

HTICC Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes: PUBLIC AWARENESS SUB-COMMITTEE

December 3, 2019 HTICC Public Awareness Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes Location:
Wilmington University Wilson Graduate Center

Meeting was called to order by Diane Glenn at 10:09 AM.

In attendance: Johanna Bishop, Diane Glenn, Kate Giannone, Jessica Nolden, Diana Sucholdolski.

September meeting minutes: Motion to approve: Kate G.; Second: Johanna B.; Meeting Minutes Approved.

Discussion:

- January is Human Trafficking Awareness month:
 - Radio spot: Erin Connelly wants to know if anyone is interested in doing a spot with her. Kate & Diana.
 - Op Ed piece for newspaper: Del State News; Delaware Online; etc. Who is willing to write an Op-Ed piece? Diane will check with HTICC Chair.
 - Contact DE Libraries- Alta Porterfield re video screening for January and an HTICC Public Awareness sub-committee person to be present to answer any questions. Suggested Youtube videos *In Plain Sight*, *Trafficked in Suburbia*, *Labor Trafficking in the Traid (pbs)*, and *Sex Trafficking in America (pbs)*. Decision about video to be made within the next 10 days. Johanna will contact Alta Porterfield today to ask about the possibility of doing this.

- December 16, Rt. 9 Library Public Awareness event regarding addictions and mental health. 6-8 PM.

- Blue is HT color. During the month of January, ask people to wear blue in honor of human trafficking. Get something out to get something out to everybody and then create a photo collage of everyone wearing blue to use as promotional material.

- Update on Wilmington University's first graduate course in human trafficking: Wilmington University has offered 2 sections of the first graduate human trafficking course, SOC 7610 Responding to Human Trafficking. One section was offered in Block 1 at DAFB and the current section is being offered Online. One of the students enrolled in the online section is in Atlanta, GA. Doing anti-trafficking work. Two sections are on the schedule for the spring semester: One at the WGC and one Online.

- Johanna Bishop's abstract was accepted for the conference of the International Journal of Arts and Sciences. Abstract shown below:

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Recognizing & Responding to Lives in the Shadows: Educating Professionals to Address Human Trafficking

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ABSTRACT

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has identified human trafficking as a major illicit business enterprise that robs human beings of their freedom and dignity. The exploitation of human beings affects every nation and the most vulnerable populations are being trafficked. Creating awareness of human trafficking, and learning how to respond to it in order to provide assistance to those who need help in restoring their lives demands a highly trained and educated professional workforce that understands the physical, psychological, and emotional human suffering victims of trafficking have experienced, and the social impact their trafficked situations have had on their lives. This paper presentation will describe, using a historical ethnographic analysis, of one institution of higher education's efforts to raise awareness of human trafficking, to legitimize the problem of human trafficking by establishing an educational program to educate and train helping professionals how to recognize and respond to victims, and engage with community members to make human trafficking recognition a priority.

- 5th Annual Symposium on Human Trafficking, Immigration, Child Protection, & Domestic Violence will be held June 10-11, 2020. Johanna is working on securing a keynote speaker related to labor trafficking. Co-sponsorships will be possible this year with co-sponsor having an add and/or byline in the program and monies going toward upgrading meals and/or conference materials/ handouts. The 5th Annual Symposium will be sponsored by Wilmington University's Criminal Justice Institute. Any organization interested in co-sponsoring should contact Johanna.
- Present at this morning's meeting is Jessica Nolden. Jessica is a DNP student at UD and works at Christiana ER. She is doing doctoral research on interpersonal violence screening.

NEXT MEETING:

- January 13, 2020 in Dover. Wilmu Dover campus.