



EASTERN SHORE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE
Moving forward to combat this evil together

Meeting Summary

ATTENDANCE:

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| Ann Holladay | Kevin Hendricks |
| Kim Hendricks | Pastor Ida Ositelu |
| Pastor Michelle Harding | Debra Vecton |
| Ed Thomas | Molly McGinty |

Following is a summary of the highlights of the discussions that took place during the Friday April 13th meeting of the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force (ESHTTF) held at Christ Church, Easton.

- 1. National Center on Sexual Exploitation Global Summit** – Ed provided the highlights from the one day of the Summit he attended touching on: Sexual Violence, Building a Team, Digital Strategies, Parents Program (pornography), Technology, Curb Demand and Rethinking John Schools.
- 2. Clarion Call - Wrap-up/Follow-up** - Michelle described the Clarion Call to Pray 2018 - Battle Against Addiction event that took place on March 17th. She made a presentation during that event linking drug abuse and trafficking. Attendance at the event was good from throughout the eastern shore. The Task Force had an information table handing out materials and obtained contact information for 10 persons wanting to know about the Task Force and be involved in human trafficking. Michelle pointed out that there will be a follow-up event Purple in the Park, related to Talbot Purple with the participation of Talbot Prays on June 16 at Idlewild Park.

3. **Post-Conviction Relief to Survivors of Human Trafficking – Up-Coming Training** – In Laurie Culkin’s absence Ann Holliday described the training for legal professionals that will be taking place on April 27 to provide pro bono post-conviction legal assistance to trafficking survivors.
4. **Prevention Project – Recent Advances** - Kim and Kevin provided the highlights of recent Prevention Project activities at Chesapeake College, Salisbury Ministerial Alliance, Wicomico County School System and with Pastor Ida Ositelu’s church in Laurel, Delaware. They indicated there will be follow-up events with these groups.
5. **Salisbury University/Task Force Intern** – Molly McGinty (Salisbury University student) explained that she will be serving as a Task Force intern beginning in August. She will work 12-16 hours a week focusing on the Prevention Project, social media, obtaining grants, raising awareness and funds, and possibly other Task Force needs as her time will allow. The attendees were delighted to learn about Molly’s activities and look forward to the results.
6. **Federal and State Legislation** – Ed provided an overview of the recent human trafficking related federal legislation that was enacted and of bills that were and were not enacted during the recently concluded session of the Maryland General Assembly.
7. **Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force Steering Committee** – Ed summarized the discussions that took place during the March 23 meeting of the steering Committee including updates from the Victim’s Services, Legislation, Training, Public Awareness and Law Enforcement committees. Human Trafficking research to be conducted by U of MD students was also described.
8. **Input from Attendees** – A discussion took place regarding future activities of the Task Force including:
 - Has our mission, *“The MISSION of the Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force is to prevent and combat human trafficking (sex and labor exploitation) by encouraging, supporting and promoting public awareness and action within specific communities and counties throughout Maryland’s eastern shore.”* changed since the Task Force was restarted
 - What are the primary tasks of the Task Force
 - Should we continue to meet during the day
 - Where should we meet
 - Should we have another public awareness event
 It was decided that these topics would be the focus of the Task Force’s next meeting.
9. **Next Meeting** – The next Task Force meeting will take place on June 1, 2018.