

# Meeting Minutes – Human Trafficking Health Adv. Board

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**Location:** South Grand Building, Grand Conference Room, 333 S. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI

**Date:** January 12, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

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## Attendance

### Present:

- Jay Kommareddi (Chair) (via phone)
- Elizabeth Hertel (Vice-Chair)
  - (Matt Lori attended in her place)
- Dr. Dena Nazer
- Ruth Rondon (via phone)
- Sheila Meshinski (via phone)
- Dr. Subburaman Sivakumar (via phone)

### Absent:

- Steve Yager
- Brigette Robarge
- Dr. Lori Ryland

**Presiding:** Chair Kommareddi

**Scribe:** Jon Breems

## Agenda

### I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Chair Kommareddi at 10:05 a.m.

### II. Member Updates

- Matt Lori is replacing Elizabeth Hertel as one of the two designees to the board from the director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Mr. Lori is the Senior Deputy Director of Policy, Planning, and Legislative Services at MDHHS.
- Ruth Rondon was reappointed to a new term as board member beginning in 2017.

### III. Vice-Chairperson Selection

- *Matt Lori was nominated by Sheila Meshinski to be the new Vice-Chairperson. Second by Dr. Sivakumar. Mr. Lori was elected as Vice-Chairperson unanimously.*

### IV. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2016

- *Motion by Sheila Meshinski to adopt the minutes. Second by Dr. Sivakumar. Minutes approved.*

### V. Presentation on the SOAR to Health and Wellness Training Program by Elizabeth Pfenning, Program Specialist in the Office on Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

- Jon will share Elizabeth Pfenning's and Mary Ann Wren's contact information with board members. Ms. Pfenning will share new resources/updates from SOAR with Jon as they become available
- Board members suggested speaking with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to see if the SOAR training meets the state's human trafficking training requirement for health professionals

#### **VI. Hospital/Emergency Department Human Trafficking Protocol Grant Update by Genesys Health Foundation**

- Jon will connect Genesys Health Foundation representatives with LARA to make sure training that is done for the human trafficking protocol meets the state's human trafficking training requirement for health professionals

#### **VII. 2016 Annual Report**

- *Chairperson Kommareddi motioned to approve the board's 2016 Annual Report for submission to the legislature. Dr. Nazer seconded. Report was approved unanimously*

#### **VIII. 2017 Meeting Dates**

- The board approved the following meeting dates for 2017:
  - April 6, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - July 27, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - October 26, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### **IX. Upcoming Events**

- Several board members mentioned speaking engagements and trainings they have been invited to in the next several months

#### **X. Questions/comments from members**

- Chair Kommareddi would like the board to find ways to make immigration medical exams for non-citizen victims of human trafficking more affordable. Chair Kommareddi also would like the board to help more clinicians receive certification from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to perform these exams. More information about the immigration medical exams will be sent to board members
- Dr. Nazer asked about the possibility of using Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding for these exams. Jon will work with MDHHS to find the answer to this question.

#### **XI. Public Comment**

- The Michigan Catholic Conference is hosting a conference on human trafficking on February 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Lansing Catholic High School.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

- *Dr. Nazer motioned to adjourn meeting; Dr. Sivakumar seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.*

**Next meeting is April 6, 2017**