



Arizona Human  
Trafficking Council

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**October 20, 2021, 9:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

1700 West Washington Street, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council was convened on October 20, 2021 virtually, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (21)	Members Absent (6)
Claire Merkel (Proxy for Cindy McCain, Co-Chair)	Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Maria Cristina Fuentes, Co-Chair	Zora Manjencich
Brian Steele	Lois Lucas
David Curry	Marsha Calhoun
Debbie Johnson	Nathaniel Brown
Heather Carter	
Doug Coleman	
Keith Moffitt (Proxy for Mike Faust)	
Dave Saflar (Proxy for James Gallagher)	
Jill Rable	
Jim Waring	
Steve Selover (Proxy for Joseph Kelroy)	
Jeramia Ramadan (Proxy for Michael Wisehart)	
Rachel Mitchell	
Rachel Garcia (Proxy for Don Herrington)	
Representative Regina Cobb	
Sarah Beaumont	
Sarah Kent	
Sheila Polk	
Tim Roemer	
Tony Mapp (Proxy for Heston Silbert)	
Jennifer Crawford	
Staff and Guests Present (7)	
Kim Brooks	Kristin Sorensen
Vianney Careaga	Mary Gleason
Stacie Blackburn	Angela Salomon
Joanna Jauregui	

**Call to Order**

- Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Co-Chair, called the Arizona Human Trafficking Council meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with 21 members and 7 staff and guests present.

## Roll Call

- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Co-Chair**, conducted a roll call of the Council and took note of Councilmember proxies.

## Approval of Minutes

- **Director Fuentes, Co-Chair**, requested a review of the **September 22, 2021** meeting minutes.
  - **Tim Roemer** moved to accept the **September 22, 2021** minutes.
  - **David Curry** seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed with no dissenting votes at 9:06 a.m.

## Super Bowl LVII Task Force Update

- **Director Fuentes, Co-Chair**, introduced **Director Debbie Johnson** for an update on the Super Bowl LVII Task Force and the efforts of the Council's Outreach and Awareness Workgroup. **Director Johnson** began her presentation by providing background on efforts of the Council's Outreach and Awareness Workgroup. The Workgroup met in August and began its discussions on potential task force members in preparation for Super Bowl LVII to include representation from the lodging, transportation, restaurants, law enforcement, and hospitality industries. The Workgroup will be taking a closer look at potential sponsorship opportunities as time gets closer. A robust marketing plan is being developed to include educational components like public service announcements and volunteer training. At this time there are approximately 5,000 volunteers engaged in the Super Bowl efforts. Training opportunities will also be made available to front-line workers in hospitality and restaurants. The Workgroup has also engaged with the Super Bowl LVII Host Committee, through the participation of **Director Johnson** and **Mrs. Cindy McCain**, to ensure alignment of efforts and positive engagement with partners. The Workgroup intends to announce the formation of the Super Bowl LVII Task Force and launch its marketing campaign in February 2022, which will be one year before Super Bowl LVII in 2023. In advance of this announcement, the Workgroup will further: define the membership of the Super Bowl LVII Task Force, develop a timeline, develop Arizona-based champions and partners to share in the marketing efforts, create a sponsorship/partnership packet, and further the development of training materials. **Director Johnson** invited Councilmembers to provide their feedback and thoughts on the aforementioned preparations to her Workgroup. She further added that the Council's efforts for Super Bowl LVII will also serve as a basis for other mega events in Arizona like the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Basketball Final Four, NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four, Waste Management Phoenix Open, and the Cactus League Spring Training. The full presentation can be found at <https://govff.az.gov/meeting/htc/2021/10/20>.
- **Director Fuentes** emphasized the importance of the Task Force, which is providing the Council an opportunity to build a model on how to prepare, educate, and build awareness around large/mega events not only in Arizona, but also around the country.
- **Brian Steele** recommended that service providers be included in the Task Force's marketing and partnership efforts. He further added that the Phoenix Dream Center would be interested in serving as a financial sponsor for the Task Force.

## FBI Update - Preparing for Super Bowl LVII in 2023

- **Director Fuentes, Co-Chair**, introduced **Mary Gleason**, Supervisory Special Agent at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for a presentation on the FBI's efforts to prepare for Super Bowl LVII. The FBI is engaged in the Greater Phoenix Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Taskforce, made up from a variety of law enforcement agencies throughout the area. In September 2021, the FBI began working with Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe, Chandler and Scottsdale law enforcement agencies to initiate the planning for Super Bowl LVII. In the near future, the FBI plans to connect with Glendale Police, the Department of Public Safety and prosecutors from Maricopa County and the US Attorney's Office to support efforts surrounding training, education and messaging for this event. Large gatherings such as the Super Bowl are identified by the FBI as a Level 1 Special event as it has national significance, requires interagency support and stands up a

designated unit for the event. **Supervisory Special Agent Gleason** is currently working with FBI offices in LA and Jacksonville to obtain best practices to help continue developing a plan for the Super Bowl.

- The FBI's goals surround the Super Bowl and other large events include: a consistent message across all agencies, continue to seek ideas and best practices to address this threat, discourage trafficking activities, rescue individuals being trafficked against their will, reach out to hotels in the metro area to educate staff on signs of trafficking and when to contact local law enforcement, create a reference card to provide to local law enforcement which includes indicators of trafficking as well as trafficking hotlines and continue collaboration with the FBI Special Events Coordinator that will train venue staff and volunteers.
- **Dave Saflar** stated that Mary has been a wonderful partner through efforts between the Phoenix Police Department and the FBI.
- **Debbie Johnson** expressed interest in connecting with the FBI as their work will compliment each other and support stronger outcomes and consistent messaging.
- **Brian Steele** shared that the Phoenix Dream Center has been contacted by property and housing managers for training. **Supervisory Special Agent Gleason** shared that there have been recent investigations surrounding Airbnb's, and there is certainly a need for training geared towards property managers..

### **Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking Pinal County Collaborative and the Pinal Alliance Against Trafficking Coalition and Pinal Alliance Against Trafficking**

- **Director Fuentes, Co-Chair**, introduced **Stacie Blackburn**, of the Pinal County Juvenile Court Services in Pinal County to share an update on the Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking Pinal County Collaborative and the Pinal Alliance Against Trafficking Coalition. Over the last year, the Pinal County Juvenile Court Services, with the support of Pima and Maricopa County Probation, ASU (Office of STIR) and the the Administrative Office of the Courts has revised their sex trafficking screening tool specifically for minor victims utilizing six key indicators. The use of the revised tool was rolled out in Pinal County in September 2021. The screening tool is designed to help ensure that youth who enter juvenile justice, at every entry point are screened, also paying attention to our vulnerable youth (runaway, DCS, Tribal Social Services and/or LGBTQ+). Procedures for the use of the screening tool were implemented with the rollout. The procedures explained when to screen, who to screen, and how to enter the data. Members of the Juvenile Detention staff will complete a screening on all juveniles brought into detention. Probation staff will complete a screening tool on all that enter or re-enter the system at diversion, predisposition and any probation juveniles that are being transferred into the Pinal County Juvenile system. A flow chart was also created by Mercy Care to show providers what next steps would be appropriate in providing services once an individual has been identified as trafficked. The tools also include specific points of contact within each organization or agency to provide consistent communication to support the victims.
- The Pinal County Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking Collaborative Team also teamed up with [The McCain Institute](#), [Mercy Care](#), [Pinal County's Family Advocacy Center \(FAC\)](#), [Pinal County Public Health](#), Banner Hospital ([Banner](#), [Ironwood](#), [Goldfield](#)), [St. Luke's Behavioral Health Hospital](#), [Pinal County Juvenile Probation](#), [Pinal County Sheriff's Office](#) and [Department of Child Safety](#) to create and implement the Pinal County Prevention and Collaborative for Trafficked Youth which was rolled out countywide on September 9th with 50 people attending remotely. The full presentation can be found at <https://goyff.az.gov/meeting/htc/2021/10/20>.
- **Brian Steele** lauded the efforts of Pinal County Juvenile Department and the Collaborative . He inquired if there is a general report available to this council or at least to ASU; and what's the central repository for the data. **Stacie** responded that there is an internal database that provides Pinal County specific data to the AOC. **Claire Merkel** confirmed that y data will continue to be collected in Pinal County and five other counties with hope of expansion in 2022. **Director Fuentes** added that the 2021 YES data is also being compiled and there will be a report out to the Council as soon as it is available.
- **Sarah Kent** - thanked Stacie for her attention to detail and seeking information to support inclusivity of the data and focused identification of service providers to work with the diverse members that they provide services to.

## Workgroup Updates

- **Dr. Beaumont, Victims Services Workgroup**

Dr. Beaumont share that the work group's last meeting of the year is November 5th. The workgroup continues to be focused on identifying validated assessment tools and making that list available to services providers in Arizona.

- **Debbie Johnson, Outreach and Awareness Workgroup**

Director Johnson provided a report out earlier in the meeting, and added that the Workgroup will meet more often as the Super Bowl gets nearer and they will continue to provide updates to the Council..

- **Data and Research, Director Fuentes, Co-Chair**

On behalf of workgroup Chair, Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, **Director Fuentes** provided an update on the Data and Research Workgroup. The workgroup is in mid-training for the Department of Corrections Rehabilitation and re-entry and Pima County Juvenile Court. Through the efforts of the Workgroup over 3,000 people have received training so far in 2021.

- **Policy Workgroup , Director Fuentes, Co-Chair**

On behalf of workgroup Chair, Sheila Polk, **Director Fuentes** provided an update on the workgroup's efforts. In coordination with the data and research workgroup, the policy workgroup has recommended a state employee training be created and shared. The two workgroups are working to develop this training for all state employees. All three workgroups are working together to amplify the work of the Council across the state to support victims of trafficking. One of the consistent recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States was the need for training across a variety of sectors.

Additionally, the Policy workgroup is exploring needed improvements on prevention education in schools as well as looking into possible avenues for individuals charged with felonies while being trafficked..

## Upcoming Meeting

- **Director Fuentes, Co-Chair**, reminded Councilmembers to mark their calendars for the next Council meeting on December 8, 2021, which will be held virtually.

## Adjournment

- **Director Fuentes, Co-Chair**, thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - **Jim Waring** moved to adjourn.
  - **Debbie Johnson** seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed with no dissenting votes and the meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Dated 21 of October 2021  
Arizona Human Trafficking Council  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
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