

## HTAB Minutes from 12/11/20

(Meeting conducted virtually via WebEx due to COVID-19)

### HTAB members in attendance:

- Jennifer Montgomery, Chair
- Tiffanie Askew
- Kent Bauman
- Hannah Britton
- Karen Countryman Roswurm
- Hon. Marci Francisco
- Rebekah Gaston
- Ed Howell
- Adam Piland
- Debbie Kennedy
- Laurel Klein Searles
- Ed Klumpp
- Dax Lewis
- Michelle McCormick
- Dan Oblinger
- Sarah Oldridge
- Diana Schunn
- Kirk Thompson
- Derrick Wilczek

**Staff:** AAG Sarah Shipman, OAG intern Sara Caylor

**Guests:** Lucy Bloom, Rep. Ponka-We Victors, Rep.-elect Christina Haswood, Carole Cadue Blackwood

The meeting was called to order at 1:32pm and the Chair, Jennifer Montgomery, shared the specific information about Kansas Open Meeting Act and Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act compliance, as the Board is operating under the state emergency declaration.

### Approval of September 2020 minutes:

A motion was made by Kirk Thompson and seconded by Dan Oblinger.

The minutes were approved as read and the motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

### Committee reports:

Law Enforcement Committee: Jennifer Montgomery reported that the Committee met virtually on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and heard agency updates, discussed the joint letter from OAG and KBI regarding the juvenile protocol and had a follow up conversation about the “landlord model” for combatting Illicit Massage Businesses.

Victim Services Committee: Michelle McCormick provided a summary of the virtual meeting from November 20<sup>th</sup> and said the Committee will break into 2 work groups to draft a comprehensive plan that will include recommendations to the HTAB about how to support, create, or expand services for victims across the state. The work groups will begin meeting bi-weekly in January 2021.

Jennifer also reported follow up with Rep. Susan Concannon, Chair of the Special Committee on Foster Care Oversight, and noted the possibility of future opportunities to provide information to this group.

### Agency reports:

KDOC: Moving forward with plan to deploy HT screening instrument in juvenile intakes. Will start testing app in Jan. 2021 and piloting the program in the spring

KHP: Hosted the MSHP for HT training in Topeka and also observed an HT operation in Missouri.

#### **Presentations:**

**Lucy Bloom (Veronica's Voice) provided a brief update on Stopping Sexual Exploitation: A Program for Men (SSE), which is a partnership between Veronica's Voice and Peter Qualliotine of Modeling Equality.**

This is a new program for those sentenced for buying a person for commercial sexual exploitation. Veronica's Voice is currently participating in a train-the-trainer pilot and hopes to bring this to other organizations in the future and create a statewide model. They anticipate their classes will start in Feb. 2021.

**Dr. Karen Countryman-Roswurm gave a brief report on her fellowship work as part of the national Human Trafficking Leadership Academy (HTLA), Class 5, regarding the prevention of human trafficking among indigenous people.**

Focused on impact of systemic oppression of indigenous populations in the US and the connection to root causes of human trafficking. The final report identified both vulnerabilities and resiliency of those impacted and created recommendations. Some key recommendations include:

- Review and assure adherence to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
  - Reallocate resources
  - Focus on best practices for prevention and intervention that are culturally relevant
  - Look to indigenous populations for solutions
- Trauma informed, culturally specific training for law enforcement and child welfare
- Law enforcement work intentionally with tribal communities to improve responses
- Re-examine unintended consequences of legal remedies that have been created for anti-trafficking efforts
  - Affirmative defense and vacatur laws

#### **2020 legislative recommendations:**

These items were reviewed by the Ad/Hoc Legislative Committee and brought to the December 2020 HTAB meeting for review and consideration. It was noted that a quorum (half plus one) is required for a vote on potential recommendations. The items below were discussed and voted on:

- Mandatory posting of the National Human Trafficking Hotline —was introduced in 2020 legislative session but not fully considered due to COVID-19 and would like to re-introduce in 2021
  - Motion: Ed Howell, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kirk Thompson
  - Roll vote was called: Passed by quorum vote.
- Modifying the crimes of selling sexual relations, promoting the sale of sexual relations and buying sexual relations by changing terminology from "sexual relations" to "a sex act."—was introduced in 2020 legislature but not fully considered due to COVID-19 and would like to re-introduce again in the 2021 session.

- Discussion: It was reported that “sex act” is defined as part of the bill.
- Motion: Ed Howell, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Diana Schunn
- Roll call vote was called: Passed by quorum vote
- Massage Regulation bill—the recommendation from the Ad/Hoc Legislative Committee was to provide a statement of support, however, Jennifer received an update from other bodywork industry representatives who expressed support for the bill. She requested additional dialogue given this new information.
  - There was discussion and concerns expressed from law enforcement members about the local pre-emption language currently in the bill.
  - Motion to approve bill, with approval of changes by Legislative Committee: Diana Schunn, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen Countryman-Roswurm
  - Substitute motion: Rep. Francisco: Board recommends the passage of AMTA bill contingent upon further consideration of specific language in Sec. 6 and Sec.13, and subsequent unanimous approval by both the Law Enforcement and Ad/Hoc Legislative Committees. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Diana Schunn
  - Roll call vote was called: Passed by quorum vote

\*Jennifer noted she will contact AMTA and Holly Krebs for any additional language for consideration and schedule a joint virtual meeting of the two committees to complete business related to passage of the substitute motion.
- Judicial Council report recommendations-- The Committee recommends support of legislation that includes areas of agreement from the 2019 Judicial Council report.
  - Motion to have Jennifer be spokesperson if called to testify: Derrick Wilczek 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ed Klumpp
  - Roll call vote was called: Passed by quorum vote
  - Motion to request a bill draft containing areas of agreement within the Judicial Council report: Hannah Britton 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michelle McCormick
  - Roll call vote was called: Passed by quorum vote

**New Business:** Congratulations to Jennifer Montgomery on being selected for a Rotary International Peace Fellowship.

All current HTAB appointment expire on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Jennifer will be contacting Board members to assess continued service.

**2021 Meeting Dates:** March 11, July 15, September 9, December 9

Motion to adjourn from Laurel Klein Searles which was seconded by Sarah Oldridge.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm