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**Human Trafficking Commission  
Meeting Minutes**  
150 E. Gay St., 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
January 25, 2016  
2pm-4pm

**In Attendance:**

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine  
Veronica Scherbauer – AGO  
Amy O’Grady – AGO  
Michelle Gillcrist – AGO  
Rocky Nelson – AGO  
Matt Hilbert – AGO  
The Honorable Cornelius McGrady – Reynoldsburg City Council  
Emilea Swick  
Ashley Moore – AGO  
Maria Marballi – Ohio Department of Public Safety  
Asafu Suzuki – Asian American Community Services  
Shelia Crane – Abolition Ohio  
Cynthia Walker – Buckeye Association of School Administrators  
Lisa Miyake – Asian American Community Services  
Sean McGuigan – Survivor’s Ink  
Jeff Barrows – Gracehaven  
Michelle Peasley – Governor’s Office  
Jim Provace – Toledo Blade  
Nathan Baca – 10TV  
Brandon Feller – United Way Delaware County  
Andrea Raimy – YWCA Dayton  
Kayla Atchison – Ohio Right to Life  
William Moore – Abolition Ohio  
Doris Moore – Abolition Ohio  
Ryan Scheiderer – AGO/BCI  
Karen Rainey – AAUW Ohio  
Paige Allen – Franklin County Municipal Court  
Vickie Puntiel – Catholic Social Services

Nicole Sillaman – Ohio Children’s Trust Fund  
Ginger Richards – Hope Outreach  
Jim Newsome – Garner Trucking Inc.  
Erin Cordle – Catholic Diocese of Columbus  
Robert Meeker – Legislative Service Commission  
Kristen Rost – Ohio Children’s Trust Fund  
Michelle Hannan – The Salvation Army  
Lilly Cavanaugh – Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs  
Hannah Estabrook – CATCH Court  
Tiffany Blaskis – Freedom A La Carte  
Jessica Murphy – Legislative Service Commission  
Steve Overholser – AGO  
Holly Cepriani – Advocating Opportunity  
Tony Talbott – Abolition Ohio  
Lisa Wilson – Forensic Nurse  
Lieutenant Christopher Ruehmer – Cincinnati Police Department  
Matthew Mott – Foundations for Living  
Catherine Hoolahan – Advocating Opportunity  
Nadine Grimley – WKBN  
Harry Caplinger – Phoenix SOG  
Greg Dalga – Homeland Security Investigations  
Sergeant Ryan Chrysler – Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force  
Adrienne Lewis – Abolition Ohio  
Scott Kirk – Phoenix SOG  
Sue Pohler  
Terri Foltz – Gracehaven  
Sergeant Arthur Shultz – Cincinnati Police Department  
Brett Bogan – Lexis Nexis/Free to Run  
Amy Deverson Roberts – Ohio Network of Child Advocacy Centers  
Elizabeth Ranade-Janis – Ohio Department of Public Safety  
Victoria Bader – OSU, Grief Fellow  
Andrea Lewis – OCHCA  
Paul Teasley – Hannah News  
Kirsten Minnie – Homeland Security Investigations  
Emily Dunlap – Advocating Opportunity  
Jeff Reynolds – Ohio State Highway Patrol  
Dustin Ensinger – Gongwer News Service  
John Keuffer – Lighthouse Youth Services  
The Honorable Judge Paul Herbert – Franklin Co. Municipal Court  
Laura Borchers – 10TV  
Bhumika Patel – End Slavery Cincinnati

Erin Meyer – The Salvation Army

Celia Williamson – University of Toledo

- Welcome and Remarks—Attorney General Mike DeWine and Veronica Scherbauer
  - Remarks on progress since first commission meeting in August of 2011
  - Highlights
    - Central Ohio massage parlors case and Whitehall harboring underage girl case
    - Cincinnati Task Force initiated April of 2015
    - Tip line success
    - OPOTA training for Safe Harbor Law
    - Law enforcement—currently 1 hour of required human trafficking training/year; increasing LE training in general (ideal goal: 40 hours of general training/year; HT will make up part of that)
    - Shared Hope International’s ranking for us: 78/100 for 2014
    - Subcommittee achievements
  - Comments about statistics collected from law enforcement this year—not 100% accurate due to various factors, but much better than in previous years
  - Remaining challenges
    - Better awareness/recognition of HT
    - Unique challenges to law enforcement, especially when victims don’t identify themselves as such or can’t/won’t cooperate
- Veronica Scherbauer—release of the AGO’s Human Trafficking Annual Report for 2015
- Tony Talbott, Abolition Ohio: PowerPoint Presentation on “Educating Ohio Youth About Human Trafficking: A Best Practices Model” draft
  - Goal was to come up with the perfect curriculum for middle school and high school students, but quickly realized there was no “one size fits all” approach
  - Partnered with NEST (National Educators to Stop Trafficking); refer to [NESTeducators.org](http://NESTeducators.org) for two dozen or so K-12 curricula from across the country and pages of resources
  - Discussed the draft (see draft attached to initial meeting reminder email)
    - Recommended procedures to educate pre-K through high school, but not “the” standard
    - Lots of prior preparation necessary before actual in-school training (checklist at the beginning); most important factors:
      - \*Contact local coalition or AGO’s commission FIRST\*
      - Community readiness
      - Law enforcement and social services notification/involvement
      - Response protocol (examples in appendices)
    - Overview
      - TVPA definition
      - Rationale and overview
      - Legislative requirements for school personnel HT training
  - Asked for continued feedback

- Ideas/goals for once approved:
    - Set up state-wide conference for educators about these procedures
    - Copies sent to schools
    - Posted on AG's website—linked to ODE, task forces, coalitions
    - Promote (so far, lots of national interest)
  - Questions/discussion
    - If program is already in place in school district, use this draft as rubric to make sure current program is up to par
    - Already a lot of education resources targeted to refugee/other at-risk populations; many are multi-lingual
    - Further specified how to educate youth—more than “just say no”; empower them and give them the tools to make good decisions on their own
  - Send any feedback to Veronica; she can send copies of the draft and/or PowerPoint presentation to anybody who wants it
- Kristen Rost, Ohio Children's Trust Fund: Update on their Human Trafficking Prevention Grants and their recipients of this year
    - \$90,000 released both last year and this year for prevention (last year was the first year)
    - This year, funded 9 organizations (see social media for complete list of winners, geographical locations, and org goals); partial list:
      - Caring Place Child Advocacy Center
      - Asian-American Community Services
      - Children's Lantern
      - Delaware County Against Human Trafficking Coalition
      - Ethiopian Tewahedo Family Services in Franklin County
      - First Step Family Violence Intervention Services
      - Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
      - Shelby High School student group
      - Sisters in Shelter
  - Michael Sheline, AGO, Crime Victims Unit: Case Western University Human Trafficking Law Clinic (and other recipients of VOCA funding)
    - 1984 Victims of Crime Act established fund for victims; based on court fees, settlements, and fines
    - 2014: \$60 million to give away
    - 2015: \$69 million
    - Have funded Salvation Army and various shelters, as well as new legal clinic at Case Western Reserve University Law School; also Advocating Opportunity in Toledo, for minors
    - What other programs need funding?
      - May—next funding opportunity
      - Section will walk applicant through process
  - Amy Deverson Roberts, Ohio Network of Child Advocacy Centers Updates

- 26 centers currently open in Ohio (23 accredited with 2 others voted on the day before, as of Monday)
  - CACs = first responders to victims
  - Last year, provided services to 169 victims
  - This spring, plan to do regional training on labor/rural trafficking
  - Online reporting
  - Since July 2015, 11 CACs have provided services to HT victims (1 had never done so before)
  - Forensics training
  - Veronica—remarks on cosmetology training; need to be certified—93,000 licensed cosmetologists in Ohio; discussed the Train the Trainer program
- Veronica—Update on Steering Committee Meeting (held right before Commission meeting); plans for this year:
    - Encourage school resource officers to go beyond required LE training to be better equipped for school context
    - Possibly present at school boards'/superintendents' meetings
    - Demand Reduction brochure about at-risk youth; send out to entire commission for feedback
    - Update AGO resources
- Subcommittee Updates
    - Matt Hilbert—new chair of Law Enforcement Subcommittee
      - Get state-wide list of everyone who investigates HT
      - Build on previous years' progress
    - Michelle Hannan—Victim Services Subcommittee
      - Make sure any new coalitions know about coalition managers meetings
      - Support coalition development—have committee member visit different organizations; build network of services
      - Make sure new organizations are up on updated ethical standards
    - Deb Seltzer—Demand Reduction Subcommittee
      - Work with Prevention, Education, and Awareness, but emphasize demand
      - Look at bigger picture to change the culture that condones (or “lets pass”) the actions of johns and pimps
      - Work with johns schools
      - Create annotated bibliography of resources
    - Tony Talbott—Prevention, Education, & Awareness Subcommittee
      - Already presented policy draft
      - Additionally, outreach to business/industry groups and healthcare professionals
    - Celia Williamson—Research & Analysis Subcommittee
      - H.B. 64; bring universities together to collaborate on anti-trafficking efforts
      - Have schools join local coalitions
      - Teach HT courses/workshops at conferences

- Dept. of Higher Education is partnering with them
    - Will eventually share plan with commission
  - Legal & Legislative Subcommittee—DNA collection and expungements pieces being discussed this year
- Announcements
  - Cincinnati conference—February 5, 2016 (register by 2/3); flyers in initial meeting reminder email
  - Free to Run in Dayton—education/awareness; charity run—5K in April, Scioto Audubon in Columbus (Veronica will send announcement out)
  - Opening new residential treatment center in Dayton; can eventually house 53; under contract (Sheila Crane)
  - Send any additional announcements to Veronica