

Meeting Minutes – Human Trafficking Health Adv. Board

Location: Grand Tower Building, Conf. Room 1A, 235 S. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI

Date: 03/24/16

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Present:

- Jay Kommareddi (Chair)
- Elizabeth Hertel (Vice-Chair)
- Dr. Dena Nazer
- Ruth Rondon
- Steve Yager
- Sheila Meshinski

Absent:

- Dr. Jeffrey Jackson
- Dr. Subburaman Sivakumar
- 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. Introduction of New Chair Jay Kommareddi

- Vice-Chair Hertel introduced Jay Kommareddi who was appointed to the board to replace Erin Diamond as the board's chair
- Chair Kommareddi will finish Erin's term through 2018. Her term as chairperson will end at the pleasure of the Governor

III. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2015

- *Motion to approve by Sheila Meshinski; Second by Dr. Nazer. Minutes approved*

IV. 2016 Board Goals

- Proposed goals for the board for 2016 were introduced by Chair Kommareddi. The goals are based on several of the recommendations from the board's 2015 Annual Report
- If members have any questions or comment please contact Chair Kommareddi or Jon
- **Goal 1:** Partner with hospitals and medical professionals to develop a standardized human trafficking protocol for identifying, treating, and connecting victims with community resources
 - Sheila expressed the need for a standardized protocol that includes mental health treatment. Proper screening is needed in mental health treatment facilities

- Dr. Nazer mentioned collaboration between Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties right now to establish a protocol, in partnership with MDHHS, for child trafficking victims
- **Goal 2:** Implement a screening tool for child victims at Child and Adolescent Health Centers
 - Several Child and Adolescent Health Centers are exploring the possibility of participating in Dr. Greenbaum's child sex trafficking screening tool validation
- **Goal 3:** Partner with substance abuse treatment programs to identify barriers to treatment and develop solutions to improve access for trafficking victims
 - Jon suggested leveraging existing summits and conferences to convene stakeholders on the issue of substance abuse treatment for victims
- **Goal 4:** Create and distribute a resource guide for victims
 - EMU is helping develop a resource guide. We would like to post it electronically, and we need to assess if any websites are being developed where all human trafficking information for Michigan can be compiled
 - Once EMU has a rough draft we will have board members look it over.
 - Steve Yager suggested looking into using 2-1-1 as a resource guide
- **Goal 5:** Partner with MDHHS and other agencies/groups to raise awareness about labor trafficking
 - Chair Kommareddi suggested partnering with existing summits/conferences to raise awareness about labor trafficking and healthcare

V. 2016 Subcommittees

- Chair Kommareddi introduced the proposed subcommittees for 2016
- Members of each subcommittee will determine their own meeting schedule and chair
- Subcommittees were assigned as “keepers” of the recommendations from the 2015 Annual Report. The highlighted recommendations are the Board's goals for 2016, and the subcommittees will focus on these goals for 2016
- Members can contact Jon if they would like to move to a different subcommittee or be part of multiple subcommittees

VI. Upcoming Human Trafficking Events

- Several members mentioned upcoming speaking engagements in Traverse City, Flint, St. Joseph, and several other cities across Michigan
- Chair Kommareddi mentioned Missing Persons Day 2016 (flier will be sent to members)
- April 14: Kids-TALK Lunch & Learn Series- Innocence Lost: Domestic Human Trafficking

VII. Questions/Comments from Members

- Sheila Meshinski brought up the need for more guidance on the new human trafficking training requirement for health care professionals (Public Act 343 of 2014).

- Chair Kommareddi suggested subcommittees look at creating a presentation that will clarify the law's requirement
- Chair Kommareddi asked about law enforcement protocols.
 - Jon will send a recent article about new guidance announced by the governor of New York for law enforcement agencies investigating human trafficking

VIII. Public Comment

- *None*

***IX.* Confirm Meeting Dates**

- The October meeting date was changed to October 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- All other dates were confirmed

X. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.