



TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 19, 2015

Council Members Present: Jillian Gilchrest; Hakima Bey-Coon; Deb Heinrich; Tracey Kelly; Leonela Cruz; Tammy Sneed; Faith VosWinkel; Linda Cimino; Deborah Del Prete Sullivan; Wendy Mota Kasongo for Karen Jarmoc; Marla Shiller; Frances Fallon; Kara Hart; Andy Anastatio; DeVaughn Ward

The following members gave notice that they could not attend: Beau Thurnauer; Deb Greenwood; Sylvia Gafford-Alexander

Call to Order: Chair Jillian Gilchrest called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

1. Presentations & Discussion

a) Yale Law Clinic

The Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence (“The Alliance”) offered to investigate trafficking issues faced by traveling sales crews in the state of Connecticut. The Alliance retained Yale Law School’s Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (“WIRAC”) to write a report investigating the legal and factual landscape pertaining to this issue. Claire Simonich, Zachary-John Manfredi, and Kathryn Huddleston, all three students with the WIRAC, presented their report and findings to the TIP Council and engaged members in a dialogue about their recommendations.

b) 2016 TIP Council Policy Recommendations

Jillian Gilchrest informed TIP Council members that they would be discussing a variety of policy proposals based on the work of the Council and conversations with individuals working in the field. Council members were told that they would be called in for an additional meeting in December to vote on recommendations to be included in the Council’s Annual Report.

Council members reviewed a twelve page document, engaging in conversation about recommendations related to the following; updating the TIP Council Statutes, improving working conditions in nail salons, protecting adult and minor victims of sexual exploitation, improving prosecution of sex trafficking, reducing and punishing the demand side of sex trafficking and prostitution, reducing prostitution and trafficking at hotels and motels, updating the forfeiture of moneys and property statutes related to sexual exploitation, prostitution, and human trafficking, and improving conditions and protections for domestic workers.

2. Adjournment

Adjournment: Chair Gilchrest adjourned the meeting at 12:15PM.