



Collaborating for a Safer Idaho”

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission – Human Trafficking Sub-Committee

Quarterly Meeting

July 27, 2022

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes – September 6, 2022

Members Present:

Dave Jeppesen, Chair, IDHW
Michael Miraglia, Boise City Police
Jennifer Zielinski, Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition
Heather Cunningham, Idaho Council on Domestic Violence
Sen. Melissa Wintrow
Taunya Jones, Idaho Supreme Court
Dawn Maglish, Inside Out
Amanda Fisher, Inside Out
Mike Steen, Office of the Attorney General

Members Absent:

Eric Fredericksen, SAPD
Tim Brady, Co-Chair, Boise City Police
Cory Nielsen, Deputy Ada County Prosecutor
Anne Connor, IDJC
Tai Simpson, Engaging Voices
Eric Studebaker, SDE
Mark Kubinski, Office of Attorney General
Bret Kessinger, Idaho State Police
Niki Flock, IDHW
Anne Pelletier, ICASDV
Kelly Miller, Engaging Voices

Others Present:

Kathie Brack, IDHW

Welcome – Dir. Jeppesen: Call to order and introductions of members. Ms. Cunningham suggested inviting a Department of Labor member to represent human labor trafficking. Sen Wintrow suggested including victims. Amanda Fisher is CEO of Inside Out and is a survivor/victim. A tribal member was also suggested.

Approve April 26, 2022, minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022, meeting by Ms. Jones. Ms. Maglish 2nd the motion. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Dir. Jeppesen: Opened the discussion on the Shared Hoped - Idaho Report Card regarding the six policy

areas and asked the committee to prioritize areas to make meaningful change.

Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking - Jennifer Zielinski, Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition

Ms. Zielinski provided an overview of the report card analysis of the six policy provisions that led to Idaho's fall from a C grade in 2015 to an F grade in 2019. Idaho has not met the advanced legal requirements that were adopted by Shared Hope in 2015 and further has been unable to meet the other policy provisions adopted by Shared Hope. Shared Hope sent its confidential report in 2021 to Idaho stake holders noting deficiency areas to focus on for improvement and solicited feedback. Areas for improvement include adopting laws related to facilitators and victim-centered policies; developing safe harbor provisions and evidence-base standards of care. Dawn – things Idaho could add to law, focus on demand and victim-centered policies.

Ms. Maglish recently attend a conference in Wyoming and will present on rural state issues at the sub-committee meeting.

Ms. Zielinski: Idaho should consider matching state laws to federal laws; develop statewide efforts to improve victim identification, law enforcement training and education; and victim assistance. Few criminal prosecutions are brought in Idaho - it is low risk to conduct human trafficking in Idaho.

Ms. Maglish: Shared Hope is focused on not charging victims. Idaho should have multi-disciplinary teams to identify victims.

Sen Wintrow: There is much work to be done to make improvements. The sub-committee should put together a proposal for ICJC and the group should meet more frequently.

Ms. Maglish: Suggested the sub-committee pick three focus areas.

Mr. Larsen: Suggested two work groups to bring proposals for ICJC to bring to the Governor and the legislature by December 2022.

Ms. Zielinski: Statewide training without mandates should be highest priority. Criminal provisions are important but training and prevention should be prioritized.

Ms. Cunningham: The spread sheet in the meeting invitation contains specific action items. The recommendation to amend I.C. §18-8602, (regarding prior conduct) should be forwarded to ICJC. Someone should also discuss adding on-line training to the POST academy. The ICDV can pay for the training. The group should develop immediate action sand long-term study/actions.

Ms. Jones: The scope should be broader than proposing statutory changes; training and prevention are not policy but can be impactful.

Mr. Larsen: Updating criminal provisions will be most immediately impactful. Rural areas are in need of training. Recommendations for funding are also appropriate for this committee, specifying which agencies and how to distribute funding to local governments can be recommendations from this group to ICJC.

Ms. Maglish: Police officers must be trained, preferably through POST. A multi-disciplinary team would be helpful; various interest groups are not coordinated. ICJC has a training coming up.

Mr. Miraglia: I.C. § 18-5601, change from persons to person, so a prosecutor does not need two victims for prosecution.

Mr. Larsen: Do we need to do a review of chapters 86 and 56 for possible amendments? **Mr. Miraglia:** Yes, I.C. § 18-5600 is a more effective chapter for charging. Boise Police Department had a grant in 2015 for a road show to talk to detectives around state; human trafficking offenses and investigations are not taught at POST.

Sen. Wintrow: Will bring any bills that ICJC does not propose.

Ms. Maglish: Asset forfeiture can fund rehabilitation.

Dir. Jeppesen: The sub-committee will meet again in a month. Two work groups will report back: 1) Training and prevention – Ms. Zielinski and Ms. Maglish; 2) Criminal code amendment recommendations for ICJC- Mr. Larsen, Mr. Miraglia and Sen Wintrow.

Adjourn 4:15 p.m.