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The Nevada Human Trafficking Coalition Meeting Minutes 1/27/2023 9:00

Attendees

X	Jean Booth	X	Andrea Valenzuela	X	Karla Delgado
X	Stephen Avillo	X	Nicole Reilly	X	Esther Rodriguez-Brown
X	Scott Smith	X	Brittany Hopballe	X	Tiffany Coury
X	Shannon Kelly	X	Melissa Holland	X	Sandy Anderson
X	Allie Janas	X	Jessica Cisneros	X	Tracy Harig
X	Debra Sisco	X	Brenda Sandquist	X	Judge Drakulich
X	Jason Guinasso	X	Jessica Freeman	X	Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem
X	Jhenna Halili	X	Kayla Smith	X	Kelli Radnothy
X	Regan Comis	X	Traci Trenowith	X	HEAT Team
X	Shannon McCoy	X	Jennifer Baker	X	Christina Vela

Call to Order

Announced that the meeting is being recorded. Initial meeting – introductions provided.

Information only: Introduction to Nevada Open Meeting Law

Power Point presentation was shared by Stephen Avillo.

Initial Public Comment

No comments.

Information only: Nevada Human Trafficking Specialist roles and responsibilities

Legislation AB143 stated that DCFS is to appoint a Human Trafficking Specialist. This specialist is Karla Delgado, and her roles and responsibilities were addressed as the specialist. She is the point of contact.

Review of Assembly Bill 143

This bill established the creation of this coalition. Priorities were discussed. Would like to have a resource list to share with the public from service providers. Service providers should email Karla, Andrea, and Nicole services and contact information for the coalition members to review and add to. Would like to have a section specific to children and one specific to adults. Include primary service area.

Is there a form for unity of information? Not at this time, but a form would be great to be created. Esther Rodriguez-Brown stated that she would be willing to assist to create this form and will send it to Karla, Andrea, and Nicole for review and use.

Coalition Membership

Bill states that a coalition must be created to assist the Specialist per AB 143. If you are interested in being part of this coalition, please send a letter of intent to Karla, Andrea, and Nicole.

Review of the CSEC Coalition

Power Point for the CSEC Coalition sharing the history and duties of the Coalition was shared. No questions were asked and the email for the CSEC coalition was shared.

HEAT Team

A brief overview of the HEAT unit was shared. It's a relatively new unit as it was established January 2020. Provides a lot of training for varied groups. Email provided.

How closely are you working with the courts? Any interest in speaking with the judges? There is an interest in speaking with the judges and there was a training offered in 2021 that was well received. Judge Drakulich will reach out and have the HEAT team attend one of the meetings that the judges already have scheduled.

What are you seeing in the courts? Maximizing sentencing? Consistency would be key assistance that is needed in the court system.

Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Taskforce

Power Point was shared, and this taskforce has been around for a while. Looking at improving services of this taskforce. Stats for services were shared on Human Trafficking assistance and outreach/trainings. Contact information was shared. What is pimp/john reversal – undercover officer identifies buyers for sex or get them in front of panders/pimps and stop them from identifying victims and coercing them.

Upcoming Meetings

Monthly meetings the last Friday of each month until the Coalition is established with subcommittees. Planning on this being monthly for the first quarter. Doodle poll will be sent out to discover a time that works. After the Coalition is established, meetings will be quarterly. Contact information was shared so that interested parties could request contact/send letters.

Final Public Comment

Jason Guinasso – remind everyone that on Wednesday in Carson City, the Nevada Sex Trafficking and prostitution law and policy summit is scheduled. Registration information was provided – Charleston Law Center.

Christna Vela – On Tuesday there is a one-hour webinar called courageous conversation to talk with online safety with parents. The link is on St. Jude's Ranch for children's Facebook.

Adjournment

Thank you all for showing up and participating.