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NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. by Chairperson Commissioner Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro. The Chairperson stated the meeting would only function as a committee meeting due to a lack of quorum and no voting would take place.

II. SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

The meeting was noticed on September 10, 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, Vice-Chairperson Angelo Onofri, Annmarie Taggart, Bonny Fraser, Timothy J. Gallagher, Aldina Hovde, Ingrid Johnson, Maggie-Lou Mari.

ABSENT COMMISSIONERS: Gina Cavallo, William P. Monaghan, Marisol Rodriguez,

QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Friess, Deputy Attorney General Raquel Bristol, Deputy Attorney General Alyssa Bloom.



PUBLIC: NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendations for Open Seats

Chairperson Lomangino-DiMauro stated the Commission has five open seats that require appointments and asked Commission members to make recommendations for the appointments. She said the open seats are as follows:

Public Member 1 from a Child Advocacy Organization

Public Member 3

Two representatives from Law Enforcement

One representative from a Victim Service organization

Commissioner Lomangino-DiMauro told the Commission she believed the name of Jessica Kitson, a lawyer and managing partner with Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, had already been submitted. She also recommended Inv. Frank Sabella with the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office for one of the law enforcement seats.

Other names recommended for seats included Danielle Buckley, a retired assistant prosecutor from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, for an open Public Member seat, and Gina Hernandez, for the representative from a Child Advocacy organization.

Commissioner Johnson suggested the Commission should consider recommending candidates for seats who have a specific skill set that may benefit the Commission's work such as experience in Marketing, Public Relations, or in the area of advancing Human Trafficking as a public health issue.

Chairperson Lomangino-DiMauro suggested having a special meeting to vote on the Commission's recommendations. The meeting was scheduled for September 29 at 10 a.m.

2. Responsibilities of the Commission

Chairperson Lomangino-DiMauro told the Commission she wanted to review the responsibilities of the Commission to keep in mind for all work done by the Commission.

The following is a summary of the responsibilities discussed:

1. To evaluate existing Human Trafficking enforcement laws and recommend changes where needed.

2. Review and analyze Victim Assistance programs and the availability of services for victims of Human Trafficking.

3. Promote a coordinated response by public and private resources for victims of Human Trafficking.

4. Develop mechanisms to promote public awareness of Human Trafficking, including promotion of the national 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on Human Trafficking and promotion of training courses and other educational materials.

Commissioner Johnson suggested the Commission should review the actions it has taken to date. Commissioner Hovde volunteered to summarize the annual reports beginning with 2014.

3. Meeting Dates

The Commission discussed future meeting dates and times and decided to keep meeting dates for the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting ended at approximately 1:12 p.m.

