



## Trafficking in Persons Council

### Minutes

**November 19, 2013**

Council Members Present: Teresa C. Younger, Chair; Andrew Anastasio, Jr.; Hakima Bey-Coon; Linda J. Cimino; Laura Cordes; Leonela Cruz for Alicia R. Kinsman; Sylvia Gafford-Alexander; Barbara L. Geller; Tracy Kelly; Marla Shiller; Deborah Del Prete Sullivan

Staff Members Present: Natasha M. Pierre

Committee Members Present (from the public): *Adult Sex Trafficking* - Krystal Ambrozaitis; *Child Sex Trafficking* - Dan Giungi, Juli Juabsamai, Christine Keyes, Charles Rothenberger; *Public Awareness & Education* – Jillian Gilchrest, Michelle Gjurez, Nicole von Oy

*The following members could not attend due to scheduling conflicts:* Rob Derry; Laura Cordes, Kara Hart, Karen Jarmoc; Elizabeth Keyes, Beau Thurnauer

Call to Order: Chairperson Younger called the meeting to order at 10:14 am.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes**

On motion made by Ms. Geller, seconded by Ms. Cimino, the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **II. Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking (National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws 2013)**

The Council reviewed the Act for recommendations, and found that overall Connecticut's law is stronger than the Uniform Act. The Council made the following suggestions:

- Article 1: Definitions –request that the Office of Legislative Research compare the Uniform Act definitions to CT definitions
  - Suggestion to change the National Model as follows (underline added language):

“A person commits the crime of trafficking in persons when he or she compels or induces another person, through coercion, fraud, or threatened use of force against the person or a third person.”
- Article IV, Section 20 – Public Awareness Committee will amend and submit as a recommendation

**III. Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights**

The Council did not have enough time to discuss this topic.

**IV. Committee Workgroups**

The following committees broke out into groups to discuss recommendations: Adult Sex Trafficking, Children Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, and Public Awareness & Education. Discussions and recommendations are pending and/or ongoing.

**V. Other Business and Announcements**

CONNACS has new materials in Spanish available at <http://www.ctcadv.org>.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2013 in Room 1E of the Legislative Office Building at 10:00 am.**