



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2024 – 9:00 am to 10:05 am
Video Conference**

In Attendance: Liz Alston, Rich Austria, Joyclyn Bell, Nina Belli, Jay Benke, Angie Denning, Mary Dirksen, Jim Goodwin, Kaitlyn Hardy, Kristen Harris, Alhena Herrera Martin, Chelsea Holcomb, Lina Lechlech, Judge Valerie Love, Florence Mackey, Robin Miller, Tom Perez, Eliza Rodriguez, Richard Sheldon, Shannon Sivell, Amanda Swanson, Letetia Wilson, Brittany Zitzelberger

Absent: Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Teresa Cowing, Esther Garrett, Chad Opitz, Margaret Scott, JR Ujifusa

Guests: Megan Dortch, Sage Neilson

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome - Amanda opened the meeting with group introductions.

Minutes – The Advisory Committee (AC) approved minutes from the August meeting.

Updates

- *Dept. Of Justice (DOJ)* - Alhena Herrera Martin has joined DOJ as the Labor Trafficking Intervention Specialist.
- *Lived Experience Updates*
 - ~ Oregon survivors will present at the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, 2024 in Cleveland about their work on the film, “Can Oppression be Liberation?”.
 - ~ The [Empower Her Network](https://empowerhernetwork.org) is offering support for survivors who are now out of their initial crisis, for housing, education, and employment. Organizations interested in making referrals can email rmiller@empowerhernetwork.org, for more information.
- *Dept. of Human Services (DHS)*- Child Welfare has begun incorporating labor trafficking into their work.
- *Oregon Juvenile Justice Directors* are collaborating with Oregon Youth Authority to incorporate mandatory screening for child trafficking, in compliance with Oregon Senate Bill 745. Training is under way.
- *Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)* – Motor Carriers Division is developing a training for human trafficking awareness, in partnership with Wildhorse casino and the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation Gaming Commission. They are working with DHS to provide internship positions for survivors at ODOT.

Prevention Now Data Presentation – Kristen Harris, Megan Dortch

Prevention Now shared a presentation on their human trafficking data needs assessment project, under way in the state of Oregon. They will provide a broad analysis across agencies, counties, and systems of human trafficking data. This will show who is collecting data, how it is collected, as well as barriers to data collection and sharing. They have conducted phase one, involving data collection, for their work and have begun phase two. They will create a design for the report and implement it late summer into the fall.

Applications

The group reviewed and unanimously approved two advisory committee applications:

- Rosa Van Gordon, representing the Jackson County Coalition Against Sex Trafficking



- Ashley Johnson, representing the Shelter/Homeless Youth seat on the committee. Ashley works for J-Bar-J Youth Services.

Appropriate Services Definition

The definition of appropriate services stands as, “Appropriate Services for victims of trafficking are services that are culturally responsive, trauma informed, survivor centered, meets victims where they are and allows for autonomy for choice.” The group discussed possible additions to it, such as transparency, adequate quantity of services, ease of access and ease of sending referrals.

ACTIONS:

- Amanda will update the Appropriate Services definition and send it out to the AC by email.
- Sherree will reset the meeting time for 9:00 to 10:30 moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Next meeting: May 3, 2024