

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

## MINUTES

Present: Prosecutor Angelo Onofri, Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro, Annmarie Taggart, Elizabeth Ruebman, Marisol Rodriguez, Rush L. Russell, Chief William Monaghan, Timothy Gallagher, Andrea Katz, Brian Ross, Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer, Christina Broderick, Sharon Lauchaire

Meeting called to Order around 1:10 p.m.

- I. Announcement of Open Public Meetings Act which stated: “the meeting was noticed on February 6, 2020 by sending written notice to the Star Ledger, Bergen Record, Gannett, Town Square Media, Burlington County Times, Philly.com. Additionally the written notice was filed with the Secretary of State.
- II. Introduction of Members and Guests
- III. Re-Organization
  - a. Determined a quorum was present so business could be conducted.
  - b. Discussion of open seats on Commission. Motion was made and seconded to re-submit previous letter to the AG’s Office requesting certain people be nominated to fill the empty seats. Motion voted on and passed. The individuals were:
    - Governor Appointment, public member: (3 yr) recommending new appointee, Jessica Kitson.
    - Governor Appointment, public member: (2 yr) Child Advocacy reappointment, Rush Russell
    - Governor Appointment, public member: (2 yr) recommending new appointee, Frank Sabella
    - Recommendation of the Senate President,(3 yr) victim assistance, reappointment Dawne LomanginoDiMauro LCSW
    - Recommendation of the Senate President,( 2 yr) law enforcement member: recommending new appointee, Chief William Monaghan

- Recommendation of the Assembly Speaker, (2yr) reappointment Special Agent Dan Garrabrant, FBI
  - Recommendation of the Senate Minority Leader, (2yr) health services, recommending new appointee, Nicole Polley Miller
  - Recommendation of the Assembly Minority Leader, (2yr) recommending new appointee, Special Agent Carlos Morales Department of Homeland Security
- c. Discussion of other empty seats and request to submit nominations to discuss at the next meeting. Resumes should be sent to Co-Chairperson Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro. Additionally, a vote to nominate the Co-Chairs will take place the next meeting, as well.

#### IV. Setting Priorities for 2020

- a. Law passed allocating the HT Commission \$100,000. Discussion on how that money should be spent.
- b. Determined the need for by-laws to address using the money, and other items. Motion made and seconded to draft by-laws. Voted and passed. By-laws will be drafted by next meeting by the Attorney General's Office.
- c. Discussion on mission of Commission, which includes: evaluating existing laws addressing human trafficking, review of victim services, promoting coordinated response to HT, and promoting the National HT Hotline. Discussion on using some of the allocated money to promote the National Hotline, but additional information needed by Commission members. As a result, the ROIC will present data from the NJ Hotline at the next meeting, and Dawne will reach out to the National Hotline for an overview.

#### V. Old Business/Outstanding Items/New Initiatives

- a. Discussion of last report to the Governor made in 2014. Permission was granted by the AG's Office to write a letter to the Governor, as opposed to a report to consolidate the work done by the Commission from 2015-2019, since the Commission did not have a quorum since that time. Discussion of putting the letter into a consolidated report format. Prosecutor Onofri agreed to provide the draft letter to Annmarie Taggart, who will revise into a report format.
- b. Discussion of Prostitution Offender Program. The AG Office spoke with Stockton University to do a study to evaluate John School programs and

recommend and evaluate the most productive program. Motion made and seconded to partner with Stockton University for this purpose. Graduate students will do the research as part of their graduate program. Voted and passed. Elizabeth Reubman from the AG Office to reach out to Stockton for next steps.

## VI. Legislation Overview

- a. Discussion of legislation introduced in 2020.
- b. Discussion of process to be followed when reviewing a bill and determination of whether to support or weigh in on a bill. Guidance needed from AG's Office.
- c. For next meeting, going to discuss the following bills:
  - i. A668: Expands duties of Commission on Human Trafficking to include studying connection between human trafficking and illicit massage parlor businesses.
  - ii. A1081: Requires Commission of Human Trafficking to create public awareness sign to be posted by certain establishments.
  - iii. A2038: Provides for civil actions against persons or entities profiting from commission of human trafficking offenses, or maintaining victims of such offenses.
  - iv. A2182: Requires applicants of commercial driver license to complete training course on handling and responding to suspected human trafficking.
  - v. S328: Requires public transportation employees to complete training course on handling and responding to suspected human trafficking.
  - vi. Assembly Resolution No 50: Directs SCI to examine human trafficking activity at places of business of registered or illicit employers of massage and bodywork therapists. (PASSED)
  - vii. S270: expands registration requirements under Megan's Law to include persons committing human trafficking crimes or engaging in prostitution, when crimes involve minors.
  - viii. A883: directs the development and posting of notices containing information for victims of human trafficking.

## VII. Schedule of meetings for year.

- a. Agreed to meet every month until July on the third Wednesday of the month. After July, need for monthly meetings will be assessed. All meetings will be held at the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

- b. Next meeting will include presentation from the ROIC, Best practices report review, legislation discussion, and by law discussion.

Motion to adjourn seconded, voted on, and passed.