Human Trafficking Subcommittee
District Attorney's Office
Large Training Room

M I N U T E S
Wednesday, May 21, 2014

A. Call Meeting to Order
Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

B. Approve Minutes
Meeting minutes from April 16, 2014 were approved.

C. Education
1. Prax(us), Magalie Lerman, Director of Outreach, presented a brief oral presentation about the work of Praxus, highlighting their grassroots efforts to serve and advocate for victims of exploitation.
2. Prax(us) host community meetings Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 1600 Sherman Street in the basement of Prespeterian Church.
3. Ms. Lerman gave suggestions regarding how to strengthen partnerships between government and non-profit agencies by addressing the needs of individuals who are being exploited. Housing is a significant need for this population along with the specific needs of transgender individuals.

D. Subgroup Updates
1. Several trainings are coming up including the Gems training in July and the Jefferson County Collaborative Response to Human Trafficking on June 4 and 5.
2. The High Risk Victim Model Subcommittee's Identification and Assessment Workgroup presented the Jefferson County High Risk Victim Identification tool that was developed by the workgroup. Any agency interested in using the tool will be required to attend training. When a youth meets the one or more identifiers, professionals who identify them are encouraged to call the Human Services Hotline.
3. Awareness/Advocacy/Prevention/Protection has been postponed.
4. Legislation. Federal legislation recently passed that requires states to develop a Safe Harbor program.
   i. Safe Harbor is the focus of the Colorado legislature. Safe Harbor allows Human Services to take custody of victims and grants victims of trafficking immunity.

E. System of Care
1. Amy Terry continues to write the System of Care implementation plan based on the work of the HT subcommittees. The deadline for the plan is July 30, 2014.

2. Toni Minor has been hired to fill the Family Advocate position. She brings experience as a parent support partner with Jefferson County Human Services.

F. Open Discussion

1. Announcements: Denver Street School would like to open their focus to include Hope Academy, a day treatment program for victims of human trafficking.
2. Treatment options for victims will depend on the need of individual victims. Some might require residential placement, others may require an array of other services. A resource directory has been developed by FRAC, and is vetted by Anne Darr.
3. Homeless youth and runaways are at the highest risk of being victimized. Resources in Jefferson County are not sufficiently to meet the need.
   ACTION ITEM: Awareness/Advocacy/Prevention/Protection will set its focus on addressing

F. Adjourn

Submitted by:

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Rachel Lambert, System Navigator

Approved by:

_____ Date: _____

Kathryn Kurtz, Human Trafficking Committee Chair