

Meeting Minutes – Human Trafficking Health Adv. Board

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

Date: January 31, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present:

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

Absent:

- Brigette Robarge

Presiding: Chair Kommareddi

Scribe: Jon Breems

Agenda

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2018

- *Motion by Matt Lori to adopt the minutes. Second by Sheila Meshinski. Minutes approved.*

IV. Presentation from Division of Victim Services, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

- James McCurtis Jr., Director, Crime Victim Services, MDHHS, gave an overview of the new Division of Victim Services.
- Members had a question about the possibility of using VOCA funding for detox services. James will look into this and send it to Jon to pass along.

V. Presentation from Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma, MDHHS

- Kathy Wahl and Terrie Godde from the Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at MDHHS spoke to the board about efforts to educate EMS providers about human trafficking.
- Kathy and Terrie requested a copy of an article Ruth wrote about asking survivors of trafficking to share their stories. Ruth will send Jon a copy to pass along.

VI. 2017 Annual Report

- *Motion by Dr. McCall to adopt the report for submission to the legislature. Second by Matt Lori. Report approved unanimously.*

VII. 2018 Board Activities Discussion

- Ruth Rondon discussed the potential issue of survivors having trouble accessing benefits such as WIC due to lack of control over their documents. Matt and Jon will speak with the WIC program and report back to the board.
- Chair Kommareddi and other members discussed the possibility of mandating human trafficking training for EMS providers. Matt Lori will speak with members of the Division of EMS and Trauma and report back to the board.
- Chair Kommareddi and other members discussed focusing on improving oversight of residential programs for survivors of trafficking (adult and child). Jon brought up the service provider standards created by the Ohio Human Trafficking Commission as a potential model for improving oversight of these groups. Jon will share a copy of the standards with board members. Chair Kommareddi also suggested meeting with members of the Human Trafficking Commission and Joint Anti-Trafficking Taskforce (JATT) to further explore this issue. Jon will speak with representatives from both groups to set up a meeting.

VIII. 2018 Meeting Dates

- Jon will be in touch with board members in the next two weeks to schedule the 2018 meeting dates.

IX. Upcoming Events

- Mid-Michigan Women's Expo, Feb. 2-4
- Human Trafficking Commission Meeting, March 13
- JuST Conference, Oct. 16-18

X. Questions/comments from members

- Ruth Rondon gave an update on the training program for healthcare professionals that she has developed.

XI. Public Comment

- Claudnyse Jenkins gave a public comment.

XII. Adjournment

- *Motion by Dr. McCall to adjourn meeting. Second by Ruth Rondon. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.*

Next meeting on May 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.