



EASTERN SHORE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Moving forward to combat this evil together

MEETING SUMMARY

April 28, 2017

Following is a summary of the highlights of the discussions that took place during the Friday, April 28 meeting of the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force (TF) held at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton.

ATTENDANCE:

Becky Anthony	Carol Kunkel
Cherie Cronan	Donna Lee
Lauren Gibson	Nicole Long
Ann Holladay	Ed Thomas
Ann Hynes	Michael Wood
Sara Kominers	

Everyone introduced themselves indicating their interest in human Trafficking.

1. Sara Kominers, Human Trafficking Policy Attorney, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault/Sexual Assault Legal Institute described her responsibilities in helping to coordinate and provide leadership to the efforts of the Regional Navigators. She mentioned the work of the Rape Crises Centers and indicated she will work on legal issues such as protective orders, family law matters etc. She will coordinate with the Maryland Volunteer Legal Services program of the University of Baltimore.
2. Becky A pointed out that the Hendricks had purchased the license for the Prevention Project for use with Salisbury University (SU) students. Becky, Kevin and Kim Hendricks and others took advantage of the “training the trainers” class

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that took place on April 3. The curriculum will be used as part of the summer and fall elective courses being offered at SU. Plans are underway to offer additional courses at SU next year. Also, after the first course is completed attempts will be made to offer the Prevention Project at other schools.

3. Ann H and Lauren G explained that the sponsors of the Artworks for Freedom human trafficking event planned for September in Easton are reaching out to arts, school and other groups and shaping their plans. Once they have more definite plans we will be able to determine roles for the TH, they will need many volunteers to help during the three week-long event.
4. There was a brief discussion of the Empower Me program. Ann H will contact Linda to express interest pertaining to forthcoming training opportunities.
5. Ed described the University of Baltimore, School of Law, Human Trafficking Prevent Program, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service initiative. He explained that the TF has been requested to help inform eastern shore human service providers about this program whereby free legal services will be made available to post conviction survivors of human trafficking. The Task Force is planning a meeting on July 12th to provide information and training.
6. A summary of the April 6th “Humans Are Not For Sale” conference held by the Family Services Program for the Circuit Court for Wicomico County was provided by Ed. Several TF members attended and were impressed by the presentation and work of Tina Frundt, Executive Director/Founder, Courtney’s House. The conference was well attended and received.
7. Ed provided an overview of the highlights and disappointments from the 2017 session of the General Assembly. Several human trafficking bills were enacted and some were not. The Legislation Subcommittee of the Maryland HTTF will be meeting in early May to begin planning a 2018 human trafficking legislative strategy.

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8. Mike Wood outlined his prior participation with the TF and his current activities with Araminta. He explained that Araminta's mission is to dismantle child sex trafficking; to engage in prevention, intervention and survivor services. To accomplish its mission, Araminta focuses on: 1. Prevention and Intervention Education Seminars, 2. Services for Survivors of Child Sex Trafficking, 3. Church and Community Awareness and Volunteer Mobilization. Ann H and Mike pointed out that Araminta has long range goal to establish a Young Life camp on the eastern shore. Mike will be participating in mentor and interaction with survivors training on May 17.
9. Information was provided regarding a May 3rd legislation related meeting of the Mid-Shore Republican Women's League and a May 15th Internet/social media related meeting to be held at the Kent Island Library.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on June 2nd between noon and 2:00 pm location to be determined in Easton.

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