



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12 East, Pontiac, MI 48341

Human Trafficking Task Force

Janet Jackson

January 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Janet Jackson called the meeting of the Human Trafficking Task Force to order at 10:07 AM in BOC Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gwen Markham, Janet Jackson, Eileen Kowall, Michael Spisz (4)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Angela Powell (1)

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - Committee Minutes dated November 19, 2021

Gwen Markham moved approval of the Minutes dated November 19, 2021, as presented. Seconded by Michael Spisz.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (3-0-0)

Yes: Michael Spisz, Gwen Markham, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

4. Approval of Agenda

Michael Spisz moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (3-0-0)

Yes: Michael Spisz, Gwen Markham, Janet Jackson

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Communications

None.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Board of Commissioners - Presentation Survivor to Thriver Initiative Update

An update was given on the Survivor to Thriver project and a brief discussion was held.

b. Board of Commissioners - Presentation Human Trafficking Materials Update

Sarita Callender presented materials available from the Blue Campaign. Ms. Callender provided an update on behalf of the Homeland Security Department regarding the nationwide airport project and signage being created. A brief discussion was held.

A new special event project will be planned by co-leaders Chairperson Janet Jackson and Eileen Kowall, along with the following members: Michael Spisz, Sarita Callender and Edee Franklin.

c. Board of Commissioners - Other Action Discussion - 2022 Direction and Potential Activity

The special event will be scheduled in May or June and could take place at the Oakland County Airport. The Homeland Security Department will be invited.

Connie Srogi, BOC Analyst, will send out the subgroup list for the Task Force members to confirm their first and second choices of subgroups.

Several presentation ideas were discussed, such as inviting a presenter from the state level, either from the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission or the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force; inviting Theresa Flores as a speaker; and inviting Crime Stoppers to give a presentation about how human trafficking may relate to missing children.

Chairperson Janet Jackson will contact Judge Denise Langford Morris to follow up on specialty courts information. A discussion was held regarding a request for local law enforcement officers to provide an update on human trafficking at the ground level.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Other Business/Adjournment

Chairperson Janet Jackson stated that the Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution (SOAP) events have been on hold during the pandemic. Several additional projects and speaker ideas were discussed, like having Southeast Michigan Trafficking and Exploitation Crimes Task Force (SEMTEC) return for an update.

A brief synopsis was given by Chairperson Janet Jackson on how last year's goal was to help survivors, which was met by the creation of the Survivor to Thriver project. This

year's goal will be to address how people are caught up in human trafficking and the way it is handled.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.