

***The San Diego Regional Human Trafficking –
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
Advisory Council***



Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Attendees: Alicia Brav, David Oates, Amanda Stephens, Rebecca Boyce, Amy Sharpe, Bridget Henderson, Jason Phillips, Geanie Franco, Emily Harlan, Carolyn Matzger, Kanani Titchen, Carli Richie-Zavaleta, Keelin Washington, Melissa Haupt, Susan Munsey.

I. Chair welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

II. Announcement of members participating by teleconference and proxy

- **Virtual:** Jason Phillips, Geanie Franco, and Emily Harlan
- **Proxy:** Violeta Mora on behalf of Heather Nemour (Education), Natasha Robertson on behalf of Jerrica Phillips (Prosecution), and Ellora on behalf of Arturo Garcia (Survivor Voices)
- **In-person:** Alicia Brav, David Oates, Amanda Stephens, Rebecca Boyce, Amy Sharpe, Bridget Henderson, Carolyn Matzger, Kanani Titchen, Carli Richie-Zavaleta, Keelin Washington, Melissa Haupt, Susan Munsey.
- The October 2024 minutes were approved.
- Motion to approve was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. Public comment on non-agenda items

- Updates on upcoming HT CSEC summit
 - i. Date: January 10, 2025
 - ii. Speakers include Summer Stephan, Ashlie Bryant, three survivor leaders, and others
 - iii. Invitations sent; issues with dates resolved.

IV. Presentations:

- **Singleton Schreiber Law Firm**
 - i. **Presenters:** Ashley (Resource Coordinator) and Vanessa (Paralegal Manager)
 1. Overview:
 - a. Focus on legal advocacy for survivors of human trafficking and sexual assault.
 - b. Pursue civil lawsuits under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA).
 - c. Highlighted lawsuits against motels, hotels, and other complicit institutions.
 2. Key Points:
 - a. Survivors are provided with resources and support for rebuilding their lives.
 - b. Legal process includes intake, document gathering, and preparation for mediation/trial.
 - c. No upfront expenses for clients; handled on a contingency fee basis.
 - d. Partnerships with nonprofits to support survivors.
 - e. Expansion plans for other states and areas of focus, such as labor trafficking
- **Churches Against Trafficking**
 - i. **Presenters:** Wheeler Fisher (Generate Hope) and Robin (OB1 Church Anti-Trafficking Ministry)
 1. Overview:
 - a. History of the organization established in 2013.

- b. Mission: mobilize churches to combat human trafficking through awareness, prayer, and support.
2. Goals:
 - a. Form a committee to guide future initiatives.
 - b. Host bimonthly or quarterly prayer meetings.
 - c. Collaborate with nonprofits and service providers.
 - d. Provide education to church leaders and communities.
3. Future events:
 - a. Committee formation and scaling efforts to engage more churches.

V. Subcommittee updates

- **Business:** Website is up and running (survivorsupportnetwork.org) and now soliciting participations from employers, educators and mentors. Have two initial participants including Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County (mentoring) and LeadUp (employment). Future partnerships being developed with the Economic Development Corporation and Cyber Center for Excellence. Focus on providing employment, education, and mentorship opportunities for survivors.
- **Child and Family Well-Being:** Revised CSEC Interagency Protocol in early stages. Partnering with San Diego Youth Services for training social workers and community organizations. Expansion of harm reduction initiatives.
- **Community:** Ongoing collaboration with local organizations for training and awareness. Planning 2024 Child Trafficking Trends training in Q1 2025.
- **Education:** Scheduled training sessions for educators on January 16 and 23, 2025 with focus on identifying and supporting at-risk students.
- **Prosecution:** New developments include reassignment of cases and training initiatives for attorneys.
- **Research and Data:** Updates on bilingual HT Radar event and quarterly research discussions. Planning for March 20, 2025, HT Radar event. Collaboration with cross-border organizations to address service gaps.
- **Survivor Voices:** 10th Annual UK Stop Human Trafficking Campaign at one big place on January 21st from 4:00-7:00pm. They will have experts from D.C. and San Diego presenting on some of the latest research, new perspectives and addressing the problem. They also have experts from Los Angeles and the Bay Area.
- **Survivor Services:** Next meeting is going to be on the 19th at Coasterra. Trying to get more participation from service providers in the area. It's an opportunity for networking, reconnecting, and seeing what will take place in the coming year.
- **Law Enforcement:** Wrapping up 5th annual home for the holidays operation. A proactive operation to give the ability to offer resources. Stats: 44 juveniles and 68 adults recovered, and 138 arrests made in 2024.
- **Health:** New mental health support resources for the holidays were shared, including tips and tools to reduce stress. Highlighted Greater Good Wellness Center's interactive calendar featuring daily wellness activities. Resources focus on gratitude, avoiding stressors, and handling challenging environments during the holidays.

VI. Action Items and Future Steps

- Voting on creation of a cyber committee or merging cyber issues with the Research and Data Subcommittee will be included in the February 2025 agenda.

Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 2:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025.