

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



Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

May 08, 2024

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.



Attendees: Amanda Stephens, Alicia Brav, Charisma De Los Reyes, Amy Sharpe, Bridget Henderson (Stephenson), Jason Phillips, Geanie Franco, Carolyn Matzger, Jerrica Phillips, Kanani Tichen, Arturo Garcia, Melissa Haupt, Emily Harlan, Keelin Washington, Carli Richie-Zavaleta

1. Chair Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Announcement of Members Participating by Teleconference and Proxy

- **Virtual:** None
- **Proxy:** None
- **In-person:** Amanda Stephens, Alicia Brav, Charisma De Los Reyes, Amy Sharpe, Bridget Henderson (Stephenson), Jason Phillips, Geanie Franco, Carolyn Matzger, Jerrica Phillips, Kanani Tichen, Arturo Garcia, Melissa Haupt, Emily Harlan, Keelin Washington, Carli Richie-Zavaleta

3. Approval of April 2024 Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the April 2024 minutes.
- Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

- Geanie Franco: Suggested discussing the modification of the meeting schedule in a future agenda item.
- **Patrice Clark** from Las Colinas reported that an inmate was successfully placed with BSCC and highlighted ongoing efforts with inmate referrals.
- Guidel Olivas (Anti-Human Trafficking Intelligence Initiative): Raised concerns about CSAM generated by AI. Discussions indicated partnerships with the ICAC Task Force and materials for schools were in place, but further tools and initiatives were encouraged. Also discussed available electronic intelligence tools to fight human trafficking. He can be reached via email at golivas@FollowMoneyFightSlavery.org

5. Subcommittee Updates

- **Community:**
 - Alicia Brav: Request for donations for backpacks containing clothing materials and other items for survivors, estimated at \$58 per backpack.
 - Alicia Brav discussed the need to have an updated Brown Act training for the new committee members. This would be done in conjunction with County Counsel.
 - Planning an education session on "Forced Criminality" in August, hybrid model. Updates on date and location to follow.

- Contact: sdcommunityinfo@gmail.com for donations.
 - **Research and Data:**
 - Next biannual HT-RADAR meeting in the fall, focusing on cross-border issues. PLNU is seeking connections across the border in Tijuana and other areas.
 - Flyer shared for the Research and Data meeting on May 10.
 - Seeking connections with Tijuana researchers.
 - **Survivor Voices:**
 - Jessica Kim: Hosting a webinar on May 16, "Training for Service Providers: Best Practices for Working with Survivors of the Sex Trade."
 - Partnering with group homes for HT awareness and curriculum. Identified two survivors.
 - Keelin Washington: provided an update on presentations to group homes to bring human trafficking awareness to them.
 - **Prosecution:**
 - Operation Better Pathways: Reported on recent cases and diversion education. Cases against payees are showing an increase in failures to appear. Bench warrants have been issued. The operation grants individuals diversion and education. It is unclear why there is less interest. Efforts to gather input for the summit and to address gaps in prosecution needs.
 - **Law Enforcement:**
 - Jason Phillips: Human Trafficking Task Force collaboration with other agencies. Recent operations led to the rescue of three juveniles and two adults.
 - Highlighted partnerships and successful collaborations.
 - **Survivor Services:**
 - No meeting last month due to conferences.
 - Focus on developing a list of attendees for the Education Summit and identifying gaps in services.
 - **Health:**
 - Recent lecture to nursing students on recognizing human trafficking.
 - Discussion on input for the summit and community health needs assessment.
 - Request for additional data for the community health needs assessment.
 - **Education:**
 - The County Office of Education has received one time funding for school age foster youth across the county.
 - Efforts to educate on confidentiality and privacy, aiming for better information sharing.
 - San Diego Unified School District police training planned for July.
 - On May 6th, the County convened a goals meeting for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to educate entities on confidentiality and privacy. The goal is to not let information sharing rules be overly restrictive.
 - **Child and Family Well-being:**
 - Focus on placements for youth familiar with harm reduction.
 - Discussions on educational steps for prevention and harm reduction.
 - Approved funding for a human trafficking awareness campaign with IHeart Media, focusing on CSEC.
- 6. Cross-Committee Collaboration Work**
- Dr. Carli Richie-Zavaleta: Discussed a survey on most urgent issues in combating trafficking. The survey was sent to all subscribers.

- Discussion on Summit: Clarification needed on target attendees and roles. Request for an agenda outline to aid in preparation.
- The subcommittees discussed the addition of a cyber subcommittee and a student subcommittee. This will be placed on a future agenda and bylaws will be reviewed.

Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 3:00 PM.