

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

Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.



- 1) Chair welcome
- 2) Announcement of members participating by teleconference and proxy
 - a) Virtual: Emily Harlan, Charisma De Los Reyes
 - b) Proxy: Stephanie Phann for Bridget Stephenson, Ami Carpenter for Kanani Titchen
 - c) In person: Amanda Stephens, Rebecca Boyce, Alicia Brav, Amy Sharpe, Geanie Franco, Carolyn Matzger, Jerrica Phillips, Carli Richie-Zavaleta, Keelin Washington, Arturo Garcia, Melissa Haupt, Susan Munsey
- 3) Approval of March 2023 minutes
 - a) Motion was made to approve the March 2023 minutes; another council member seconded motion. Vote taken to approve and passed.
- 4) Public comment on non-agenda items
- 5) Update on the HT-CSEC Summit 2024
 - a) A document shared about the summit including a shared list of priorities that we are asking each sub-committee to review prior to summit.
 - b) The document identifies projects or new actions that require coordination and cooperation from the subcommittees.
 - c) Liberty Station is secured as a site for the summit.
- 6) Subcommittee updates
 - a) CFWB
 - i) March is Social Recognition Month.
 - ii) In February, CFWB trained County Counsel regarding engagement efforts and best practices.
 - iii) Partnered with the Human Trafficking Task Force to provide training on online in human trafficking to tribal youth with support from the Indian Southern Indian Health Council.
 - b) Law Enforcement
 - i) We're already up to 7 juvenile recoveries for 2024 with the youngest being 13 years old.
 - ii) We are hoping to have another employment resource fair that is partnered with Roger Dart who brings awareness to trafficking.
 - c) Business
 - i) No update
 - d) Health

- i) Stephanie Phann provided an update from the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties
 - ii) Every three years the association conducts a collaborative community health needs assessment, which is also known as the CHNA.
 - (1) What makes our process unique here in San Diego is that every single hospital and freestanding behavioral psych facility participates in this process even though they're not legally required to by any governmental agencies.
 - (2) Would love to hear from survivors on gaps that need to be addressed.
 - (3) Results can be used for grant writing and reporting.
 - iii) The last subcommittee meeting focused on SB 963- mandate to provide a system for patients to self-report that they've been trafficked.
 - iv) Our concern is that the bill was written vaguely and does not include best practices, leaving potential for harm.
 - v) We started a plan to make implementation more detailed and structured based on best practice.
- e) Community
- i) On February 22nd the subcommittee held a special presentation in collaboration with the Los Angeles Human Trafficking Task Force – Labor Trafficking subcommittee. Law enforcement, victim specialists and prosecutors were in attendance. This virtual presentation attracted diverse engagement across California, Arizona, Hawaii, Utah among other locations.
 - ii) On March 21, Community will meet at 10 am with guest presenter Rohida Khan from Department of Homeland Security to discuss their existing and newly launched human trafficking programs, including cyber.
- f) Research and Data
- i) Chair Kanani Titchen is not with us today because she is co leading a workshop at a national conference called the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.
 - (1) The workshop is called Human Trafficking Youth from the Field, and it is intended to adjust the phenomenon of healthcare professionals maybe consciously engaging and blaming the patient and not recognizing patients as victims.
 - (2) Dr. Titchen is coauthoring a manuscript regarding the qualitative data they have gathered through interviewing youth featured in the workshop.
 - ii) Dr. Titchen is also collaborating with Doctor Jordan Greenbaum from Atlanta and several other researchers in US and Canada on piloting a labor trafficking screening tool for youth.
 - iii) Dr. Titchen is also working with the data analytics team at UCSD and Rady on long term research regarding the usefulness of human trafficking and healthcare trainings that are supposed to improve knowledge, skills, and attitudes among pediatricians.
 - iv) Carli
 - v) Upcoming opportunities
 - (1) Ami Carpenter and Carli have been looking at an NIJ grant that examines the junction of trafficking and tech. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carli or Ami.

- (2) CJR is always looking for interns and they are currently looking for one for the summer.
 - (3) We will be sending a link to a survey regarding your networks and the pressing needs regarding human trafficking in the County.
 - vi) Publications-
 - (1) CJR has done two research briefs with the next one focusing on the LGBTQI+ community.
 - (2) Would love feedback.
 - vii) The first biannual HT RADAR Roundtable will occur March 21st from 1130 am to 2 pm.
 - g) Survivor voices
 - i) The subcommittee presented information to students at Academy of Our Lady of Peace, a Catholic School.
 - ii) The subcommittee presented information to UCSD medical students on caring for survivors.
 - iii) The Pain Free Project is having an event on April 14th from 3 pm to 6 pm called Shine on at June Shine to raise awareness and funds. Free acupuncture and cupping will be provided to survivors.
 - iv) The Soroptimists are having their Hats and Heels event on April 21st. Survivors will share their experiences.
 - h) Survivor Services
 - i) At the last meeting, members discussed the upcoming summit and outstanding needs for the event.
 - ii) Members also discussed the current system and how trafficking looks different since SB 357 took effect.
 - iii) Members also discussed the need for more affordable housing options as well as a menu of options for housing.
 - i) Prosecution
 - i) Prosecution has been busy with Human Trafficking Task Force Cases.
 - ii) There is a new Deputy DA in the Sex Crimes Division.
 - iii) A training was given to EMS in San Diego that included a one-hour video for paramedics and EMTs.
 - j) Education
 - k) The subcommittee sent a survey to all 42 school districts in the county asking if they have implemented any training for staff, students as well as implementing a human trafficking school safety protocol.
- 7) Cross Committee Collaboration Work
- a) The discussion continued regarding survivors who couldn't be admitted to services for one reason or another but had psychotic issues and were unable to stay in the program.
 - b) More training for stakeholders was suggested.
 - c) Opportunities were discussed regarding getting better information to case workers.