



Collaborating for a Safer Idaho”

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission – Human Trafficking Sub-Committee
Quarterly Meeting
September 6, 2022
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Michael Miraglia, Boise City Police
Jennifer Zielinski, Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition
Dana Weimiller, Idaho Council on Domestic Violence (for Heather Cunningham)
Sen. Melissa Wintrow
Dawn Maglish, Inside Out
Amanda Fisher, Inside Out
Amber Moe, Idaho Supreme Court (for Taunya Jones)
Mike Steen, Office of the Attorney General
Nikki Flock, IDHW
Anne Connor, IDJC
Jared Larsen, Office of the Governor

Members Absent:

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

Others Present:

Kathie Brack, IDHW
Terri Markham, Greater Rocky Mountain Immersive Training Conference

Welcome – Kathie Brack: Call to order.

Approval of July 27, 2022, minutes: Motion by Ms. Zielinski and second by Sen Wintrow to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022, meeting. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

Work Group 1 Report: Mr. Miraglia recommended training modules for investigators and community collaboration, along with 911 dispatchers to ensure that calls are assigned appropriately. **Ms. Maglish:** The work group is reviewing curricula and modules from different platforms and will develop

recommendations for the sub-committee. The POST curriculum needs to be reviewed to assess the efficacy of statewide police officer training to identify and investigate cases. **Mr. Miraglia** agrees that there should be interactive curriculum for officers. Trainers also need to be recognized trusted sources. The funding ended for the road show he used to teach to police officers, which was effective in training officers on evidence and data collection. **Ms. Maglish** attended the Greater Rocky Mountain Immersive Training Conference, which did a virtual reality training with a 13-year-old victim. Texas uses an on-line interactive curriculum that is also very good. **Ms. Fisher** commented that cases in Idaho are seriously under-counted; Idaho needs to improve its data collection.

Greater Rocky Mountain Immersive Training Conference (GMITC) presented by Terri Markham:

Regional interactive training is necessary. There are several good on-line training courses including one from Justice U. GMITC has a 3-year grant and is conducting training with different groups to create multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs). Wyoming, like Idaho has limited resources; there is a need for western states to collaborate across the region to leverage resources. The GMITC offered an interactive training with a fictional case, several case studies, practical applications, mock scenarios and practice interviews with survivors using MDTs. **Ms. Fisher** commented that the immersive training was excellent. Learning how different departments handle cases is very important. Other things to consider: Who does the interview – police or an advocate? Celebrity survivors at conferences are distractions. The goal should also be to change perspectives -- not all victims are prostitutes. **Ms. Maglish** commented that MDTs are crucial. Without MDTs individuals act independently -- ideally police officers should work jointly with victim advocates to foster trust with victims to improve evidence, witness cooperation and restorative practices. **Sen. Wintrow** also favors MDTs to build trust among community partners. **Ms. Maglish** is stepping down from Inside Out where she has worked since 2010. The lack of collaboration among community partners has been exhausting. **Sen. Wintrow** has been involved in the anti-violence movement for 25 yrs.; a wholistic not system approach is necessary to foster trust, community/relationship building and healing. **Ms. Moe** commented that training is important, but advocates need to explore other things. **Ms. Maglish** noted that networking with other regions is very important; there are many interstate compact resources – we can talk to other states and obtain information without injuring victims. **Ms. Markham** also noted that with a focus on advocates and law enforcement, community agencies are not always included. The inclusion of lived experience participants is very important for a wholistic approach and building trust with victims. **Mr. Miraglia** noted that community services are very important for a team approach; law enforcement cannot help victims recover. Law enforcement relies heavily on community partners, but it is still important that cases are prosecuted otherwise victimization continues. Most victims don't trust law enforcement. We need officers who care and are knowledgeable about how to investigate and construct a case for successful prosecutions. **Ms. Maglish:** We can do a better job with a wholistic approach, but we also need to have cases reported. **Mr. Miraglia:** Officers can't file a report if the facts don't fit the crime type. **Ms. Zielinski:** MDTs bring multiple perspectives; that collaboration is critical to have all voices at the table to ensure safety. Victims are not safe when they come forward now because we don't have comprehensive statewide buy-in. We should develop a model with best practices and implement mandatory training, which also helps to secure grants and other funding sources. Human trafficking is not on the radar for most law enforcement. Idaho currently has a punitive system - victims are re-victimized and/or criminalized. MDTs have the greatest impact to both improve prosecutions and restore victims.

Work Group II – Jared Larsen: The work group was unable to meet this month due to the special legislative session. He has spoken to **Sen. Doug Ricks** who has volunteered to be on the sub-committee and this work group. There are too many changes in House membership at this time to identify potential House participants. Mr. Larsen will meet with the group over the next month and report back at the next sub-committee meeting.

Ms. Brack: The sub-committee will meet again in a month. The two work groups will report back with

recommendations on training and prevention and policy for ICJC. **Ms. Flock** will also identify department resources for the sub-committee.

Adjourn 4:00 p.m.