



Arizona Human Trafficking Council

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February 16, 9:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting

1700 West Washington Street, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council was convened on **February 16, 2022**

1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (21)	Members Absent (7)
Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair	Joseph Kelroy
Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair	Jim Waring
David Curry	Rachel Mitchell
Debbie Johnson	Regina Cobb
Dominique Roe-Sepowitz	Heather Carter
Doug Coleman	Marsha Calhoun
Sarah Chung	T.J. Shope
Jennifer Crawford	
James Gallagher	
Lois Lucas	
Keith Moffitt (Proxy for Mike Faust)	
Jeramia Ramadan Garcia (Proxy for Michael Wisehart)	
Brian Steele	
Jill Rable	
Nathaniel Brown	
Rachel Zenuk Garcia (Proxy for Don Herrington)	
Sarah Beaumont	
Tim Roemer	
Zora Manjencich	
Staff and Guests Present (7)	
Kim Brooks	Amy Bocks
Anthony Amezquita	Major Jennifer Pinnow
Alicia Winchel	Captain Eric Swanson
Angela Salomon	

Call to Order

- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, called the Arizona Human Trafficking Council meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with 21 members and 7 staff and guests present.
- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, shared with the council that **Claire Sechler Merkel** has been named as the new Co-Chair of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council. **Claire Sechler Merkel** has been a tireless advocate and champion for countless victims of trafficking through her work and the Council looks forward to continuing **Ambassador McCain's** legacy.
- **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, thanked the Council for their welcome and looks forward to continuing the amazing work that they do.

Roll Call

- **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, conducted a roll call of the Council and took note of Councilmember proxies with quorum met.

Approval of Minutes

- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, requested a review of the **December 8, 2021** meeting minutes.
 - o **Tim Roemer** moved to accept the **December 8, 2021** minutes.
 - o **Brian Steele** seconded the motion.
 - o The motion passed with no dissenting votes at 9:07 a.m.

Arizona Coalition for Victims Services

- **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, introduced **Amy Bocks** for an update on the Arizona Coalition for Victims Services (ACVS) in combatting human trafficking. **Ms. Bocks** thanked the Council for allowing her to present on behalf of ACVS and began her presentation by providing an introduction on ACVS and how the coalition is serving survivors through its membership. ACVS was established in 1999 as a non-profit networking organization bringing together individuals, government agencies and other non-profits who provide direct services to crime victims or provide technical support to direct service providers. Current membership includes 34 active members, including individuals and agencies; rural and urban members; city, county and government agencies; other non-profits; individuals from academia; individuals from legal services; and individuals from the mental health sector. ACVS has three purposes: facilitate communication between those agencies that provide services to crime victims; improve the quality of services to crime victims through programs including education, training and advocacy; and educate and advocate on all governmental levels regarding issues that affect victims and providers of victim services.
- **Ms. Bocks** then provided an overview of ACVS programming. ACVS implements two primary programs, the first being the Relocation Program, created to provide financial assistance for victims of crime to relocate to a place of safety if the likelihood of victimization was going to continue or other resources were unavailable or inadequate. Currently this program is in a rebuilding period as former resources have dried up, including funding from Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and inmate donations. **Ms. Bocks** stated that organizations need to be a State Charitable Campaign (SCC) approved charity in order for the inmates to donate to when they do their fundraisers. She also stated that the Relocation Program is for crime victims and is not specific to domestic and sexual violence survivors. ACVS's second and largest program is the Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA). Nearly 900 advocates have gone through the basic academy since its inception in 2004. AVAA also hosts a variety of additional training opportunities focused on advanced field topics and leadership. The last academy training was in January 2022 with approximately 30 participants - $\frac{2}{3}$ of these participants were from non-profits and all of them were in their roles for less than 6 months. The AVAA Basic Academy is accredited by the National Advocate Credentialing Program and they have partnered with Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) and the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV). Lastly, ACVS has a

grant funded Mobile Advocacy Training Program that allows subject matter experts to travel in the state to provide training to those in outlying areas who otherwise would not be able to attend.

- The full presentation can be accessed at <https://goyff.az.gov/meeting/htc/2022/02/16>.
- **Director Rim Roemer** asked **Ms. Bocks** if ACVS has any plans to ask the Legislature or the Governor's Office for additional funding, and if so, does ACVS have a ballpark figure of what it would cost to restore the Relocation Program. **Ms. Bocks** replied that ACVS has not had those conversations yet. ACVS was looking into doing SCC campaigns throughout the state but they are still currently exploring different options.
- **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** thanked **Ms. Bocks** for her presentation and informed her of their Starfish Fund which provides a \$250 scholarship per survivor of trafficking for any crisis need. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** then asked **Ms. Bocks** if she had any suggestions concerning changing state victim compensation. **Ms. Bocks** replied that she is not an expert on victim compensation, but in her experience Pima County has become creative in working with providers to maximize the financial benefit to crime victims as they work with the Compensation Board on billing. **Ms. Bocks** stated that Rosona Cortez, Coordinator for Pima County Compensation Board, may be a resource for brainstorming.
- **Brian Steele** thanked **Ms. Bocks** for her presentation and inquired about her experience in working with foreign nationals. **Ms. Bocks** replied that she does not have much experience in this area but would be more than happy to pose this question to fellow members. Most of the cases at the Attorney General's Office have been with domestic survivors.
- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, asked **Ms. Bocks** if they have worked with Yavapai County or Amberly's Place. **Ms. Bocks** replied that neither are current members, but she believes Amberly's Place has been a member in the past and participated in training. **Ms. Bocks** does not believe Yavapai County has been a member in the past. **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, stated that Yavapai County is very active, has been to the council a few times and does a ton of work related to trafficking. There has also been interest from family advocacy centers in knowing more and being responsive to identifying victims and serving victims. **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, stated that the Council would be more than happy to connect ACVS with specific advocacy centers.
- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, asked **Ms. Bocks** about the Relocation Program and how ACVS defines victims of crime. **Ms. Bocks** replied that victims of crime come through an agency and those agencies identify that individual as a victim of crime that needs assistance. The Relocation Committee members ask a series of questions to the other agency regarding what services have been provided, what safety plan is in place, what travel plan is in place, and if the victims have someone to assist them. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** then stated that if victims compensation was accessed that equates to \$25,000 of income that is federally funded. She states that If we could create a system where we could tap into that \$25,000, it doesn't harm anyone and we would be able to use the \$400 for someone who wouldn't need the higher criteria of victim compensation because that is involvement in the criminal justice system, at least when they apply. **Ms. Bocks** stated that she believes the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) is getting ready to enter into a rules period for victims compensation so now is the time to have those conversations. **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, asked **Ms. Bocks** if she could give specific ideas on how the Council might affect that process in a timely manner. **Ms. Bocks** stated that in her experience, typically ACJC reaches out to the community and to victim service providers to hear suggestions on rule changes. **Ms. Bocks** has not had a rules period where something so monumental has been suggested as they are usually tweaks to definitions, allowable expenses and things of that nature. She suggested starting out with ACJC, getting feedback from organizations and agencies, having some of those conversations with Council membership and agencies, and then letting them know what you are proposing in regards to rule suggestions for ACJC to consider. ACJC does town halls throughout the state on those ideas. Lastly, **Ms. Bocks** suggested that Councilmembers can route some of those suggestions through their own boards as the individual compensation boards also submit rule suggestions. **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, stated that the Council will look into following that path.

Central Arizona United to Stop Exploitation Taskforce and International Rescue Committee

- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, introduced **Alicia Winchel** for an update from the Central Arizona United to Stop Exploitation (CAUSE) Taskforce and International Rescue Committee (IRC) on their efforts to support victims of trafficking. **Ms. Winchel** began her presentation by providing an overview of the IRC. The IRC is globally known as a humanitarian crisis relief organization and across the United States the IRC is known for their refugee resettlement. Arizona is one of IRC's 14 anti-trafficking programs across the United States. The anti-trafficking program at the IRC office in Phoenix is the Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking (ALERT) Program. The ALERT Program solely assists foreign national victims of human trafficking by providing comprehensive case management in the areas of social, legal, psychological/psychiatric, and health/medical. The IRC works with multiple community partners throughout the state to provide shelter and housing. For legal services, the IRC utilizes pro bono attorneys to connect their clients with services. For psychological/psychiatric services, the IRC has a therapeutic services team, but also partners with La Frontera, utilizing funding from a sex trafficking grant. Through the ALERT program, the IRC connects clients with public benefits if they are eligible. For those who are not eligible, they are connected to low-cost clinics. The ALERT Program also works in partnership with local law enforcement and the Department of Homeland Security in providing safety and security for identified victims of trafficking. In FY21, the ALERT Program served 44 foreign victims of trafficking. To be eligible to receive service under the ALERT Program an individual must be a foreign national victim of human, labor and/or sex trafficking, regardless of gender and age. Recently the IRC was awarded a new grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to build capacity and provide services to victims of human trafficking in the Tucson area. The proposal for IRC Tucson is to develop, expand, and strengthen services for domestic and foreign victims of human trafficking in Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz counties. The goal of IRC Tucson is to achieve increased safety, independence, self-sufficiency, and well-being for domestic and foreign victims of all forms of human trafficking.
- **Ms. Winchel** then provided an overview and history of the CAUSE Task Force. Core partners of the grant-based three year task force include the IRC, Phoenix Police Department, Phoenix Dream Center, Streetlight USA, and the ASU Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research (STIR). The project began in October 2019 and ends in September 2022. The goal of the task force is to continue to enhance interagency collaboration and the coordinated community response to victims of human trafficking and provide high-quality services that address the individualized needs of trafficking victims. Objectives include: enhance consistent, experienced, and committed task force partnerships and coordination; more effectively identify all types of human trafficking; deliver a comprehensive array of quality services to victims of all forms of human trafficking; improve the community response to human trafficking; and improve task force operations through data collection and action research. **Ms. Winchel** then went into greater detail on the services that are provided to victims such as intake and eligibility assessment; intensive case management; shelter/housing and sustenance; medical and dental care; mental health treatment; substance abuse treatment; interpretation/translation services; system-based victim advocacy; family support and reunification; document assistance; life skills training; education assistance; employment readiness and assistance; transportation assistance; crisis intervention and 24-hour response; and legal services. **Ms. Winchel** concluded her presentation with the accomplishments of the grant since October 2019. In total, service providers have served 114 clients with most victims being predominantly from the United States (69%). Victims from other countries include Mexico (12%); Guatemala (8%); Honduras (5%); Vietnam (2%); El Salvador (1%); Equatorial Guinea (1%); Haiti (1%); and Madagascar (1%). The majority of the victims have been female but 14% have been male and 1% have been transgender victims. The majority of victims have been minors with the majority of the victims being sex trafficked and 19% being labor trafficked. Additionally, an estimated 4,572 service professionals have been trained by law enforcement and service provider partners and an estimated 163 outreach/public awareness activities have been conducted through

the duration of this grant. The full presentation can be accessed at <https://goyff.az.gov/meeting/htc/2022/02/16>.

- **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** asked **Ms. Winchel** if the Tucson project is focusing on foreign born victims of trafficking. **Ms. Winchel** replied that the Tucson project supports those that are foreign born and domestic.
- **Brian Steele** asked **Ms. Winchel** to clarify what capacity building she was referring to concerning the Tucson project. **Ms. Winchel** replied that the IRC is focused on case management and building the team in Tucson to begin serving victims.

Arizona Human Trafficking Intelligence Network and the Interdiction for the Protection of Children

- **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, introduced **Major Jennifer Pinnow** and **Captain Eric Swanson** of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide an update on the Arizona Human Trafficking Intelligence Network and the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC).
- **Major Pinnow** thanked the Council for the opportunity to present and introduced **Captain Eric Swanson**. **Captain Swanson** shared that he is assigned to the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC). Within ACTIC, he oversees the threat mitigation unit which investigates threats to elected officials and department employees and they have just begun human trafficking investigations with four detectives and one sergeant. **Captain Swanson** will be assuming the responsibilities of **Major Pinnow** and taking over the Arizona Human Trafficking Intelligence Network. Detective Kim Love-Ness will be taking over the IPC.
- **Captain Swanson** then provided an overview on the IPC. In July 2014, DPS invited the Texas Rangers to teach the first Interdiction for the Protection of Children class. In 2015, DPS invited the Texas Rangers back to teach a train-the-trainer which enabled DPS to begin teaching the class statewide. The IPC training is a trauma-informed class that teaches students to identify indicators of children that may be victims of trafficking or at risk for being victims of trafficking. Victimization includes sexual assault, exploitation, trafficking and abuse. The training teaches first responders and law enforcement to identify indicators upon initial contact, take custody of those children, and get them the resources they need. Since 2015, the IPC has held 28 classes with over 1,300 attendees across 78 agencies, including Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) personnel, prosecutors, juvenile probation, victim advocates, and law enforcement personnel from state, local, federal and tribal agencies. In 2021, the IPC combined the two day class into a one day class that could also be facilitated virtually in response to COVID-19. For FY22, the Highway Patrol Division has a goal of sending as many troopers as possible through the training, with eight classes scheduled throughout the remainder of FY22. **Captain Swanson** concluded with an update on the accomplishments of the IPC since 2014. On a yearly basis, state troopers make approximately 500,000 stops and prior to bringing the IPC to DPS, there were zero child interdictions. Since the classes began, DPS has rescued approximately 265 children, 36 of whom were child sex trafficking victims. **Captain Swanson** stated that the 128 endangered runaways that were rescued does not include all the runaways that troopers come in contact with. The reason being is just because a child is a runaway, does not mean they are an endangered runaway. As an example, **Captain Swanson** noted an incident where DPS observed a 14 year-old female traveling in a stolen vehicle across I-40. DPS engaged in a pursuit and ended up crashing. During the interview, the female stated that she was traveling across Arizona to get to Texas to meet a 16 year-old boy that she met online. A similar situation involved a 16 year-old girl who was being taken to Phoenix, but was interdicted while being trafficked by two middle-aged adult males who had the intent of trafficking her out of state. The parents did not know she was out of school nor that she was with the adult males, one of whom was an acquaintance of the father. Unfortunately the trooper was not able to determine the plan of the two middle-aged males. **Captain Swanson** then explained that of the 36 child sex trafficking victims, their ages

ranged from 14-17 years old, with an average age of 15.7 years old. 91% were females and there were 3 young males that were identified as victims or a potential victim of trafficking. 82% were runaways and approximately 19% were traveling through Arizona, primarily from California.

- **Major Pinnow** then provided an overview of the Arizona Human Trafficking Intelligence Network. In 2016, **Major Pinnow** and her assistant, Jerri Hutson, developed the Human Trafficking Intelligence Network. The idea was to create a network of Arizona law enforcement agencies and contacts within those agencies to serve as a primary point of contact for trafficking inquiries. The other goal of the network was to have quarterly meetings for members to learn about new tools available, hear case studies to learn how agencies investigated a specific type of case, and share information on the trends in different communities. Since 2016, over 240 members have engaged in the network from 78 different federal, state and local law enforcement, juvenile probation and prosecutorial agencies. This does not include victim advocates or DCS because the goal is to share case specific criminal justice information. **Major Pinnow** concluded that a long-time coordinator for the IPC Program and Human Trafficking Network, Jerri Hutson, retired at the end of January 2022. **Captain Swanson** will coordinate and moderate the Human Trafficking Network meetings, Detective Kim Love-Ness will coordinate IPC classes, and Desiree Shellenberger will be the point of contact for the Human Trafficking Network and can be contacted at dshellenberger@azdps.gov.
- The full presentation can be accessed at <https://goyff.az.gov/meeting/htc/2022/02/16>.
- **Tim Roemer** thanked **Major Pinnow** for her presentation and asked if she was comfortable with the statistics she presented to be publicized. **Major Pinnow** replied that yes, that would be fine.
- **James Gallagher** asked **Major Pinnow** how many arrests resulted from the 36 sex trafficking victims. **Major Pinnow** replied that she does not have that information with her at this time. **James Gallagher** then asked what DPS is doing concerning proactive cases. **Captain Swanson** replied that his unit will responsible for northern and central Arizona and the Border Strikeforce handles southern Arizona human trafficking cases. Last week DPS had two calls in three days concerning trafficking cases that his detectives are now assigned to. The goal is to grow this unit and develop a process in calling out and having detectives respond. **Major Pinnow** stated that in the past, DPS has participated in national campaigns in support of Crimes Against Children Days to bring awareness of the importance of asking questions about children during traffic stops. **Captain Swanson** stated that he has a Forensic Images Unit, consisting of facial recognition so individuals can be identified in real time and DPS can understand who they are.
- **James Gallagher** asked if the 39 abducted children were stranger abductions and how they were identified. **Major Pinnow** replied that there are many different cases that can be provided as examples. One example is of a trooper who stopped a vehicle that was speeding and observed some indicators that something was going on. Ultimately he learned the identities of the two drivers and learned that the two young children were abducted at gunpoint from their father, the legitimate guardian of the children, by the mother and boyfriend who were in the car. **Captain Swanson** stated that IPC classes change law enforcement thinking and the department is seeing the results. **Keith Moffit** addressed **James Gallagher** and stated that DPS has been instrumental in investigating multiple abductions of children under A.R.S. § 13-1310 and they have rescued multiple children. **James Gallagher** agreed and expressed that Keith Moffit's statement is the key selling point as trafficking and child victimization offenses investigated by DPS are often commingled. They often hear that stranger abduction is rare, but this proves it is not always custodial interference, it is actually kidnapping. It is an important thing to keep in mind, especially with the Super Bowl coming up and kids being brought in from other states. **Captain Swanson** added that human trafficking being added to their threat mitigation efforts came into play last year as it is a major issue. **James Gallagher** stated that DPS has some info they can share with **Captain Swanson**.
- **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** asked **Major Pinnow** what happens when a kid turns 18 years of age and if there are any ideas on how to translate victim centered trauma-informed interviewing of adults. **Major**

Pinnow replied that it is different. In the past they have been offered services and are interviewed separately. But even though they are separated and the same techniques are being utilized, it is still a lot harder as an adult. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** followed up by asking if DPS would be interested in creating an addendum for adult interviews. **Captain Swanson** stated this is something they would be interested in doing. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** offered to put together a survivor board for DPS on how to interact with survivors. **James Gallagher** then stated that the Arizona Chapter of ACFAN is hosting a human trafficking training, March 17-18, it is 16 hours of post credit, and covers first contact to victim transition to services. This information will be shared out. There is a capacity for 150 individuals, but for DPS, more spots will be made available for troopers and analysts. **James Gallagher** encouraged DPS to reach out for assistance - there are units in Chandler, Phoenix and Scottsdale that can support the efforts of DPS as well as these law enforcement agencies can benefit from the reach of DPS to support the victims.

- **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** added that ASU STIR's research found that more than 80% of victims of trafficking, children and adults, are transported by highway. Very few are transported via airlines, probably 3-4%, and most children are not moved very often out of state, with the exception of Las Vegas. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** encouraged DPS to reach out if they are in need of trafficking data in order to support potential investments and get other states involved. **James Gallagher** added that the majority of the traffickers in the Las Vegas study were documented gang members and **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** stated that about 1 out of every 7 victims (children and adults) admitted that their trafficker strangled them as part of their punishment and retention.
- **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, stated that the McCain Institute has been facilitating law enforcement training and would love the opportunity to plug some of the counties they are working with, counties outside of Maricopa County, into DPS' network if they are not already. **Major Pinnow** replied that she thinks that would be great. **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, then asked if DPS was able to connect with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) reporting system. **Major Pinnow** stated that the connection has been made. **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, then asked if DPS was able to connect with Juvenile Justice and if it is working. **Major Pinnow** stated that it is very robust in Yavapai County and she is not sure if it is known in other counties. She does know that Juvenile Probation has human trafficking specialists whom attend the Arizona Human Trafficking Intelligence Network and the IPC classes. She thinks other counties may not be sure what they should be doing with the information or they are not getting as much information in general. **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, stated that there is more they can do and is more than happy to make those calls to establish connections with those counties.

Workgroup Updates

- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, introduced **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** for an update from the Data and Research Workgroup. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** has been finalizing projects with the STOP grant funding. The funding has supported a special education program, building training for staff as well as building story boards that are appropriate for special education programs to support prevention efforts. Their Las Vegas research as well as the Arizona research has found that one out of every five victims of trafficking has been part of a special education program at some time in their education. The workgroup has been working with the Department of Corrections, Reentry and Rehabilitation to enhance some of their training resources for inmates regarding trafficking. There is a trauma information session that is going to be enhanced. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** reported that they have been working in partnership with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department to develop resources for the tablets used at Estrella Jail with hopes that through those modifications, if an individual has been identified as trafficked, the supports that have been established will be effective. In Pima County, over 100 people in the juvenile court system have been trained to support the referral system that has been created to provide resources to victims identified through the screening process. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** will be providing training at the Avondale/West Valley FAC and has been also providing remote training in Maui, Hawaii.

- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, introduced **Debbie Johnson** from the Outreach and Awareness Workgroup. **Debbie Johnson** shared that the workgroup has not yet met in the new year but will be meeting in March and their focus will be on Super Bowl 57. The workgroup had a presence at Super Bowl 56 in the media center and the fan fest. **Debbie Johnson** has met with Jay Parry, who heads the host committee for Super Bowl 57 and Jay is supportive of the workgroup heading up efforts regarding human trafficking. The workgroup will be working with the host committee to set up training for hospitality, transportation, volunteers and various other service providers regarding what to look for to support victims of trafficking. **Debbie Johnson** also stressed the importance of identifying who individuals can call when they see suspected trafficking.
- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, introduced **Sarah Beaumont** for an update from the Victim Services Workgroup. **Sarah Beaumont** shared that the workgroup has not met in the new year but they are scheduled to meet the first week of March. **Sarah Beaumont** reported that in the latter part of 2021, the workgroup had been creating a matrix to match service providers with screening tools. The workgroup will continue with this project and is seeking support, possibly from **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz**, in terms of identifying an intern that could support this project.

Upcoming Meeting

- **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, opened up the meeting for questions.
- **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** asked the Councilmembers if there was a tracking system in place to see what groups in the community, and outside the state, plan to do outreach/events/activities during the upcoming Super Bowl. **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, deferred to **Debbie Johnson** and her committee. **Debbie Johnson** stated that the Super Bowl Host Committee is onboard with the Outreach and Awareness Workgroup leading the efforts. Currently the Host Committee is not interested in working with for-profits at this time. The hope is that the workgroup leads this effort and that they partner with nonprofits and other groups. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** asked if creating a Google Doc would be best for tracking these organizations as they become known. **Debbie Johnson** stated she will prepare a Google Doc in partnership with **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes**, and this will be shared with Council members so they have access to update the document. **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Chair**, stated the office can create a Google Form and as Council members hear information, an entry can be submitted based on the information. Specific roles, responsibilities and duties will be delegated at a later date. **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, asked **James Gallagher** to provide his thoughts on the law enforcement coordination regarding the Super Bowl. **James Gallagher** stated that he agrees with establishing one point of contact for everything to go through. When information is shared, it should include information about the organizations and what their intentions are. **James Gallagher** also agrees with having a document that can be shared with all Councilmembers and having a central point of contact from the workgroup. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** then shared past experiences of how groups impacted their work during the Super Bowl. **James Gallagher** stated that they have had staged operations occur recently with a group in the East Valley that did not have legitimate victims, and instead were trying to sell software packages. **Captain Swanson** then asked if the Council had a debrief with the Super Bowl Committee in Los Angeles. **Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** answered that **Debbie Johnson** did have a debrief. **James Gallagher** will share debrief information with **Captain Swanson** concerning their meeting with the Los Angeles Police Department and other organizations.
- **Claire Sechler Merkel, Co-Chair**, reminded Councilmembers to mark their calendars for the next Council meeting on April 6, 2022 at 9 a.m.

Adjournment

- **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes, Co-Chair**, thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - **James Gallagher** moved to adjourn.

- **Brian Steele** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes and the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Dated 16 of February 2022
Arizona Human Trafficking Council
Respectfully Submitted By:
Anthony Amezcua
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