



HOWARD COUNTY

Human Trafficking Task Force

Minutes (draft)

October 8, 2014

9:00 a.m.

**Conference Room 3, Columbia Gateway Building
Howard County Human Trafficking Task Force**

Task Force Members Present:

Sara Cochran, HoCo AGAST; **James Fitzgerald**, Howard County Sheriff; **C. Vernon Gray**, Chair, Task Force, Howard County Office of Human Rights; **Andrea Ingram**, Grassroots; **Suellen Seigel**, Howard County Commission for Women; **Colleen Nester** for **Maura J. Rossman, M.D.**, Howard County Health Department; **Alexis Wenzel**, HopeWorks; **The Rev. Martin Brooks**, Bethany United Methodist Church; **Guest: Amanda Rodriguez; Joshua Mouton**

Not Attending:

Sharon P. Hadsell, Howard County General Hospital; **Jennifer W. Ritter** for **Dario Broccolino**, Howard County State's Attorney Office; **Sandra Stecker**, Howard County Department of Technology and Communication Services; **Nick Weikel**, HoCo AGAST; **Maj. Ellsworth Jones** for **Gary L. Gardner**, Howard County Police; **Lois Mikkila**, Howard County Department of Citizen Services; **Restia Whitaker**, Coordinator for Pupil Services, for **Renee A. Foose**, Superintendent, HCPS System; **Steven Hess**, U.S. Attorney's Office.

Staff Present: Mary Toth, Office of Human Rights; **Meredith Beach**, Howard County Council.

CV Gray opened the meeting with the announcement that the Task Force would present to the County Council December 10 at 9:20 A.M and thanked the Task Force members for their work.

Discussion and revision of Resolution 4. **Red are additions** and **green are deletions.**

4. Facilitate more coordinated anti-trafficking efforts in the county through creation of a specialized law enforcement core group, proactive investigations and increased prosecution of traffickers, criminally, and where appropriate, civilly.

Add Andrea Ingram's proposed wording to 4.6 with CVG edit:

4.6: Enhance the protocol for Howard County that ensures efficient and effective collaboration among service providers and law enforcement.

Add 4.7, per CVG, based on group discussion:

4.7 County Council should enact a law requiring that a portion of the monies and assets confiscated from traffickers be deposited in the victim services' fund.

Chart: Suggested changes to Howard County Human Trafficking Task Force Process of Victim Services

- Martin Brooks: Draw the **line to connect** Legal Assistance to line.
- CVG: Edit Food/Clothing to include **Other Needs**.

Core Values of Model Protocol: Reviewed by attendees. Edited Protocol accompanying these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next meeting, Wednesday, November 12 at 9 AM.

Note: This is a new location.

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Columbia, MD. 21046**