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Connecticut Trafficking in Persons Council

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directed by the Commission on Women, Children & Seniors
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MINUTES

January 19, 2017

Legislative Office Building, Room 2D

10AM-12PM

The meeting was called to order at 10:06AM.

1. Legislative Updates

- a) S.A. 16-13 Task Force to Study the Curriculum & Education of Police Officers
TIP Council members discussed the legislative proposal. Council members felt that there should be further discussion on requiring human trafficking training to various professionals including, state and municipal police, judges, prosecutors, the “defense bar”, medical providers, and educators.

2. Presentations & Discussion

- a) Annual Report Actionable Next Steps

TIP Council members discussed the 2016 Annual Report actionable next steps including, engage the Department of Education regarding Trafficking Council membership; participating in Connecticut Sentencing Commission Public Hearing, on January 25th at 10AM; coordinating a meeting with key individuals to discuss the following statute changes;

- Repealing *Sec. 53a-86*, Promoting prostitution in the first degree;
- Revising *Sec. 53a-192a*, Trafficking in persons;
- Increasing the penalty for *Sec. 53a-83(i)*, Patronizing a prostitute under the age of 18;
- Repealing *Sec. 53a-83a*, Patronizing a prostitute from a motor vehicle; and
- Expanding *Sec. 53a-83*, Patronizing a prostitute, to include patronizing from a moto vehicle and from the internet or social media.

inquiring on the status of a working group to consider matters relating to nail salons and the provision of services by nail technicians established under *P.A. 16-66, Sec. 44*; creating an inventory of Connecticut statutes that have been enacted to address human trafficking, their status, and their effectiveness to date; *and* following-up with the Task Force to Study the Curriculum & Education of Police Officers.

b) 2017 March & May Meeting Topics

TIP Council members discussed possible meeting topics for the March and May meetings which included:

Thursday, March 16th, 2017

Discussions on:

- Mayors Against Demand
- Massage Parlors
- Cross-municipality police information sharing for chronic runaways

Thursday, May 18th, 2017

Discussions on:

- *Elementary, middle and high school personnel's responsibility to file Family with Service Needs (FWSN) reports for chronic absenteeism in order to protect victims of domestic minor sex trafficking;*
- The feasibility of a pre-trial diversionary program for persons charged with prostitution

TIP Council members decided to wait on having a conversation about school personnel's responsibility pertaining to FWSN until the Department of Education is at the table.

c) The Demand Side of Sex Trafficking: Targeting Buyers

The TIP Council had a presentation on the launch of End Demand CT, a statewide anti-demand efforts being led by the Trafficking in Persons Council.

- CT Campaign Against Demand, Jillian Gilchrest
- DMST Victim Perspective on Buyers & DMST without a 3rd Party, Erin Williams
- Anti-Demand Efforts & Law Enforcement, Kelly Kraynack & Valiant Richey

3. Council Updates

- HART Update

Tammy Sneed provided an update on the Department of Children and Families Human Anti-trafficking Response Team.

4. The Council adjourned the meeting at 11:43AM.