



**FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Human Trafficking Task Force**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm**  
**Winchester Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Winchester Hall**

**1. Introductions:**

Members who were present were Miles Ward, Frederick County Human Relations Department, Laura Wilt, Office of the State's Attorney's, Chief Ed Hargis and SGT Andrew Alcorn, Frederick City Police Department, Annie Jones, Commission for Women, Lynn Davis, Child Advocacy Center, Malcolm Furgol, United Way, Barbara Fink, Health Department, Tom Stack, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Scott Blundell, Frederick County Public Schools, Nina Carr, Heartly House, Pamela Holtzinger, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Jessica Fitzwater, Frederick County Council, Karen Lewis Young, State Delegation, and Michael O'Connor, Maryland Municipal League.

Also present were guests John Curan and Charlotte Wood, United Way, Karolyn Monroe, Ragen Cherney, and Sydnee Sichert, Frederick County Council.

**2. Member Appointments:**

Through unanimous consent the task force selected co-chairs Pam Holtzinger and Nina Carr.

**3. Group Discussion:**

- a. Mission and Outcomes of Task Force (see attached)
  - i. Small Group Breakout Session
    1. Discuss desired outcomes and priorities
    2. Identifying Gaps
    3. What Works Well v. What Has Not

**b. Discuss Potential Sub-Committees:**

The subcommittees created involved a legislative committee, community response and protocols, data and the scope of the human trafficking problem, and training on identification of victims of human trafficking.



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- i. The community response subcommittee will consist of Laura Wilt, Malcolm Furgol, Jessica Beall, and Nina Carr will be the point of contact. The training subcommittee will consist of members Scott Blundell, Nina Carr, Barbara Fink, Pam Holtzinger, and Chief Ed Hargis will be the point of contact. The data subcommittee will consist of Lynn Davis, Barbara Fink, Angela Spencer, and Miles Ward will be the point of contact. Finally, the legislative subcommittee will consist of Michael O'Connor, Karen Lewis Young, Annie Jones, and Jessica Fitzwater will be the point of contact. Each subcommittee is responsible for organizing a subcommittee meeting before the February 6<sup>th</sup> human trafficking meeting.

#### **4. Future Meetings:**

The group unanimously agreed to monthly meetings.

#### **5. Adjournment**



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### **Human Trafficking Task Force priorities**

- Defining the problem
  - Scope of the problem
  - Data (labor and sex)
  - Subgroups
  - Bridge the gap
- Identification/training (public safety, health providers, teachers, etc.)
  - Asking the right questions
  - Data sharing among agencies
- Best practices for screening
- Shelter for human trafficked – “one stop shop”
  - length of need
  - short term or long term
- Identifying legal barriers that prevent access to resources, criminal penalties, victimization
  - Investigation/prosecution pieces are working well – losing the victim from arrest of suspect to trial
- Community protocol (211) ID members to be involved
- public awareness/public prevention
- don't reinvent the wheel, reach out to other counties to see what they use, hospitals protocols, law enforcement trainings
- CPS/ safe harbor workgroup/ mandated reporters/ state legislation
- Who is on the “team” of responders
- 24 hour crisis center: Courtney's house, turnaround Inc.
- Resources and \$\$\$
- What's working well: ability of communicate with community