



EASTERN SHORE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Moving forward to combat this evil together

Meeting Summary

ATTENDANCE:

Ann Holladay

Kim Hendricks

Pastor Michelle Harding

Carol Kunkle

Liam Flichinger

Kevin Hendricks

Pastor Ida Ositelu

Debra Vecton

Myra Torres

Elizabeth Jaramillo

Becky Anthony

Tywanda Griffin

Jacqueline Jones

Ed Thomas

Following is a summary of the highlights of the discussions that took place during the Friday June 1 meeting of the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force (ESHTTF) held at Brookletts Place Senior Center, Easton.

1. Review April Meeting Summary – Ed reviewed the highlights of the April meeting regarding:

- **National Center on Sexual Exploitation Global Summit** – Members were encouraged to take advantage of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation as a resource for current information related to human trafficking. Their website can be found at <https://endsexualexploitation.org>.
- **Clarion Call - Follow-up** - Michelle pointed out that there will be follow-up events such as Purple in the Park, related to Talbot Purple, on June 16 at Idlewild Park. She stated that there will also be events during the summer; for example, in Denton where the Task Force can have a handout and meet and greet table. Michelle and others will take advantage of these opportunities. She explained that she made a presentation last week for Shore-Up.
- **Post-Conviction Relief to Survivors of Human Trafficking Training** – As a result of this training there is now a group of attorneys available to

provide pro bono post-conviction legal assistance to trafficking survivors.

- **Prevention Project – Recent Advances - Kim** and Kevin indicated that they will be meeting on June 8th with additional Wicomico County School System officials and have been contacted by other groups.
- **Salisbury University/Task Force Intern** – Becky gave an overview of the activities that Molly McGinty will be undertaking as an intern to the Task Force.
- **Federal and State Legislation** – Ed reminded attendees of the recently enacted federal and state human trafficking legislation.
- **Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force Steering Committee** – Ed summarized the discussions that took place during the March 23 meeting of the Steering Committee.

2. Review the Task Force Mission Statement - After a discussion it was decided that the statement remains appropriate: *“The MISSION of the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force is to prevent and combat human trafficking (sex and labor exploitation) by encouraging, supporting and promoting public awareness and action within specific communities and counties throughout Maryland's eastern shore.”* Consistent with this statement the ESHTTF primary tasks will continue to focus on awareness, prevention, education and legislation.

3. Task Force Meetings – It was determined that the Task Force should continue to meet monthly with meetings taking place throughout the eastern shore. Meetings will take place in Easton every other month. Two groups will begin planning public awareness meetings with multiple speakers covering a variety of human trafficking related topics in different locations as indicated below:

- Pastor Ositelu, Kim and Kevin Hendricks will focus on Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties.
- Michelle H., Debra V. and Elizabeth J. will focus on Queen Anne’s, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester Counties.
These events will be the focus of the next Task Force meeting.
- Becky will explore how and if CEUs can be made available as part of these events.

4. Harriet House – Michelle stated that a group is beginning to raise resources to create a residential facility for victims/survivors. Information will be provided as this effort progresses.

5. Facebook Page – Michelle volunteered to take the beginning steps to create an ESHTTF Facebook page.

6. Next Meeting - The next meeting will take place on July 17, 2018 at Brookletts Place Senior Center, 400 Brookletts Ave. Easton, 21601 noon to 2:00 pm.