

# Meeting Minutes – Human Trafficking Health Adv. Board

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**Location:** The Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board was held electronically via Zoom.

**Date:** December 14, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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## Attendance

### Present:

- Dr. James Blessman
- Debi Cain
- Stacy Doctoroff
- Jay Kommareddi (Chair)
- Sheila Meshinski
- Brigette Robarge

### Absent with Notice:

- JooYuen Chang
- Ruth Rondon
- Dr. Subburaman Sivakumar

**Scribe:** Michael Bobbitt

## Agenda

- I. **Call to Order** • Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Adoption of December 14, 2020 Agenda as presented.**
  - *Motion by Sheila Meshinski to approve; second by Stacy Doctoroff. Agenda approved unanimously with no changes.*

#### **IV. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2019**

- *Motion by Sheila Meshinki to approve; second by Stacy Doctoroff. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.*

#### **V. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2020**

- *Motion by Dr. James Blessman to approve; second by Stacy Doctoroff. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.*

#### **VI. Updates from the Chair**

- Chair Kommareddi said Jon Breems did an excellent job on the Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board over the past five years.
- Chair Kommareddi thanked Gail Krieger for updating the Board roster.
- The 2021 meeting schedule has been completed and the March 11, 2021 Board meeting will be held remotely.
- Rodica Richmond from Genesis In-Home Care will replace Ruth Rondon on the Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board. Ms. Kommareddi indicated Ruth Rondon has served on the Board since its creation in 2015. Ms. Kommareddi thanked Ruth for her service on the Board. Ms. Rondon is recognized statewide for her advocacy on behalf of human trafficking survivors and has been a force for change and good work in Michigan. Ms. Rondon will be greatly missed.

#### **VII. Presentation from Kelly Carter, Michigan Department of the Attorney General**

- Kelly Carter from the Michigan Department of the Attorney General gave a presentation about the Human Trafficking Commission and the proposed legislation for the coming year.

#### **VIII. Review of Priority Survey by Gail Krieger**

- Gail Krieger spoke about a survey that was completed regarding Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board priorities. The top priority was to collect and analyze information concerning medical and mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking in Michigan. The second highest priority is to establish a program to improve public awareness of medical and mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking in the state.

#### **VII. Presentation from Dr. Heather McCauley, Michigan State University**

- Dr. Heather McCauley, Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at Michigan State University presented her research on victim's and survivor's perceptions of accountability, safety, justice and care seeking. The purpose of the community engaged needs assessment was to understand crime victim's perceptions of justice and care seeking. It was a two-phase mixed method study which involved face to face

interviewing and anonymous surveys with victims/survivors to understand their experiences. A brief overview of the findings included the following:

1. For victims/ survivors, accountability was defined as the people who harmed them acknowledging the harm they caused and taking personal responsibility for their behavior.
2. Victims'/survivors' perceptions of justice were nuanced.
3. Safety was a fundamental dimension of justice for victims/survivors.
4. Victims/survivors described numerous mental health and relational impacts of crime, but formal service utilization was low.
5. Victim service professionals emphasized the need to center the victim/survivor, their preferences, and their perceptions of safety.

#### **VIII. Public Comment**

- No public comments.

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

- Next Board meeting is on Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Motion to adjourn meeting by Sheila Meshinski; Second by Jay Kommareddi. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.*