



Arizona Human
Trafficking Council

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February 19, 2020, 9:00 AM
Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council was convened on February 19, 2020 at the Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (18)	Members Absent (7)
Cindy McCain, Co-Chair	Kate Brophy McGee
Gil Orrantia, Co-Chair	Nathaniel Brown
Sarah Beaumont	Heather Carter
Tom Sallow (proxy for Cara Christ)	James Gallagher
Doug Coleman	Brian Steele
Jennifer Crawford	Sheila Polk
Keith Moffitt (proxy for Mike Faust)	Marsha Calhoun
Maria Cristina Fuentes	
Debbie Johnson	
Holly Reynolds (proxy for Joseph Kelroy)	
Sarah Kent	
Lois Lucas	
Zora Manjencich	
Tony Mapp (proxy for Frank Milstead)	
Rachel Mitchell	
Jill Rable	
Bandak Lul (proxy for Dominique Roe-Sepowitz)	
Jim Waring	
Staff and Guests Present (16)	
Kim Brooks	Angela Schultz
Vianney Careaga	JiQing Zhan
Joanna Jauregui	Kate Ormiston
Audrea Kada	Marina Montemayor
ClaraAnne Wagner	Khue Paige
Theresa Flores	Stephanie Preciado
Toshia Hogan	
Phil McDonald	
Adriana Saenz	

Erin Schulte	
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Call to Order

- **Mr. Gil Orrantia, Co-Chair**, called the Arizona Human Trafficking Council meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with 18 members and 16 staff and guests present.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Mr. Orrantia, Co-Chair**, welcomed everyone and asked all council members to introduce themselves. There were no council members present via phone.

Approval of Minutes

- **Mr. Orrantia, Co-Chair**, requested a review of the **December 4, 2019** meeting minutes.
 - **Mr. Jim Waring** motioned to accept the **December 4, 2019** minutes.
 - **Ms. Sarah Kent** seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

CAUSE Taskforce

- **Mrs. Cindy McCain, Chair**, introduced the next speaker, **Ms. Clara Anne Wagner**.
- **Ms. Clara Anne Wagner** presented to the council on the work of the CAUSE Taskforce. CAUSE, Central Arizona United to Stop Exploitation, Taskforce is designed to enhance the collaboration between service providers and law enforcement. The CAUSE Taskforce is a partnership between the International Rescue Committee (IRC), Phoenix Dream Center, StreetLight USA, Arizona State University (ASU) Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research (STIR), and Phoenix Police Department. This taskforce was made possible from federal grant funds. The CAUSE Taskforce had five objectives to be accomplished during the three year grant period from 2017-2019. Within this timeframe, over 105 community events were attended by service provider partners, over 17,740 service professionals were trained by partners, 108 clients were served, and 72,415 service units were provided to clients. Of the 108 clients served, 49% experienced sex trafficking, 24% experienced labor trafficking, and 24% experienced both forms of trafficking. It is also important to take note that the number of people helped by this Taskforce is not exhaustive of the other programs that the partners provide. Additionally, IRC and their law enforcement partners have both hired Taskforce Coordinators who will be solely dedicated to the work of the Taskforce. For the 2017-2019 grant cycle, service providers and law enforcement needed to apply together for funding, however in the next grant cycle, service providers and law enforcement will apply separately for funding from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, respectively. In the next grant cycle of 2020-2022, the Taskforce has identified new objectives to enhance the delivery of services. The main focus areas for the next grant cycle will be labor trafficking, conducting a gap analysis, and improving data tracking.
- **Col. Frank Milstead** commended the collaborative work between the service providers and law enforcement in this Taskforce, particularly when the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Public Safety were involved in a big case in which IRC gave great assistance to the victims.
- **Mrs. McCain** lauded the efforts of the Taskforce.
- **Mr. Bandak Lul** asked whether IRC has encountered domestic victims of labor trafficking. **Ms. Wagner** responded that there often is a connection between sex trafficking and labor trafficking, and that they have encountered cases in which domestic victims have been affected by labor trafficking. They intend to navigate through this issue in the next three-year grant cycle.
- **Ms. Sarah Kent** asked about housing opportunities available to victims within the LGBTQIA+ community and the vetting process service providers undergo to ensure individual needs are met. **Ms. Wagner**

responded that the IRC and the Taskforce have been working for the past three years creating partnerships for housing. The IRC is also planning on providing cultural competency training to service providers on working with victims in need of housing.

- **Mrs. McCain** thanked the presenter and stated agenda items were being adjusted due to the presenter being in the Senate Committee Meeting.

Justice for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse Taskforce Update

- **Mrs. McCain** introduced the next speaker, **Ms. Rachel Mitchell**.
- **Ms. Rachel Mitchell** presented the work of the Justice for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse Taskforce. The Taskforce was comprised of subject-matter experts that worked together to propose recommendations to the State of Arizona for further reforms to ensure victims of child sexual abuse are entitled to safety, healing, and justice. The recommendations are classified into four main categories: civil, education, criminal, and other. Civil recommendations include the funding for a 24-hour hotline to report abuse, requiring courts to report on number of cases filed, and the age of each plaintiff since new law and working with universities to study the appropriate age for the statute of limitations, and funding competitive grants for organizations to provide services for victims of sexual abuse and sex trafficking. Education recommendations include assigning the Department of Education (DOE) to determine best practices for social media/cell phone use between students and educators, fund additional DOE investigators in order to lower the average caseload from 120-150 to 50, and to require the Department of Child Safety (DCS) and DOE to develop a program for schools to teach prevention and awareness to teachers and students. Criminal recommendations include removing the statute of limitation for the Child Sex Trafficking and expanding the definition of "Position of Trust" to enhance the penalty for those who abuse this position. Other recommendations include a statute to allow judges to disallow *pro se* defendants from questioning their victims in court under certain circumstances, establishing special probation terms (e.g. disallowing entry to school grounds unless registers as a student at that school), a funding mechanism for forensic interviews, and a funding mechanism for cold cases units. The implication of the preclusion ruling from *State v. Crosby-Garbotz* also demonstrated the need for a statute to prohibit a finding in a dependency/severance case from impacting a criminal prosecution. Other states (Washington, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, Minnesota, and Ohio) reject the issue of preclusion in these circumstances.
- **Mr. Keith Moffit** commended the work of the Taskforce.
- **Mr. Orrantia** echoed his thanks and recognized the efforts of the Taskforce.

Ms. Maria Cristina Fuentes raised a point of order to introduce **Mr. Vianney Careaga** as the new Human Trafficking and Youth Initiatives Coordinator and who will be the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) staff member working with this council. **Ms. Fuentes** also informed the council that if time-permitted, **Sen. Heather Carter** and **Sen. Kate Brophy McGee** would join the council and were making every effort to attend from the Senate Committee Meetings.

Arizona Legal Center

- **Mr. Orrantia** introduced the next speaker, **Ms. Stephanie Preciado**.
- **Ms. Stephanie Preciado** presented the work of the Arizona Legal Center. Before serving as the Director of the Arizona Legal Center, **Ms. Preciado** was the staff attorney for the Ruth V. McGregor Project to Stop Human Trafficking, a program that had a one-hundred percent success rate in obtaining fingerprint clearance cards for survivors of human trafficking. The Project has since lost its funding and the Arizona Legal Center is in the process of applying for a grant that would enable the center to provide services in set asides and fingerprint clearance cards. The center opened in September 2016 and is located on the third floor of the Beus Center for Law and Society in downtown Phoenix. It operates as a triage center, providing basic legal advice; In the past 12 months, the center has made 2,285 consultations, 148 law students have

assisted with fielding phone calls under the supervision of two staff attorneys and 138 volunteer attorneys have assisted the center in its work. Volunteer attorneys are available 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Walk-in clients are also welcomed in the Law Library Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- **Col. Frank Milstead's Proxy, Tony Mapp**, asked about contacts the center has with the Department of Public Safety in regards to the fingerprint clearance card process and offered his assistance to the center.

Federal Legislative Updates

- **Mrs. McCain** introduced the next speaker, **Ms. Angela Schultz**.
- **Ms. Angela Schultz** presented a federal update on behalf of **Sen. Krysten Sinema**, in which she thanked the council and **Mrs. McCain**, for the work that Arizona is doing to combat human trafficking and highlighted the federal legislation **Sen. Sinema** has supported or co-sponsored in Congress in relation to human trafficking including the Sex Trafficking Act of 2017.

Work Group Updates

- **Mr. Orrantia** introduced the workgroup chairpersons, **Ms. Sheila Polk**, **Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz**, and **Dr. Sarah Beaumont**, and inquired if any of the present chairpersons would provide an update from their workgroup.
- **Dr. Beaumont** presented the work of the Victims Services Work Group. The Victims Services Work Group had previously discussed conducting its own gap and needs analysis, but in order to prevent a duplication of efforts, the work group will support the needs assessment and gap analysis project currently being conducted by **Dr. Roe-Sepowitz** and the ASU STIR Office. The work group has also been researching the housing and behavioral health issue areas. This work group intends to coordinate with GOYFF to facilitate a half-day training focused on working with individuals within the LGBTQIA+ community affected by human trafficking.

State Legislative Updates

- **Mr. Orrantia** introduced **Ms. Fuentes** to provide an overview of the State Legislative Update in lieu of **Sen. Carter**.
- **Ms. Fuentes** raised a point of information to the council, and reminded the council members that the council cannot take any formal stance on any legislation. **Ms. Fuentes** provided a summary of SB1660 as it takes on some the recommendations of the Justice for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse Taskforce particularly on court reporting, who is considered to be in a position of trust to a minor, and requiring schools to provide training on mandatory reporting laws. The bill will be heard on February 20, 2020, in the Senate Judiciary Committee. **Ms. Fuentes** and relevant staff will keep the council apprised as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Adjournment

- **Mrs. McCain** inquired council members for any closing thoughts.
 - **Det. Jennifer Crawford** raised a point of information on an amendment that was attached to HB2401.
 - **Mrs. McCain** briefly summarized the conversations she has had at the federal level concerning online trafficking.
- **Mrs. McCain** entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - **Ms. Debbie Johnson** moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Mr. Jim Waring** seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes and the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Dated 19 of February 2020
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Respectfully Submitted By:
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