



Trafficking in Persons Council

Minutes

February 11, 2014

Council Members Present: Teresa C. Younger, Chair; Colette Anderson, Hakima Bey-Coon, Helena Carpenter for Linda J. Cimino, Anthony Carter, Laura Cordes, Sylvia Gafford-Alexander, Alice Minervino for Barbara Geller, Kara Hart, Joseph Froehlich for Karen Jarmoc, Tracy Kelly; Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Beau Thurnauer, Faith VosWinkel

Staff Members Present: Natasha M. Pierre

The following members gave notice that they could not attend: Andrew Anastasio, Jr.; Leonela Cruz, William Rivera

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

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with the following correction: The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 ~~am~~ pm.

II. Presentations & Discussions

The scheduled presenter, Andrew Anastasio, Jr, could not attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

III. Other Business and Announcements

A. Submitted Recommendations

The Council discussed the Recommendations that were submitted in January 2014.

Ms. Younger noted that the statutory charge was to examine existing law related to trafficking in persons, identify any deficiencies, and report its findings and recommendations. The recommendations were developed in committee work and presented to the Council for discussion, but not voted upon by the Council. All committee recommendations were submitted.

Ms. Sullivan indicated that her agency, the Office of the Chief Public Defender, will not support mandatory minimum sentencing recommendations.

Mr. Thurnauer indicated that he was concerned about unfunded reporting mandates.

Action: PCSW will incorporate a disclaimer in the report on the web and on future hard copies indicating that the Council did not vote on the recommendations, and its submission does not indicate agreement of all Council members.

B. Council Member Request for Assistance

Mr. Thurnauer is writing an article on trafficking for *The Police Chief: The Professional Voice of Law*. He is seeking assistance to provide information on how law enforcement can identify human trafficking victims and case studies. He will follow-up with Council members.

C. Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking in Connecticut Conference

Ms. VosWinkel informed the Council that the conference is on CTN, and will forward the materials to the Council. The materials will be posted on the PCSW website.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 in Room 1D of the Legislative Office Building at 10:00 am.