



Collaborating for a Safer Idaho”

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission – Human Trafficking Sub-Committee

November 1, 2022

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dave Jeppesen, Chair, IDHW
Dawn Maglish, Inside Out
Sen. Melissa Wintrow
Amber Moe, Idaho Supreme Court (for Taunya Jones)
Mike Steen, Office of the Attorney General
Jared Larsen, Office of the Governor
Niki Flock, IDHW
Anne Connor, Idaho Dept. Juvenile Corrections
Conchita Vogt – Deputy Ada County Prosecutor
Jason Kimball, Nampa Police Dept.
Det. Chad Benson, Nampa Police Dept.
Heather Cunningham, Idaho Council on Domestic Violence
Jennifer Zielinski, Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition
Tai Simpson, Engaging Voices
Bret Kessinger, Idaho State Police

Members Absent:

Eric Fredericksen, SAPD
Taunya Jones, Idaho Supreme Court
Tim Brady, Co-Chair, Boise City Police
Mark Kubinski, Office of Attorney General
Mike Miraglia, Boise City Police Dept.
Anne Pelletier, ICASDV
Kelly Miller, Engaging Voices
Michael Miraglia, Boise City Police
Eric Studebaker, SDE

Others Present:

Kathie Brack, IDHW
Vickie Gooch, Idaho State Police

Welcome – Director Jeppesen: Call to order.

Vickie Gooch, ISP: Was asked to present to the group the September Ada County human trafficking sting operation by the Treasure Valley Human Trafficking Task Force (TVHTTF), which rescued six trafficked women. The six women received victim services and were provided with contact information

for various services and resources. The law enforcement task force members obtained permission from the victims to download data from their cell phones to develop information on the traffickers for future use and possible prosecutions. The TVHTTF will conduct training in February and plan a future sting operation. This operation will likely focus on traffickers and hopefully lead to prosecutions. The Task Force is made up of over 25 groups including the Canyon County Sheriff, Nampa PD, Ada County Sheriff, ISP, Meridian PD, COBS, Fusion Center, US Attorney's Office, Boise City Attorney, Ada County Prosecuting Attorney, Idaho Attorney General, Dept. Homeland Security.

Sen. Wintrow: Who is overseeing/leading this task force? **Ms. Gooch:** ISP and Homeland Security created the TV task force and ISP has taken a leadership role. This was a victim-oriented operation, not a law enforcement operation. We provided links to services with the NGOs and a DHW social worker if there are children involved. **Ms. Maglish:** Her group works with juveniles and was dropped from the task force. **Ms. Gooch:** The task force is expanding; we don't want to turn any group away and we want to work as a collective. **Ms. Zielinski:** Has had conversations and an MOU with TV Task Force. She submitted a request to amend the MOU to have additional organizations who have joined the TV Task Force be vetted and added to the task force. She would like to see formal agreements to ensure protocols are in place to protect privacy and have referral agreements. Without the multi-agency partnership agreements in place her organization is unable to participate.

Approval of October 4, 2022, Minutes: **Ms. Zielinski** motioned to approve the minutes as is; **Mike Steen** seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

Work Group 1 Report: **Ms. Maglish:** Is looking for training modules from ISP. She also talked with Michelle Weir at IDHW regarding the department's Human Trafficking (3) training modules for social workers and has asked for data on the evidence-based training. **Ms. Zielinski:** Still wants to review the ISP curriculum. Mr. Miraglia believes there is a need for additional law enforcement training regarding investigations and documentation. She is unable to assess the efficacy of the ISP curricula. She also recommends a state-wide public awareness campaign. She shared a Power Point from the University of Florida titled National Prevention Tool Kit, which trains law enforcement officers and covers crime data, warning signs, scenarios, labor and sex trafficking, investigations, victims and trauma, and criminalization of victims. Shared Hope is issuing new report cards and is recommending that states adopt this training and tailor to it to individual state needs for POST training. This is included in the Work Group I recommendations. If law enforcement is not effectively trained there will be deficiencies in reporting. Idaho needs to work on statewide reporting through the various agencies and NGOs to ensure data integrity. Mr. Kessinger noted that law enforcement does not receive data from DHW, only participating counties; not all counties report to ISP.

Work Group II: – Mr. Larsen: The work group (Sen Ricks, Mr. Larsen, Jason Kimball, and Sen Wintrow) is proposing an amendment to I.C. §18- 5601. See attached amendments. Dir. Jeppesen will recommend the proposed changes to ICJC at the November meeting. **Mr. Kimball:** This is a simple change that should make prosecutions easier. We can work on other changes. **Ms. Connor:** Idaho has a broken system, hopefully members can share cases with the legislature to pass these amendments. **Det. Benson** also noted that Idaho has a harboring statute.

Adjourn 4:05 p.m.