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



Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes February 14, 2024 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.



- I. Chair welcome
 - a. "Happy Valentines Day"
- II. Announcement of members participating by teleconference and proxy
 - a. Virtual: Jason Phillips, Genie Franco,
 - b. Proxy: Katrina Craven for Carolyn Matzger
 - In person: David Oates, Amanda Stephens, Emily Harlan, Rebecca Boyce, Alicia Brav, Carolyn Matzger, Carli Richie-Zavaleta, Susan Munsey, Jerrica Phillips, Kanani Titchen, Keelin Washington, Melissa Haupt
- III. Approval of December 2023 minutes
 - a. Motion was made to approve the December 2023 minutes; another council member seconded motion. Vote taken to approve and passed.
- IV. Public comment on non-agenda items
 - a. Jonathan Derby New Executive Director of Center for Justice and Reconciliation was introduced to the Advisory Council
 - b. Jamie Gates Professor of Sociology at PLNU called for public input to interview on history of counter trafficking. Requested feedback from the council, will follow up with updates.
 - c. Melissa Baldwin Program Director from kNOw MORE! shared resources with advisory council.
 - d. Susan Munsey provided update of summit steering committees; event has been scheduled for Friday August 2nd at Point Loma Liberty Station. This will be a half day summit: "HTCSEC Summit 2024". Around 200 people are expected, invitees will include individuals related to areas of subcommittees. Design team is developing teams: communications team, group facilitators, check in crew, tech support, etc.
- V. Subcommittee updates
 - a. CFWB
 - i. New contract with La Maestra Community Clinic to support youth in need of social services.
 - ii. Feb 22nd Juvenile Court Town Hall for community members to help people better understand the work the juvenile court is doing and will focus on the shift for a more upstream holistic approach.
 - b. Law Enforcement

- i. Sargent Jason Phillips shared 2023 statistics related to trafficking prevention: 144 leads were investigated, 131 arrests, recovered 35 juveniles, and more.
- c. Business
 - i. Committee meeting was held to discuss challenges to host resource fairs and community engagement, discussion around what day is more appropriate was had.
 - ii. Discussion around childcare as an impediment to attendance, council members shared resources.
- d. Community
 - i. Subcommittee did not meet in January.
 - February 22, 2024, there will be webinar with public health framework hosted from 10am-12pm. Requesting attendance from council members, additional information will be shared.
- e. Education
 - i. Two virtual trainings were held last month with various stakeholders. Over 325 educators attended virtual trainings, pre and post tests were gathered.
 - ii. Advanced training is being scheduled for school Social Workers, Psychologists, and other staff to better equip schools to continue to be a safe place for those at risk.
 - iii. Education subcommittee is exploring expansion of a peer-to-peer model, this model seems to work well around sensitive subjects. Trainings are available for students to develop "support skills" and expansion is being explored.
 - Participated in National Center of Safe and Supportive Learning Environments. Focused on reporting and protocols and best approaches to mandated reporting.
 - v. Next subcommittee meeting will be held April 18th.
- f. Health
 - i. Sharp Hospitals are part of the safe hospital collaborative.
 - ii. Gathering feedback and providing recommendations to the amendment to senate bill 963 to advise best practices.
 - iii. Concerns were raised regarding medical collaboration for patients experiencing psychiatric crisis, cross collaboration between the subcommittees was decided to move forward for future improvement.
 - iv. CHNA, the Community Health Needs Assessment, is completed every 3 years to address gaps in the healthcare system. The gap in services should be documented to address and work towards better collaboration of resources.
- g. Research and Data
 - i. Mixed methods study is being presented in March; manuscript is being finalized.
 - ii. Applied for small grant to partner with schools through American Academy of Pediatrics reproductive health and human trafficking, will receive decision in April.
 - iii. Hosted quarterly meeting last Friday, discussion was had around what is needed at the county level. The need for aggregate data around human trafficking was identified.
 - iv. Putting together research committee that will inform proposal, anyone interested can be part of the process.

- v. Next quarterly meeting will be the second Friday of the month, will happen May 10th.
- vi. Biannual Human Trafficking radar meetings- first one will take place March 21st, flyers were shared with council and public.
- vii. Quarterly updates were sent January 31st.
- viii. Publications, second research brief was published, hard copies are also available during meeting, next research brief will be published soon.
- ix. 2nd publication looked at mapping and indicators/resources throughout the city. This is an open access article.
- x. Link to short survey will be shared to gather information about the county to identify data.
- h. Survivor voices
 - i. Legislative update- trafficking survivor bill was recently introduced to house of representatives; link will be shared to council to gather support.
 - ii. January was successful, opportunity to provide presentations and conversations related to human trafficking.
 - iii. Partnering with Business Ending Sexual Trafficking (BEST) to gather information. They are partnered with Uber and Lyft/ Taxi company. Drivers will now have to complete trafficking awareness training.
 - iv. Working to develop trainings on how to reach this population (HT prevention and awareness programming). Funding was received to partner with youth.
 - v. Theater based (April –May) looking to reach foster care youth, looking to partner with Group Homes. Any Group homes interested to partnering should contact subcommittee to discuss partnering.
 - vi. Resources will be shared with youth in the form of a QR code.
- i. Survivor Services
 - i. Did not meet in January.
 - ii. Committee is putting together a letter on the impact of decriminalization. Looking for subcommittee members to gather support and share with their organizations.
 - iii. Subcommittee is determining their role within the education summit as a collaborative.
 - iv. Next meeting will be held virtually on 2/15, 1030am-1130am.
- j. Prosecution
 - i. Mandatory HT trainings have been implemented at the City Attorney's Office and the District Attorney's office. Additional training related to Intimate Partner Violence cases is being developed.