

COMMISSION on HUMAN TRAFFICKING

June 17, 2020

MINUTES

Present: Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro, Annmarie Taggart, Elizabeth Ruebman, Marisol Rodriguez, Rush L. Russell, Chief William Monaghan, Timothy Gallagher, Christina Broderick, Bonny Fraser, Gina Cavallo, Aldina Hovde, Ingrid Johnson

Absent: Angelo Onofri

Meeting called to Order around 11:05 a.m.

- I. Announcement of Open Public Meetings Act which stated: “the meeting was noticed on June 11, 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. Two agenda items: *Bylaws review and approval* and *A review of role in reviewing legislation and review of Pending Legislation* were tabled for the next meeting because we did not have a quorum.
- III. Introduction of Members, New Members, and Guests
 - a. New Members were welcomed: Gina Cavallo, Aldina Hovde, and Ingrid Johnson are new appointees. Rush Russell was re-appointed.
 - b. New members and re-appointed are now required to take an Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office to be filed with the NJ Secretary of State. Due to the late notice of this requirement, the Oath could not be taken before meeting, and therefore, these members could not vote, and so meeting did not have a quorum.
- IV. Draft Consolidated Annual Report 2016-2019
 - a. Prior to this meeting, all members were emailed the report for review and comments which are due June 26, 2020.

- b. Dawne will edit the prelude and receive all comments for consideration and addition to report.
- c. New draft will be shared before next meeting. If a quorum is present at the next meeting we will vote .

IV. How to Access HT Commission \$100,000Funding in 2020

- a. Kristen Sleeper and Valarie Frage from OAG Budget were present to answer questions, explain process, different requirements for different purchases, and other considerations to be mindful of, such as;
 - i. Although during the meeting it was believed that the FY 2020 funding of 100K would only be available to July 31, 2020 – it was later discovered that the monies will be available until September 30, 2020. So we need to move quickly.
 - ii. The application for and process of are different for different items. For example, purchasing give-aways is fairly simple but requires getting several bids. Advertising is relatively the same process. Also, as long as the purchase order is submitted by September 30th it will be covered, even if the payment isn't sent in until after that date. NOTE: if you are spending over \$40K, you will need to submit a RFP and a waiver which will take much longer and really not doable at this point. NOTE: approval is difficult to get for providing food for an event, other than possibly coffee and such.
 - iii. Discussion on how that money should be spent started at the meeting but was decided it would be best if members sent in their recommendations via email to Dawne and Kathy. These will be shared and voted on at next meeting if a quorum is present. Dawne, Annmarie, Kathy, Gina, Ingrid, and Rush committed to submitting write-ups.

V. Fines for Traffickers

- a. Elizabeth and Annmarie reported that a survey was sent asking all county prosecutor's to send all information on any cases where trafficker was charged. The data is still being compiled and a report given once it is complete.

- b. There was a question on how this process works through the court system. We will invite a speaker for next meeting to explain.

VI. Old Business/Outstanding Items

- a. Discussion of Prostitution Offender Program. Guest Speaker Penny Venetis and Rachael Newcomb from Rutgers International Human Rights Clinic presented their White Paper on Diversion Programs. The paper was distributed to all members for review prior to meeting.
- b. Elizabeth referred to findings/research done by DCJ on POP and noted that from 2017-2019 there were a total of 40 convictions for the entire state, making the point that at this rate we would not be able to sustain a POP for even a single county.
- c. Chief Monaghan stated that to have enough convictions requires stings, which are costly and now much harder to do since BackPage shut down.

VII. Next Meeting – July 15, 2020

- a. Next meeting will include presentation on collecting fines through courts system, and someone from Ethics Office will attend to answer questions;

Motion to adjourn seconded, voted on, and passed.