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NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:40 p.m. by Chairperson Commissioner Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro.

II. SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement of the Open Public Meeting Act, commonly referred to as “The Sunshine Law,” by Chairperson Lomangino-DiMauro, which stated, “The meeting was noticed on January 12, 2021, by sending written notice to The Star-Ledger, The Bergen Record, Gannett, Town Square Media, Burlington County Times, Philly.Com. Additionally, the written notice was filed with the NJ Secretary of State.”

III. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS: Chairperson Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro, Annmarie Taggart, Elizabeth Ruebman, Gina Cavallo, Bonny Fraser, Timothy Gallagher, Aldina Hovde, Ingrid Johnson, William Monaghan.

ABSENT COMMISSIONERS: Angelo Onofri, Marisol Rodriguez, Rush L. Russell.

QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Friess, Roman Guzik, Vicki Vreeland.



IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Lomangino-DiMauro asked for a motion to accept the meetings minutes. Motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 20, 2021 made by Commissioner Ruebman, seconded by Commissioner Taggart. Motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Commission on Human Trafficking Annual Report 2020

Commissioner Fraser suggested it should be made clear that the report is the work of a state body and that any questions pertaining to it should be directed to a Department of Law & Public Safety phone number as opposed to Avanzar. Commissioner Ruebman advised the correction would be addressed in a line item change. Commissioner Lomangino-DiMauro asked for a motion to accept report.

Motion: Commissioner Ruebman made a motion to accept the Annual Report for 2020, seconded by Commissioner Taggart. Motion passed unanimously.

2. NJ Assembly Bill 833 – Poster Draft

Commissioner Ruebman provided information about the specifications required for the graphics and text for a poster to be displayed by businesses in a human trafficking campaign. Commissioner Taggart stated this was a good opportunity to improve and correct wording used in previous visual displays.

Motion: Commissioner Ruebman made a motion to form a committee to design a poster. Motion seconded by Commissioner Taggart and passed unanimously. Commissioners Taggart, Lomangino-DiMauro, and Cavallo volunteered to serve on the committee. Commissioner Ruebman offered to liaison with Graphics specialists.

3. Discussion: Human Trafficking Through the Public Health Lens

Commissioner Hovde opened a discussion on the subject of Human Trafficking through the Public Health Lens by saying all efforts to reach Human Trafficking victims/survivors should be survivor-informed. Commissioner Cavallo commented on a You Tube video she viewed which she felt made many good points, but lacked survivors' voices. Commissioner Johnson commented that she does not think the medical community believes Human Trafficking is a public health issue. She said there are no mandates in the medical community for treating Human Trafficking victims/survivors and that she doesn't think the issue is understood in the medical community.

Commissioner Lomangino-DiMauro suggested a working group be established and voted on at the next meeting to discuss the issue of Human Trafficking as a public

health issue. Commissioners Lomangino-DiMauro and Taggart thought further discussion of the subject should wait until the full Commission had the opportunity to review the materials that had been provided. Commissioner Hovde said she would like to see a coordinated effort in the state in the area of Human Trafficking and to “figure out who’s doing what.”

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Members of the public in attendance: David Mareno, Sarah Lott.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Lomangino-DiMauro asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Monahan and seconded by Commissioner Hovde. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 17, 2021 @ 12:30 p.m.

