



Arizona Human
Trafficking Council

**Arizona Human Trafficking Council
September 17, 2019**

9:00 am

Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council was convened on **September 17, 2019** at the Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (21)	Members Absent (5)
Gil Orrantia, Co-Chair	Debbie Johnson
Cindy McCain, Co-Chair	Gary McCarthy
Brian Steele	Heather Carter
Cara Christ	James Waring
Dominique Roe-Sepowitz	Sarah Beaumont
Doug Coleman	
Tony Mapp (representing Frank Milstead)	
James Gallagher	
Jennifer Crawford	
Jill Rable	
Joe Kelroy	
Kate Brophy McGee	
Lois Lucas	
Molly McCarthy (representing Michael Traylor)	
Mike Faust	
Nathaniel Brown (phone)	
Rachel Mitchell	
Sarah Kent	
Sheila Polk (phone)	
Zora Manjencich	
Maria Fuentes	
Staff and Guests Present (35)	
Malcolm Hightower	Stephanie Di Verde
Gaelyn Davis	Melinda Sherry
Nikki Green	Dawn Rutigliano
Grumpy	Tom Boelts
Stacey Sutherland	Veronica Duffield

Vienna Welch	Joanna Jaurequi
Shannon Henderson	Claire Merkel
Lori Ford	Dave Saflar
Missy Sikora	Holly Reynolds
Rebecca Chesley	Shaleen Elenz
Teasie Colla	Sarah Way
St. Mary Angela Alexander	Terri Hutson
Nancy Baldwin	Shannon Tiffany
Erin Galloway	Janeice McNeal
Lynda Wilson	Terry Decker
Mary Helen Sotelo	Terrilyn Miller
Estep Renee	Dena Larsen
Kim Brooks	

Call to Order

- **Mr. Gil Orrantia, Co-Chair**, called the Arizona Human Trafficking Council meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with 20 members present and 5 members absent.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Mr. Orrantia, Co-Chair**, welcomed everyone again and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Mr. Orrantia, Co-Chair**, requested a review of the **May 28, 2019** meeting minutes.
 - **Mr. Joe Kelroy** motioned to accept the **May 28, 2019** minutes.
 - **Mr. Jim Gallagher** seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Human Trafficking in Hildale, UT/Colorado City, AZ

- **Ms. Cindy McCain** welcomed and introduced Jena Jones of the Short Creek Dream Center and the Honorable Donia Jessop. **Mayor Jessop** gave an overview of the history of Colorado City, Arizona and the connection with Hildale, UT. **Mayor Jessop** presented on the generations of systematic human trafficking and exploitation that have occurred in Colorado City “under the guise of religion”. **Mayor Jessop** discussed how families were torn apart as Warren Jeffs slowly but dominantly moved into control by turning women against men and family and friends against each other. **Mayor Jessop** told of her own personal story of how a new world was created through the rule of Rulon Jeffs and then later Warren Jeffs. This new world was said to be trying to raise children like “calves in a stall” where schools and clinics were shut down in order to have more control over the people. It was reported that Warren Jeffs started condemning men, forcing them to abandon their families and leave the community. This then allowed Warren Jeffs to overtake the women and children that were left, moving them into different homes as desired by Warren Jeffs. In 2010, the United Order (UO) was established so that the “chosen” could live together in a community where the rich shared with the poor. **Mayor Jessop** told of how this selection of chosen people for the UO continued to rip families apart. The UO restricted communication between UO members and non-UO people, who were considered sinners, while also encouraging community members to report on others who were not following the standards. The UO also selected different members of the family, separating mothers and children and placing the “chosen” in new homes. **Mayor Jessop** told her own story of when her then 9-year-old daughter

was selected to be chosen. After several months of going to the classes at the UO, **Mayor Jessop** detailed that she started learning that the groups were being taught to shame, belittle, bully, and told that their parents and non UO people were not good people and that they have been condemned for eternity. After learning this, **Mayor Jessop** chose to move away from Colorado City with her children but eventually moved back and worked with a grassroots coalition that encouraged her to run for Mayor. **Mayor Jessop** became the 1st female and the 1st non FLDS member mayor in 2017 and was able to reconstruct her office staff after the original staff all quit on her first day. **Mayor Jessop** discussed the progress and change that the government has been working on throughout the community, including partnership with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family to gain Triple P accreditations for families and car seat donations. **Mayor Jessop** announced that the city had received a grant for a new health center and had recently been included in a needs assessment regarding 5 counties. **Mayor Jessop** reported that 10% of the community still follows Warren Jeffs.

- **Ms. Jena Jones** showed the Council a video regarding the Short Creek Dream Center and the work they have been doing in the community.
- **Ms. Cindy McCain** asked Mayor Jessop mayor where her strength comes from. **Mayor Jessop** responded that she was taught many important lessons by her mother, including the importance of education, the need to stand for what you believe in, and to never rely on anyone but yourself.
- **Mr. Gil Orrantia** questioned the Mayor on how she plans to propel change in Colorado City. **Mayor Jessop** stated that she was focusing on fixing and stopping voter fraud. **Mayor Jessop** discussed how elections in the community are relationship based and so governmental change requires relationship building in the community.
- **Ms. Sarah Kent** asked how the children of the community were being involved. **Mayor Jessop** responded that a large part of involving the children in getting involved and working with the schools, both public grade schools and university level.
- **Ms. Rachel Mitchell** questioned if Mayor Jessop felt she had enough training for Law Enforcement. **Mayor Jessop** said that the Law Enforcement is working on two different state sides and always reaching out for more knowledge. **Mayor Jessop** reported that the new Marshall Department is looking on further expanding their knowledge and training with the Dream Center to become more prepared to handle reports and become more understanding of the unique situations that community members are in, including understanding what is being communicated.
- **Mr. Brian Steele** praised both Mayor Jessop and Jena Jones for the profound work that they are doing and successes that have been accomplished.

Yavapai County Trafficking Task Force

- **Mr. Gil Orrantia** introduced Tom Boelts from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office and Missy Sikora from Yavapai Family Advocacy Center. **Ms. Missy Sikora** presented on The Yavapai MDT, which started in 2017 with training from NCJTC multidisciplinary team response to Child Sex Trafficking in Tucson to include advocates, prosecutors, law enforcement, and juvenile probation. The initial goals of the program were to add more disciplines, train group members, facilitate training, and inform the community of human trafficking. It was reported that the current disciplines were focused on Advocates, Public NGO's, Prosecutors, DCS, Law Enforcement, Fire Personnel, Nurses, Therapists, and Dedicated Forensic Interviewers. **Ms. Missy Sikora** reported that they are currently also working to recruit training for minute clinic personnel, school personnel and the Chamber of Commerce. The training initiatives that were addressed include discipline specific training for firefighters, ambulance, medical personnel, and hotel and apartment managers. **Ms. Missy Sikora** discussed reaching out to Airbnb's as well to inform them of human trafficking signs. **Ms. Missy Sikora** also reported on the different outreaches that were happening, including media and public outreach. Part of the outreach has shown improvements in a paradigm shift from understanding the difference between human trafficking victims and prostitutes as well as having the issue

covered in both urban and rural areas. **Mr. Tom Boelts** reported that one hope of these focuses is to increase the life expectancy for these people.

- **Ms. Missy Sikora** discussed that training in schools has been particularly difficult to establish but that since the start of school there have been more calls to get training at schools, including at a fair for Junior High students.
- **Mr. Tony Mapp** commended Mr. Tom Boelts and the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office for recent stings that were done. **Mr. Tony Mapp** also offered DPS' assistance to put together trainings and provide support for a multidisciplinary team.
- **Senator Kate Brophy McGee** thanked the presenters and commended the amazing programs that she has been hearing about in Yavapai, specifically regarding children, and questioned if there are appropriate placements for children who are not in DCS but are in the Juvenile System. **Ms. Missy Sikora** stated that this issue is being worked on but there is not currently a specific placement and usually the kids are placed outside the Yavapai area.
- **Senator Kate Brophy McGee** also recommended that Superintendent Hoffman was contacted to include training as an aspect that is required and placed in schools.
- **Mr. Brian Steele** discussed how to work with providers and navigate a DCS cohort on trafficking through the Dream Center. **Mr. Brian Steele** also discussed helping to expand group homes and being able to help with trainings.
- **Mr. Jim Gallagher** commended the fast development of the program and discussed the help that the faith community has provided as well as partnerships with colleges and activists on campus.
- **Ms. Cindy McCain** stated that the McCain Institute can help in regards to recruiting students through a student alliance that has been very successful in the past.

Human Trafficking Money Laundering & Investigative Strategy Seminar

- **Ms. Cindy McCain** introduced Mr. Gil Orrantia to present on the Human Trafficking Money Laundering and Investigative Strategy Seminar that occurred on June 17, 2019. **Mr. Gil Orrantia** discussed the instructors and partnerships for the Seminar, including the McCain Institute, the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, and Grand Canyon University. **Mr. Gil Orrantia** reviewed the topics that were addressed, to include: Street Level Human Trafficking Trends, Prosecution Success and Challenges, Money Laundering Methods and Human Trafficking, Developing Human Trafficking Cases From Social Media, American Express Capabilities Related to Human Trafficking, Illegal Enterprise and Illicit Massage Parlor Investigations, Prosecution of Illegal Enterprise and Money Laundering Cases at Illicit Massage Parlors, and National and International Money Laundering Perspectives. **Mr. Gil Orrantia** discussed that there were multiple different areas in which benefits and actions can be maximized for more success. **Mr. Gil Orrantia** discussed connections that he wanted to maintain in the social service, public and private sectors. **Mr. Gil Orrantia** reviewed the 220 participants from the law enforcement, private sector, financial institutions, and victim centered agencies. **Mr. Gil Orrantia** stated that there would be another seminar in 2020.
- **Mr. Brian Steele** asked if with the right legislation if these charges could be made stronger. **Mr. Gil Orrantia** stated that increases had been made to identify traffickers and follow up with further actions and emphasized that this is an aspect that is being highly pursued.
- **Ms. Cindy McCain** confirmed that next year's seminar would also have a focus on labor trafficking.

Sub Committee Reports

- **Outreach and Awareness Subcommittee**
 - **Ms. Zora Manjencich** presented an update that Subcommittee members have hosted trainings, including the Biometrix Conference and trainings for DCS in multiple cities. **Ms. Zora Manjencich** discussed that the subcommittee was working on creating a Trafficking 101 class for all ADOT

employees as well as a Spanish version of the training. **Ms. Zora Manjencich** stated that the subcommittee is looking to host trainings in border towns. **Ms. Zora Manjencich** also mentioned that some committee members were going to Washington D.C. to be on a panel with the Chamber of Commerce.

- **Policy Subcommittee**
 - **Director Maria Cristina Fuentes** discussed the continuous training of family advocacy centers, task forces, and continuing to collect data from agencies in how they collect their data and what other policies are.
- **Training / Research & Data Subcommittee**
 - **Ms. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** discussed the subcommittees struggle to get real data in real time that is useful. **Ms. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** mentioned head start programs that were being included in full day trainings as well as the new Star program that will have 3 trainings in November. **Ms. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** also discussed the project funding Special Ed focus groups to learn more about the special areas that make them vulnerable. **Ms. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** confirmed that the data from the YES survey had been finalized.
- **Victim Services Subcommittee**
 - **Ms. Angela Salomon** listed the created goals of the subcommittee to be focused largely on data collection, validating a screening tool, integrating the YES survey, identifying special groups and supporting faith based providers.

Call to the Public

- **Co-Chair Gil Orrantia** gave call to the public.
 - **Ms. Lori Ford** spoke to the Council regarding the desire to verify children in DCS custody and work together to prevent Human Trafficking.
 - **Mr. Shannon Henderson** discussed his concerns with separating children from capable parents and DCS trainings for families.
 - **Ms. Terry Decker** mentioned her concerns with appropriate enforcement of mandated reporting.
 - **Ms. Melinda Sherry** discussed the redirection of placements and the desire to have more transparency with rulings and reports.

Future Meeting Dates

- **Co-Chair Gil Orrantia**, announced future meetings dates.

Adjourn

- **Chairman Gil Orrantia** called for adjournment at 11:01 AM.
 - **Ms. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz** motioned and was seconded by **Ms. Zora Manjencich**.

Dated 20 of September 2019
Arizona Human Trafficking Council
Respectfully Submitted By:
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