

# 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:** September 6, 2017

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

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## Attendance

### Present:

- Jay Kommareddi (Chair)
- Matt Lori (Vice-Chair)
- Ruth Rondon
- Sheila Meshinski
- Dr. Herman McCall
- Dr. Lori Ryland
- Brigette Robarge
- Dr. Dena Nazer
- Dr. Subburaman Sivakumar (phone)

### Absent:

- None

**Presiding:** Chair Kommareddi

**Scribe:** Jon Breems

## Agenda

### I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Chair Kommareddi at 11:08 a.m.

### II. Roll Call

### III. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2017

- *Motion by Dr. McCall to adopt the minutes. Second by Dr. Ryland. Minutes approved.*

### IV. MDHHS Child Welfare Pilot

- Robert Harvey, human trafficking analyst for child welfare at MDHHS, gave an update to the board about a proposed pilot program between MDHHS, Genesee Health Plan, and Whaley Children's Center for child survivors of trafficking. The purpose of the pilot is to create an assessment home and provide wraparound services for survivors of trafficking who have been identified by child welfare.
- Mr. Harvey also gave an update on changes to MDHHS' child welfare database to begin tracking cases of human trafficking. Aggregate data will be shared with members of the board.

### V. Updates from Previous Meetings

- **Immigration Medical Exams**
  - MDHHS has worked with the Human Trafficking Law Clinic at the University of Michigan to secure funding to help pay for the immigration medical exams for the clinic's clients. The cost of these exams was identified by the clinic as a barrier for

survivors who are foreign nationals to access benefits and other assistance that they may be eligible for.

- **SOAR to Health and Wellness Training**

- The SOAR to Health and Wellness program by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently released several recorded webinars for health professionals, behavioral health professionals, and social workers. More training materials are scheduled to be released soon according to their timeline. A link to the SOAR to Health and Wellness program will be sent to board members.

- **ER Protocol Pilot**

- The Genesys Health Foundation's current ER Protocol Pilot grant from MDHHS will be ending on Oct 1. A report will be submitted by Genesys Health Foundation to MDHHS with lessons learned from the pilot. A copy of the report will be shared with board members. MDHHS has also decided to extend the grant with Genesys for another year to allow time for the protocol to be implemented and evaluated.

## VI. Access to Substance Use Disorder Services for Survivors

- This agenda item was tabled and moved to the next meeting.

## VII. Adverse Childhood Experiences

- A recording of a presentation by Dr. Nadine Burks Harris on the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on health was shown.
- Chair Kommareddi referred to the latest research on ACE's and human trafficking of minors. She would like the board to explore the link between ACE's and human trafficking and promote screening for ACE's to identify children who might be at risk for being trafficked. Chair Kommareddi will share literature on the connection between Adverse Childhood Experiences and human trafficking with the board.
- Chair Kommareddi requested a motion for the board to explore the link between ACE's and human trafficking and promote screening for ACE's to identify children who might be at risk for being trafficked. *Motion by Dr. McCall. Second by Dr. Ryland. Motion approved.*

## VIII. Upcoming Events

- Board members shared about upcoming conferences and speaking engagements

## IX. Questions/comments from members

- Ruth gave an update on the training program for healthcare professionals that she has developed. The pilot program launches next week and Ruth will share the press release announcing the launch with the board.

## X. Public Comment

## XI. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting date will be rescheduled due to a conflict with a human trafficking conference that several members will be attending. Jon will send out proposed dates to members for the next meeting. Once scheduled, the new meeting date will be posted online.

## XII. Adjournment

- *Motion by Dr. McCall to adjourn meeting. Second by Dr. Nazer. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.*