



EASTERN SHORE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Moving forward to combat this evil together

Friday, January 26, 2018
Noon – 2:00 pm
Christ Church, Parish Hall

MEETING SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE:

Ann Holladay	Elizabeth Jaramillo	Sheila Scott
Ann Hynes	Monika Mraz	Tawanda Griffin
Carol Kunkel	Kim Hopkins	Ida Ositelu
Joseph Prud'Homme	Marie D'Arcy	Michelle Harding
Ed Thomas	Barbara Friedman	? Davis

Following is a summary of the highlights of the discussions that took place during the Friday January 26th meeting of the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force (ESHTTF) held at Christ Church, Easton.

1. Introductions – Ann Holladay express appreciation to everyone for attending and everyone introduced themselves indicating their interest in human trafficking.
2. Pornography and Human Trafficking - Ann introduced Joseph Prud'Homme, Director, Institute for Religion, Politics and Culture, Washington College stating that he has in-depth interest and expertise regarding the relationship between pornography and human trafficking. Joseph defined sex trafficking, its causes, demographic facts and why there is demand for sex trafficking. Highlights of his comments follow:
 - Causes, Victimizer – greed, lust, economic desperation, consumption of pornography
 - Causes, Victim – safety, money, economic desperation, addiction, have fun, social media, lack of services, pornography user
 - Demography of Victims – half are children under 18; 40% African American, 25% white, 23 % Hispanic, 6% Asian; many are abducted, kidnapped (less so in the US); in urban areas in the US 40% are boys, worldwide 71% of victims are female

- Why Demand – concentration of men working away from home, isolation, stress, truck stops, male competition, sexual dysfunction, odd desires, lust to dominate
3. Prevention Project Update - Ann Hynes pointed out that the Prevention Project would be at Chesapeake College on Wednesday January 31. The positive meeting the Hendricks had with the Wicomico County superintendent of education was outlined. Some of the new attendees were interested in the Prevention Project as a way to reach young persons, they were given information about the project and were encouraged to contact the Hendricks.
 4. National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE), Activities - Ann Holladay described the work of NCOSE encouraging folks to visit their website to take advantage of the materials they make available the meetings and the free internet events. Ann drew attention to the End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit being held near Dulles Airport April 4 – 7. Monika mentioned her prior work with UNICEF in New York emphasizing their work to end human trafficking. She indicated she would obtain the UNICEF human trafficking tool kit.
 5. Clarion Call Battle Against Addiction – Ann Hynes and Kim Hendricks have been representing the Task Force on the group planning for the March 17th eastern shore-wide event focused on the opioid addiction epidemic. Ann pointed out that the relationship between drugs and human trafficking will be covered and Michelle Harding will be on the program. Everyone was urged to attend.
 6. Legislation Update – Ed summarized the human trafficking bills that are currently before the Maryland General Assembly and US Congress. He provided a handout with information about the state bills and indicated that several more bills are expected. We are part of the Maryland HTTF, Legislation Committee that reviews and takes action on the proposals. Ed urged attendees to inform their state and federal elected officials that they need to support legislation before them.
 7. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Victims Services Committee of the state task force in Annapolis on March 7th.