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## The Nevada Human Trafficking Coalition DRAFT Meeting Minutes 3/13/2023 1:30 pm

### Attendees

X	Jean Booth	X	Andrea Valenzuela	X	Karla Delgato
X	Stephen Avillo	X	Nicole Reilly	X	Esther Rodriguez-Brown
X	Scott Smith	X	Donch'e King	X	Tiffany Coury
X	Gina Hinds	X	Melissa Holland	X	Sandy Anderson
X	Christina Vela	X	Joanna Granados	X	Tracy Harig
X	Kimberly Small	X	Brenda Sandquist	X	Mark
X	Matt Robinson	X	Shannon McCoy	X	Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem
X	Paul Thornton	X	Kayla Smith	X	Reina Rodriguez
X	Roni Dahir	X	Jennifer Baker	X	Sandra Lee Jersey
X	Sarah Collins	X	Todd Tumbleson	X	Cupcake Girls
X	Lauren Boitel	X	Tiffany Cooper	X	Jennifer
X	Pamela Payne	X	Brittany Hopballe	X	Jennifer Baker

### Call to Order

The meeting is being recorded. Nicole Reilly called the meeting to order. Roll call will be done starting in a future meeting.

### Initial Public Comment – Discussion Only

No comments.

### Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Were there any edits or comments to the minutes that were sent out? No comments or edits stated. Karla will move forward to posting them on the DCFS website.

### Presentation: Nevada Policy Council on Human Trafficking

Lauren Boitel will send follow up information on the Council for the group. Started before the last Legislative session as it was identified as a gap in services. Increase collaboration to decrease Human Trafficking in our State. Discussed committee members. Strategic plan was created last year. Think about gaps or systemic changes to create policy solutions. Discussed existing legislature bills related to Human Trafficking and CSEC.

How can an agency join the council? Email Lauren Boitel at [director@impact-nv.org](mailto:director@impact-nv.org) for the Nevada Policy Council on Human Trafficking.

### Presentation: Nevada 211

Power point was shared. It is a statewide comprehensive, free connection to critical health and human services resources. Achievements and data were shared. Contact information was shared [reina.rodriguez@moneymanagement.org](mailto:reina.rodriguez@moneymanagement.org) or [Paul.Thornton@moneymanagement.org](mailto:Paul.Thornton@moneymanagement.org). The CSEC coalition came together to create the Human Trafficking page on Nevada 211. The Goal is to have all the Trafficking organizations to be on the 211 websites. Future meetings cannot utilize the chat feature. Tracy Harig sent out an email to Paul and would like to confirm that they are a public entity. How

do you help with Medicaid services? We provide links for easy access to the services. Call the call center for more information. Information for the Medicaid office closest to you will be provided so the caller can reach out to the services.

### **Presentation: Data Collection Needs and Opportunities**

Roni Dahir at UNR recently completed a GAP analysis and shared a summary of these results – there needs to be a more centralized data dump for Human Trafficking. Would like to use the CMIS database with the State to store the information if possible. Discussion with Lauren Boitel regarding this with the policy council and data transparency/collection. HMIS would be a good database to base this system off: HTMIS. There are concerns about privacy, but there are ways to work around by using client numbers instead of names. Esther Rodriguez-Brown discussed their history with using the HMIS system and the problem identified is the expense. DCFS got a contract with UNLV and is collecting data to be reviewed and released. The UNR Office of Analytics could store the data as well, the data just needs to get collected. Discussed working together with UNR and UNLV for splitting the state. Pamela Payne stated that she thinks this is a good position for UNR Extension to assist with as they have offices in every county. Esther Rodriguez-Brown wanted to clarify that Juvenile Justice will no longer have anything to do with CSEC after July. She likes the collaboration efforts with UNR and UNLV but wants to confirm that it will be a truly collaborative effort and agencies need to sign MOUs to share information. Follow up and continuity of care is important.

### **For Discussion: Update from the CESC Coalition**

Esther Rodriguez-Brown gave an update. First meeting was March 1 and new voting members will be introduced on the next meeting. They are working on creating sub-committees: Placement and continuum of care, Parent educational subcommittee, and underserved. Coalition meets quarterly. Next meeting is 3/26. Subcommittees meet monthly. If you are interested in participating in the CSEC Coalition, reach out to Esther. Some of the subcommittees expand into adults and use time wisely to allow the two coalitions to work together.

### **Discussion of Appointment of Coalition Members**

Karla Delgado and Nicole Reilly discussed the requirements for the voting members of the committee. Monthly meetings to begin to become established. Goals: Create a state plan, create a place to keep all of our resources, meet quarterly with a commitment from you to attend all the quarterly meetings, when subcommittees are set they will meet once or twice during that quarter and expectation is that members attend those. Those who are interested in being a member raised their hands: Kayla Smith, Sandy Anderson, Elizabeth Abur-Raheem, Sandra Lee Jersey, Amy Merrill (Cupcake Girls), Kimberly Small (SOH), Lauren Boitel (ImpactNV), Jennifer Baker (multiple trafficking organizations), Brenda Sandquist (Xquisite), Pamela Payne (UNR), and Melissa Holland (Awaken). An email will be sent to these people to swear their oath and establish Quorum.

### **Final Public Comment – Discussion Only**

Esther suggests that NHTC do an application prior to doing the swearing in to create a vetting process. She will share the application with Nicole Reilly and Nicole will send it to the interested parties to apply.

Amy from the Cupcake Girls mentioned that this was her first time attending one of these meetings. Her interest in participation is to have action taken for the community/members. What are the intentions? Read the bill that formed the Coalition to know what this Coalition is tasked with.

### **Adjournment**

Thank you all for showing up and participating. Next meeting will be held April 10, 2023, 1:30 pm