

Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting:

Programs & Services Subcommittee

Meeting Summary and Recommendations

I. Summary of meeting dates, times, locations, and participants:

Friday, March 9th, 2018

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

City of Champaign Township Building

53 E Logan Street

Champaign, IL 61820

Monday, April 9th, 2018

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Illinois Primary Health Care Association

500 S. Ninth Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Monday, May 7th, 2018

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

James R. Thompson Center

100 W. Randolph St.

Chicago, IL

6th Floor DCFS Video Conference Room 275

AND

DCFS Administrative Building

406 E. Monroe Street

Springfield, IL

7th Floor Video Conference Room

Facilitator: Pilar Meyer Dunning

Participants: Ruth Ayukesong, DHS; Linda Baker, Paul Simon Policy Institute; Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Rockford Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation; Ginger Coakley, Eden's Glory; Kimberly Drew, Heartland Alliance; Alexis Dykes, Hoyleton Ministries; Chibundo Egwuatu, University of Illinois-Champaign, Darci Flynn, Heartland Alliance; Summar Ghias, Salvation Army STOP-IT Program; Dr. Charles Hounmenou, University of Illinois-Chicago; Dr. Lisa Mercer, University of Illinois-Champaign; Kimberly Palermo, Paul Simon Policy Institute; Dana Pfeiffer, Grounds of Grace; Dana Scheller, Grounds of Grace; Sheri Schweizer, Kankakee Iroquois Human Trafficking Task Force; Megan Rosenfeld, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation; Annie Schomaker;

II. Recommendations

- 1) Appoint a diverse set of sex and labor trafficking survivors to an Illinois Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, mirroring the US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking that was established in 2015. This formal platform for trafficking survivors would provide opportunities for those with lived experiences to advise, provide insight, and make recommendations on any human trafficking specific policies and programs that are implemented by the state.

- 2) Suggest State-wide housing options to provide immediate, temporary, short-term, and long-term housing to address the needs of the following subset populations of human trafficking survivors:
 - Foreign-born
 - Domestic
 - Minors
 - Adults
 - Adults with Children
 - Female
 - Male
 - Transgender
- 3) Suggest adding protections for survivors of human trafficking within the name change process for the State of Illinois. Suggest looking at the laws in California that allow names to be changed without publishing in the newspaper under domestic violence and human trafficking protections.
- 4) Suggest amending the domestic violence act to allow human trafficking specific residential programs to have the same protection as domestic violence shelters in being a confidential location.
- 5) Suggest access to obtaining an ID without permanent address, and/or using an agency address for human trafficking survivors.
- 6) Suggest implementing a program similar to Safe at Home in California, which provides a free P.O. Box and mail forwarding service to protect survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking from being found by potential perpetrators. This address would be accepted by state, county and city government agencies in lieu of a traditional residential or other mailing address where the victim can be tracked down.
- 7) Suggest the expansion of public benefits to include dental care and eye care for survivors of human trafficking. As part of this recommendation to continue the Survivor Support and Trafficking Prevention Act that is expiring 2019.
- 8) Suggest State-wide training to inform staff and citizens about policy changes related to the following: DHS and public benefits, ID access, name change access, housing access.
- 9) Suggest creating and maintaining a resource list or database of trafficking-specific service providers to provide resources after a potential survivor has been identified
 - Financial support for this effort with maintenance and housing of this database
- 10) Suggest service providers serving human trafficking survivors receive training to provide comprehensive trauma-informed care.
 - Substance abuse training and identification
 - State-wide training conference for human trafficking service providers
 - After evidence of trauma informed certification from a qualified agency they would be added to the database.
 - Resource for agencies to receive training for funding to train staff
- 11) Suggest a State-wide plan for collecting data of people served through domestic violence and trafficking-specific programs to better understand the capacity of programs to provide housing and support to survivors.
 - Database to include de-identified information, non-duplicated statistics, and information about accessing the program. A mechanism for sharing information without double counting the numbers of individuals who have accessed resources from a number of participating partners will be explored.
 - Programs listed in this database have been vetted and have received required training.