio State Dental Board
Paris Miller – Yellow Cab of Columbus
Michelle Hannan – The Salvation Army, Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition
Kenny Sipes – The Roosevelt Coffee House
Kayla Atchison – Ohio Right to Life
Bhumika Patel – The Salvation Army, End Slavery Cincinnati
Ashley Moore – AGO
Rocky Nelson – AGO
Brande Urban – United Way of Delaware Co.
Claire Childers – Ohio House of Rep.
Julie Carr Smyth (Media) – Associated Press
Matthew Mott – Foundations for Living
Tabitha Woodruff – Salvation Army
Shawyne Medley – student
Marcus Rota (Media) – Gongwer News
Andy Chow – Ohio Public Radio
Jennifer Brooks – MGF Sourcing
Ketorah Schroederk – CATCH Court
Kizzy Williams – RISE
Savalas Kidd –BCI
K.C. Minnie – Homeland Security Investigations
Brant Cook – BCI
Debra Seltzer – Ohio Department of Health

On the phone/via teleconference:

Michelle Gillcrist – AGO
Ashley Wickerman – University of Toledo
Amy Deverson Roberts – Ohio Network of Child Advocacy Centers
Erin Meyer – The Salvation Army

- I. Welcome—Attorney General Mike DeWine.
 - A. Thanked the regional coalitions.
 - B. Talked about how awareness and training are his top priorities.
 - C. Gave statistics from his Ohio Organized Crime Commission from 2014.
 - 1. 149 HT tips
 - 2. 17 victims rescued
 - 3. 84 services
 - 4. 26 indictments
 - 5. 7 convictions
 - D. Gave numbers for OPOTA trainings.
 - 1. 5,000 officers trained last year.
 - E. Emphasized talking to business leaders about the issue.
- II. Sgt. Ryan Chrysler from OCIC, Central Ohio Org. Crime HT Task Force—Update/Powerpoint Presentation.
 - A. Task Force brings a new approach to HT: rescue vs. arrest (take care of the victims first, go after the perpetrator second).
 - B. Chicago method—work with prosecutors, medical resources, many other community resources; Salvation Army is huge.
 - C. Task Force includes Columbus PD, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security Investigations, Ohio Highway Patrol, Powell PD, the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, as well as full-time investigators and a full-time victim advocate.
 - D. Why Task Force?
 - 1. General LE focus not tailored to what the Task Force does; most Ohio LE agencies don't have a specific vice/HT unit.
 - 2. Meets need for the multi-jurisdictional cases.
 - E. Many HT investigations start with local crime (like shoplifting, theft, traffic violations).
 - F. Pros of using multiple organizations: share resources, data personnel.
 - G. Went over goals/missions of the Task Force.
 - H. Resources Salvation Army provides for victim:
 - 1. Health checkups
 - 2. Safe houses
 - 3. Clothes
 - 4. GED
 - 5. Dental
 - 6. Counseling
 - 7. Interpreters
 - 8. Reunions of family
 - I. Task Force started Fall of 2011.
 - 1. 2012 tips: 71

- 2. 2013 tips: 124
 - 3. 2014 tips: 150
 - 4. 2015 tips so far: 100+
- J. Majority of investigations take 4-18 months.
- K. Complex—multiple victims, suspects, crimes.
- L. Ended with recounting recent cases that have been in the news.
- III. Introductions.
 - A. Veronica commented on all the different sectors represented—many members of the private business community.
 - B. Went around the room for introductions.
- IV. Tom Liutkus, VP of Marketing and Public Relations for Travel Centers of America—Powerpoint Presentation.
 - A. About company.
 - 1. Westlake HQ.
 - 2. 255 travel centers in 44 states.
 - B. Company joined Truckers against Trafficking (TAT) in July 2011.
 - 1. Trained all employees to identify trafficking victims.
 - 2. Posted TAT materials for professional drivers where they are (truckers are already trained to be observant and in all matters of safety).
 - 3. Currently participate in TAT awareness events.
 - 4. They have mandated local coalition meeting attendance.
 - C. Local coalition meetings.
 - 1. 14 since 2012 all over the U.S.
 - 2. Help build an email network.
 - 3. Bring in LE, local resources, and also a survivors (who usually has the most impact) to speak.
 - 4. Meet and discuss.
 - D. Other related initiatives.
 - 1. Completed site re-lamping with bright LED bulbs.
 - 2. New site security standards (hire off-duty police in communities that allow it).
 - 3. Launched Stay Safe program in 2011.
 - a) Neighborhood watch; put local PD # on signs.
 - b) TA employees patrol.
 - 4. Test of Watchful Eyes Program in 2013-2014.
 - a) Like a mystery shopper program to test their procedures.
 - b) Report goes straight to management.
 - 5. Joined DHS Blue Campaign in Dec. 2014.
 - a) Put posters onsite and on a web-based platform most truckers will see.
 - b) Additional training was added.

6. Added industry specific training through a film created by the National Association of Truck Stop Operators that offers role-specific training for all employees (following the example of the hotel industry).
- E. Shared three success stories showing ways that training had a direct impact to save lives (usually in the case of runaways).
- F. Why this emphasis?
 1. Commitment from the top.
 2. “Daymaker” company culture of empowering employees.
- V. Brett Bogan, Security Investigations Manager for Lexis Nexis—Presentation.
 - A. Dayton branch—largest branch of company with 3,000 employees.
 - B. He is also a Community Relations part-time volunteer.
 - C. Employees not exposed to HT in jobs; business-to-business company.
 - D. However, they have access to technology and tools that can be useful to fight human trafficking.
 - E. Past involvement:
 1. Created a database for Polaris to better respond to hotline calls.
 2. Provided online resource center for attorneys.
 3. Civil remedies for victims.
 4. Technology that tracks HT awareness index.
 5. Works with ABA and others to improve anti-trafficking laws.
 - F. Goal—to promote the rule of law through information provided around the world (HT thrives where rule of law does not exist).
 1. Rule of Law framework:
 - a) Accountability
 - b) Strengthen intellectual property rights
 - c) Equality
 - d) Prevent violence and crimes against women
 - e) Support access to justice—provide information
 2. UN Global Compact adopted it (after Lexis Nexis presented it).
 - G. Also created an app called Eyewitness to Atrocities, which allows users to take pictures/videos of human rights abuses, and legal experts review them and pass them on.
 - H. Local impact:
 1. Train/equip employees.
 2. Specific committee to raise awareness on campus.
 3. 2 days off offered to employees to volunteer.
 4. 2 days off offered for employees to do pro bono work (so 4 days total).
 5. Involved with several local anti-human trafficking organizations.
 6. Individual employees do research/volunteer work.
 7. Collaboration with University of Dayton Human Rights Center.

8. Involvement with Unchained Columbus—deliver curriculum through mobile app.
- VI. Veronica Scherbauer, AGO—CLE Training Update
 - A. Developing HT training for legal professionals.
 - B. Oct. 23—launch state-wide legal training through Columbus Bar Association, including HT definition along with information on family, immigration, and other areas of the law, and how to work with law enforcement.
 - C. Other trainings will be planned across the state after the first October session.
 - VII. Maria Mariballi, Department of Public Safety —Update on the Governor’s Human Trafficking Task Force.
 - A. HT annual report is available for 2014: humantrafficking.ohio.gov.
 - B. About the task force in general.
 1. Created in 2012 by executive order by Gov. Kasich.
 2. Gave 26 recommendations to the governor about state agencies and their roles; making sure they are being met.
 - VIII. Concluding Remarks and Announcements
 - A. Deb Seltzer—Department of Health: emphasized the importance of prevention and demand reduction when discussing awareness and education.
 - B. Jeff Barrows— Gracehaven: Currently hiring residential staff. Set to open on August 19.
 - C. Ashley Wikerman—University of Toledo: Annual HT conference in Toledo—on September 10 and 11.