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HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Janet Jackson, Chairperson

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Michael Spisz
Minority Vice Chairperson

February 26, 2021

Chairperson Jackson called the meeting of the Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF) to order at 10:04 a.m. via Videoconferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janet Jackson (Southfield), Gwen Markham (Novi), Michael Spisz (Auburn Hills), Eileen Kowall (White Lake)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Angela Powell

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Spisz moved approval of the minutes of November 20, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Kowall.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Spisz moved approval of the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Kowall.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following attendees introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their roles: Marc Keast, Prosecutor's Office; Elizabeth McCune, Common Ground; Jessica Ross, J.R. Counseling; Alex Wyatt, Common Ground; and Andrea Del Vecchio, HAVEN.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS TERM

The Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF) members introduced themselves, followed by introductions of the remaining attendees.

2. UPDATE FROM WORKGROUPS

The workgroups had no new information to report at this time. A brief discussion was held. The subgroup goals were summarized as follows:

- Create Vetting Resources
- Utilize Channels
- Community Outreach

- Collaboration on letters to organizers - Connie Srogi reported that an invitation letter has been sent out to communities

3. UPDATE FROM MDHHS DIVISION OF VICTIMS SERVICES (DVS)

Aleksandra Andjelkovic gave a brief update to committee members. Ms. Andjelkovic stated that this is her last meeting as a MDHHS- DVS Human Trafficking Coordinator. Her new position is Victim Advocate with the State Attorney General in Lansing. Ms. Andjelkovic plans to continue attending meetings when possible. Her email will remain the same temporarily. Ms. Andjelkovic urged attendance and participation in human trafficking-related events, including videoconference meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Jackson indicated that two human trafficking educational awareness events are planned. The spring event will focus on collaboration with other human trafficking organizations. The second event is anticipated to be held this fall, which will highlight community awareness.

Commissioner Markham suggested inviting a survivor to speak at a future meeting to assist the Task Force with identifying areas of need.

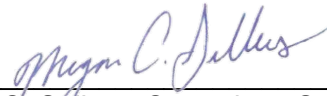
Chairperson Jackson thanked Ms. Andjelkovic for her service.

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.



Tracy Stolzenfeld, Committee Coordinator



Megan C. Sellers, Operations Supervisor

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Task Force approval.