



EASTERN SHORE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Moving forward to combat this evil together

MEETING SUMMARY

March 24, 2017

Following is a summary of the highlights of the discussions that took place during the Friday, March 24 meeting of the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force (TF) held at Christ Church in Easton.

ATTENDANCE:

Becky Anthony	Ann Holladay
Lauren Gibson	Carol Kunkel
Kevin Hendricks	Shari Powers
Kim Hendricks	Ed Thomas

1. Ed went over the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Freedom Agenda event he attended focusing on the relationship of pornography to human trafficking.
2. Lauren Gibson, Regional Navigator, For All Seasons, for the mid-shore area indicated that they are connecting resources with Life Crises re Sexual Assault and reaching out to build awareness of human trafficking. Lauren pointed out that the Carter Center juvenile detention facility in Chestertown is in partnership with For All Seasons in providing advocacy for the youth in the center, and they are working on providing educational workshops for the youth. The rape crises center reaches out to local law enforcement in all five counties.
3. Ann summarized the meeting she attended regarding the Artworks for Freedom three week human trafficking event in Easton in September. She indicated that details regarding the event need to be worked out more before we can identify how the TF can be supportive. Ann did state that many volunteers will be needed to

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conduct the event. Carol will be contacting the leaders related to a quilting part of the event. Becky asked if there may be a place for her class to participate.

4. Becky described the spring and fall human trafficking elective courses she will be teaching at Salisbury U. She is endeavoring to get other faculty members and students involved in anti-human trafficking at the University.

Becky indicated that she, Kim and Kevin will receive the training for the Prevention Curriculum on April 3rd and invited everyone to participate. Thereafter, they will be able to apply the curriculum in various student settings.

5. There was a brief review of the Empower Me session that took place in February. Ann will follow-up with Katie to see if any “Training the Trainer” events will be held. Also, there was reference to a “Darkness to Light” training that is more in-depth.
6. Ann drew attention to the “Purple Project” focusing on drug issues being led by Sheriff Gamble, more information will be provided as it becomes available.
7. Ann and Ed summarized a phone conversation with Jessica Emerson who is responsible for the Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service (MVLS) which provides free legal assistance to post conviction human trafficking survivors. A staff member has been added to focus on making these services available throughout the eastern shore. We have agreed to hold a lunch meeting on May 17 whereby Jessica and Laurie will explain the MVLS program to agency representatives who provide services to survivors. Details will be made available as they are provided to us.
8. Shari highlighted her continuing work on the human trafficking curriculum she is developing. She expects to unveil it at St. Mark’s church and will let us know when it is scheduled to take place.
9. Ed provided an update regarding the General Assembly related to human trafficking legislation. He indicated that several bills have been given unfavorable committee reports while others are still making their way through the General Assembly. Ed gave a brief overview of the bills under consideration. The legislative session ends in early April and a final report will be given at the April TF meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on April 28 between noon and 2:00 pm at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton.

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