

Meeting Minutes – Human Trafficking Health Adv. Board

Location: South Grand Building, Conference Room 1L, 333 S. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI

Date: November 29, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present:

- Jay Kommareddi (Chair)
- Matt Lori (Vice-Chair)
- Ruth Rondon
- Sheila Meshinski
- Dr. James Blessman
- Dr. Lori Ryland
- Brigette Robarge

Absent:

- Dr. Subburaman Sivakumar
- Dr. Herman McCall

Presiding: Chair Kommareddi

Scribe: Jon Breems

Agenda

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Chair Kommareddi at 10:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2018

- *Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.*

IV. Presentation from Voices for Children Advocacy Center, Claudnyse Jenkins

- Claudnyse Jenkins, Executive Director of Voices for Children Advocacy Center, spoke to the board about the center and the services it provides.

V. Update from MDHHS Anti-Human Trafficking Activities Coordinator, Aleksa Andjelkovic

- Aleksa Andjelkovic from MDHHS spoke to the board about her new role within the department as the Statewide Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator within the Division of Victim Services.
- *Follow up item: Jon will send information about the state's new Domestic Violence Hotline to the board.*

VI. Update on VOCA RFPs from MDHHS Division of Victim Services, Leslie O'Reilly

- Leslie O'Reilly from the MDHHS Division of Victim Services spoke to the board about the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants that the department oversees. Ms. O'Reilly and the board members also discussed opportunities for future VOCA Requests for Proposals

(RFPs) related to human trafficking. Members suggested including input from human trafficking survivors in the development of such RFPs in the future.

VII. Updates from previous meetings

A. Measurable Change Letter of Support

- *Motion to approve draft letter of support for the Measurable Change project by Sheila Meshinski; Second by Ruth Rondon. Motion passed unanimously.*

B. Hospital/ER Pilot

- Jon Breems gave an update to the board about the hospital/ER pilot for human trafficking protocols being conducted by Genesys Health Foundation. The pilot finished in October, and the grantee is expected to submit a final report with an overview of the pilot, best practices, and recommendations to the department in the coming weeks. The grantee will be invited to a future board meeting to present the report to the board.

C. Suggestions for meeting with additional local agencies

- Members are encouraged to send Jon Breems suggestions for agencies to invite to present at future board meetings. Currently, the board is reaching out to two agencies, YWCA of Kalamazoo and Sanctum House, about presentations.

VIII. 2018 Annual Report

- Jon Breems is composing an initial draft of the board's 2018 Annual Report, and it will be sent to members for input and review in January. Board members are welcome to reach out to Jon with suggestions for the report beforehand.
- Members recommended analyzing available assistance for adult human trafficking survivors with children as a goal in 2019.

IX. 2019 Meeting Dates

- Jon Breems distributed a list of 2019 meeting dates to board members. Invites will be sent to members after the meeting. Members should contact Jon if they have any conflicts.

X. Questions/Comments from members

XI. Public Comment

XII. Upcoming Events

- Chair Kommareddi informed members about an upcoming film about human trafficking entitled "Ring of Silence" that will be premiering in Genesee county on January 16. Free tickets are available for board members. Anyone interested in attending should contact Claudnyse Jenkins from Voices for Children Advocacy Center.
- *Follow up item: Jon will send Claudnyse's contact information to the board.*

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. James Blessman; Second by Ruth. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.