



**Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2024 – 9:00 am to 10:21 am  
Video Conference**

**In Attendance:** Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Liz Alston, Rich Austria, Jay Benke, Angie Denning, Esther Garrett, Kaitlyn Hardy, Alhena Herrera Martin, Ashley Johnson, Judge Valeri Love, Heidi Moon, Tom Perez, Shannon Sivell, Amanda Swanson, Rosa Van Gordon, Letetia Wilson, Brittany Zitzelberger

**Guest:** Coree Schmitz (Prevention NOW, for Kristen Harris)

**Absent:** Joyclyn Bell, Nina Belli, Teresa Cowing, Mary Dirksen, Jim Goodwin, Kristen Harris, Chelsea Holcomb, Lina Lechlech, Florence Mackey, Robin Miller, Sage Neilson, Chad Opitz, Eliza Rodriguez, Margaret Scott, Richard Sheldon, JR Ujifusa

**Minutes:** Letetia Wilson

**Welcome** - Amanda opened the meeting with group introductions.

**Minutes** – The Advisory Committee (AC) members present approved minutes from the February and April meetings.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

*Data Subcommittee* - Prevention NOW is providing leadership support for the Data Subcommittee, with Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) guidance. The group is reviewing candidates for work groups. They plan to convene the groups in 2025. Interested parties can email [CombatingTrafficking@doj.oregon.gov](mailto:CombatingTrafficking@doj.oregon.gov)

*Labor Trafficking Subcommittee* – the group is interested in learning more about victim services. They will compare screening tools to help identify labor trafficking. The next step is to make a strategic plan.

### **Applications**

The AC reviewed and approved applications for two new members:

- Ashley Purdy, Licensed Clinical Social Worker for A Village for One.
- Kitina Larson, Coquille Tribal Advocate

### **Updates**

~ *Community Works* has hired a new trafficking intervention advocate, Alison Rozema.

~ *EPIK Project* is drafting a demand position statement to support a unified front across the field.

~ *Safety Compass* conducted many trainings and are involved in providing technical assistance in Texas. They will sponsor a 5k run in the fall and have updated their indicators sheet to be translated into four languages. They will sponsor a 5k run in the fall and have updated their indicators sheet to be translated into four languages.

~ *Sex Trade Survivor Caucus* has onboarded the second group of survivor leaders. Membership is open and is formally added in February and July.

~ *Oregon Dept of Human Services (ODHS) Self Sufficiency* has temporary assistance for domestic violence survivors that will be increased from \$1,200 to \$3,200, available mid-August.

~ *J Bar J* has hired a part time Jefferson County task force coordinator, Penny Danzuka, a member of the tribal nation of Warm Springs and Navajo nation.

~ *DOJ Crime Victim and Survivor Services* continues training and other work:



- There will be a law enforcement training in Newport in August, covering labor trafficking and trauma informed interview practices.
- Over the next few months, training in Coos County and at Spirit Mountain Casino.
- A Roadmaps Facilitator Training will be offered in September in Portland.
- They have been invited to Umatilla County to do a training earlier this summer. Umatilla County is working on getting their task force started.
- Coos County is initiating work on a task force.
- The first Safe Harbor Conversation was held in June, with the next meeting scheduled for September. There will be 5-6 meetings in total.
- They are developing a training for Juvenile Justice for Senate Bill 745. This training is expected to be active by January 1, 2025.
- They are planning the January trafficking awareness event. Interested parties were invited to participate.

### **Topics for 2025**

The group brainstormed ideas for next year. Subjects discussed include:

- Peer support and mentors, detox/crisis care
- Wrap around care model, including trafficking shelter for emergency, transitional, and permanent living programs
- Trafficking-specific shelters and transitional housing for victims and survivors of trafficking
- Rent back programs
- Strategically looking for stable trafficking-specific funding. Modeled similarly to Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Child Advocacy Center programs
- More paid internships and flexible employment
- Additional ways the anti-trafficking movement can engage with survivor leaders
- More diverse and culturally appropriate medical and mental health care
- Request for a grant to fund one licensed therapist, peer mentors, housing voucher
- Male specific support centers (support groups, drop-in centers, communities to tackle men's issues as a means of attempting to reduce demand)
- Larger footprint from law enforcement in the state, with agents dedicated to this work; or engage with OSP for their reach in the state.
- Shelters with fewer restrictions/more accessible

A survey will be created for county task forces to weigh in on the 2025 discussion. The group discussed subject matter.

### **Definition – Appropriate Services**

The draft definition is: *As defined by the Oregon Attorney General's Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee, appropriate resources are trauma informed service providers that are trained to respond to survivors of human trafficking. These services are transparent, culturally responsive, trauma informed (see Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), survivor centered. The service provider must be willing to meet victims where they are and allow for their autonomy.*

The group made some suggestions to update the last sentence.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

Next meeting: November 1, 2024