

Meeting Minutes – Human Trafficking Health Adv. Board

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

Date: September 12, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present:

- Debi Cain
- Stacy Doctoroff
- Ruth Rondon
- Dr. James Blessman
- Brigette Robarge
- Sheila Meshinski

Absent:

- Dr. Subburaman Sivakumar
- Jay Kommareddi (Chair)

Scribe: Jon Breems

Agenda

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2019

- *Motion by Sheila Meshinski to approve; second by Debi Cain. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.*

IV. Membership Update

- Jon gave an update that MDHHS Children's Services director, JooYeun Chang, will be joining the board as a member at its next meeting.

V. Updates from Past Meetings

- Jon gave an update about the human trafficking emergency room protocol pilot and efforts to spread the work to other hospitals. Sue Tippet from Genesys spoke with Jon and Jay and provided information about efforts within the Ascension health system in Michigan to adopt human trafficking protocols. The lessons learned materials that were developed by Genesys will be updated this fall based on recent efforts.
- Members discussed the role of multidisciplinary teams in the human trafficking protocol pilot, and Debi said she would look into potential for collaboration with other multidisciplinary teams for issues like domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, Sue is connecting Aleksa Andjelkovic with the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians who are interested in human trafficking materials for their members.

- *Follow up item: Debi Cain and Aleksa Andjelkovic will examine if there are opportunities for collaboration between human trafficking multidisciplinary teams and other related teams for domestic violence and sexual assault.*
- Jon gave an update about a program in New York for connecting survivors with public benefits that was mentioned during the Kalamazoo YWCA's presentation at a previous meeting.
- *Follow up item: Jon will send information about this program to board members.*

VI. Update from Aleksa Andjelkovic, MDHHS Human Trafficking Coordinator

- Aleksa Andjelkovic provided an update to the board about her work as the MDHHS Human Trafficking Coordinator. She also provided an update about the Human Trafficking Commission in the Attorney General's office.

VII. Update from Brigette Robarge, board member

- Brigette Robarge provided an update to the board about her recent work including organizing a survivors' council.

VIII. Presentation from Angela Aufdemberge of Vista Maria

- Angela Aufdemberge, President & CEO of Vista Maria, gave a presentation about Vista Maria's programs for survivors of trafficking and a recent fellowship she was part of regarding sex trafficking and exploitation.

IX. Questions/Comments from members

- Members discussed several questions regarding the human trafficking emergency room protocol, including which hospitals in Michigan currently have policies related to human trafficking. Ruth expressed concern about Human Trafficking training, protocols, and programs using the term "Best practices" without academic validation. The Human Trafficking Law Clinic at the University of Michigan recently conducted a study of hospitals' human trafficking policies in Michigan.
- *Follow up item: Jon will connect with the Human Trafficking Law Clinic to find more information about this study and pass information along to board members.*

X. Public Comment

XI. Upcoming Events

- Next board meeting is on December 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sheila Meshinski; Second by Ruth Rondon. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.