

HTAB April 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 1:30 PM – Adam Piland and Heidi Lynch, Co-Chairs

HTAB members in attendance:

- Heidi Lynch
- Adam Piland
- Tiffanie Askew
- Kent Bauman
- Bradley Barrett
- Honorable Carrie Barth
- Sheriff Troy Briggs
- Kristen Czugala
- Sara Evans-Simpson
- Thomas Fatkin
- James (JJ) Johnson
- Debbie Kennedy
- Ed Klumpp
- Deb Kluttz
- Alice Knetsch Osburn
- Jessie Piper
- Chief Rebekah Rickstrew
- Judi Rodman
- Sandra Shopteese
- Secretary Amber Shultz
- Sharon Sullivan
- Derrick Wilczek

Members of the public: Jessie Stonebraker, Taylor Jorgensen, Deputy Brittainie Chapman, Faron Barr, Ruthann Fisher, Lt. Dax Lewis, Angie Boles, Tereasa Brown

Staff: HTAB counsel, Robert Hutchison & Chief Administrative Officer Deann Tiede

Motion to approve December 2022 minutes by Sullivan, seconded by Klumpp, motion carried.

HTAB History & Progress: Heidi Lynch shared an historical summary for the Board. Klumpp discussed the foundation of HTAB and how the Advisory Board was formed. Klumpp also recognized the work and efforts of the public members of HTAB who attend every meeting and participate in the committees for supporting and moving the work of HTAB along.

New Business— Discussion of HB 2350 – Representative Barth provided background for HB 2350, which criminalizes human smuggling in Kansas. The Bill is currently sitting on Governor Kelly’s desk, pending her signature. The bill was mirrored off of TX, AZ and FL laws on human smuggling. Discussion around the usefulness of the statute and how it can be used to prosecute

smugglers. Discussion around smuggling vs trafficking and how to continue to distinguish between the two.

Sullivan asked about the status of the Comprehensive Plan – two sections still needing to be worked through. Will continue working through the plan at the next meeting.

KORA/KOMA Training – HTAB Legal Counsel, Associate Deputy Attorney General Robert Hutchison gave a brief presentation regarding KORA and KOMA statutes to which HTAB is subject.

Committee Organizing:

Victim Services Committee: Sullivan shared the purpose is to share information about services available to victims and strategize priorities to bring to HTAB as a whole.

Law Enforcement Committee: Klumpp shared the purpose is to discuss strategies and advise on how to improve investigations. Works in conjunction with victim services and other committees to advise law enforcement committee.

Public Awareness, Prevention and Education Committee: Sullivan shared the purpose is to develop education opportunities to bring to the community and to professionals.

Data Collection Subcommittee: Piland shared the purpose is to share data and strategies for collecting data. This can be difficult for a statewide agency due to HIPAA and law enforcement confidentiality requirements.

Quarterly committee meetings occurred 1-2 weeks before the HTAB whole meeting. Discussed whether to hold the committee meetings virtual or in-person. Czugala recommended the first committee meetings are held virtually and then each committee can decide if they will meet in person or virtually.

2023 Calendar: Discussion to schedule rest of meetings this year. Meetings set, with locations tentatively set for the following:

July 20 KBI 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

September 21 KBI 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

November 16 KBI 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Announcements: Czugala shared the Department of Education is working to host some premieres of the movie, “Wake Up” this summer which features a true story of human trafficking survivors. Kennedy shared that Wichita Rotary clubs have all met and discussed HT and are working to do more. Various upcoming trainings were shared by members.

Klumpp entered a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sullivan seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 PM.