

Juvenile Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council

Tuesday, August 20 2019

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

DSCYF Admin Building #2, 1825 Faulkland Road, Room 199

Wilmington, DE 19805

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Carrie Hyla - Chair	Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Renee Birney	Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Colleen Woodall	Division of Family Services
Abigail Layton	Department of Justice
Elisa Lehman	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Lisa Minutola	Office of Defense Services
Susan Murray	Division of Family Services
Joshua Rowley	Delaware State Police
Sarah Azevedo*	Division of Family Services
Ron Handy	Boys and Girls Club of Delaware
Katherine Giannone	Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Olivia Hearne	Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Trinette Redinger Ramsey*	Division of Family Services
Sarah Wood*	Division of Management Support Services
Rashan Henry*	Division of Family Services
Loretta Young	Family Court
Tracey Frazier	Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health

Skype:

Brie Gannon	Criminal Justice Council
Rachael Neff	Family Court
Diana Suchodolski	Division of Health and Social Services
JoAnn Santangelo*	Family Court
Patty D'Angelo	Zoë Ministries

*Chair and co-chairs of subcommittees

I. Welcome and Introductions

Carrie Hyla opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Subcommittee Updates

- a. **Training** – Sarah reported that the training subcommittee met on 8-19-19. Goals were created, including identifying agencies to reach out to for current trainings and to identify potential trainings for Department staff. “I Am Little Red” is a training video appropriate for middle school youth and there

will be a showing of this video at the next meeting. Carrie will reach out to the producers to try and obtain a free copy for the state's use.

- b. Data** – JoAnn reported that the data subcommittee met a few weeks ago and identified a data set spanning February 2018- June 2019 which included 122 suspected cases, the majority of these cases get screened out as no IC purview. Some of the cases screened out were due to staff checking the trafficking box instead of a DV box as they are close together on the screen. A change is being worked on in FOCUS to move the layout around to prevent this entry error. The subcommittee will look at the IC data and review data from the DFS case review and case plan, which also provide trafficking indicators. The group will review the different data sets and identify differences.
- c. Victim Services** – Co chairs are Trinetta Redinger Ramsey and Sarah Azevedo. The first meeting is scheduled for August 27th.
- d. Public Knowledge/Awareness** – Rashan reported that the subcommittee met on 8-9-19 and would like to do a PSA with the YAC youth and the H. Fletcher Brown Boys and Girls club has offered to collaborate on the project. Filming will start in the next few months. The subcommittee would like to create a trifold and funding for this would need to be explored. The subcommittee would like to create a juvenile trafficking social media page as this would be informational for the public. The larger HTICC subcommittee is also working on a social media presence with DHSS and this group can explore partnering on this with the larger group subcommittee. Changes and updates to the DHSS Delaware Human Trafficking website are completed and awaiting approval to go live. A member of the juvenile subcommittee should attend the adult subcommittee to ensure efforts are not being duplicated.

III. Review of Short Term and Long Term Goals

- a.** Original goal of providing training at the Trafficking Symposium is to be modified. There is need for training of anyone working with these youth on how to conduct initial interviews to identify suspected youth victims without interfering with the interview to be done at the CAC. Goal is modified to remove language about the trafficking symposium and Elisa Lehman will reach out to the FBI's Child and Adolescent Forensic Interviewers about possible training opportunities.
- b.** It was discussed and agreed upon to create a goal for the data subcommittee: "Review current juvenile data collection process and compare data with all juvenile data collection agencies. Ensure language and definitions regarding data are consistent across agencies. Once data is clean, review for identification of trends."

IV. Next Meeting

- a.** Agreed to make the meeting a standing meeting on the afternoon of the 3rd Tuesday of the month every quarter. 1:30pm November 19th 2019 will be the next meeting.

V. Other business

There was discussion regarding flags in electronic systems to help identify potential victims. There is a challenge in that there is different criteria for DFS and DSP regarding identification of trafficking cases. Law enforcement numbers will include trafficking cases that were confirmed founded by an investigation whereas DFS numbers include suspicion of trafficking. FOCUS, the electronic case management system used by DSCYF, does not currently have a trafficking indicator that is easy to see on a youth's case. An indicator could possibly be added to the person type client screen that is

viewable by all divisions and since all suspicions of juvenile trafficking should be reported to the DFS hotline, this might be the best route. Susan Murray will discuss this request with Department leadership. There was also discussion about adding a flag in DELJIS and there were concerns raised since not all youth are in DELJIS.

There was discussion about the JTAC and where that document would be maintained. It would not be appropriate in a Family Court file and not all youth may have an active Family Court case. The Investigation Coordinator's office previously agreed to maintain the JTAC. There was discussion about whether the JTAC could instead be housed in FOCUS since there should be a hotline call regarding the trafficking. The data subcommittee is also reviewing other possible screening tools.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.