

NORTH ALABAMA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2017

Present: Berniece Andrus, Gena Black, Jennifer Borba-Lindsey, Gabriela Carrasco, Cooper Green, Angela Gurley, Sherry Hamilton, Joleen Heckman, Shannon Hogan, Jeannie Johnston, Perrar Joseph, Bhavani Kakani, Cathy Maner, Pat McCay, Misty Metcalf, Rick Nelson, Chris Newlin, Phil O'Connor, James Perkins, Lisa Rhodes, Linda Snead, Rick Tate, and Kay West.

1. Welcome to new members was extended and introductions were made.
2. **Meeting Minutes** for November 1 and December 6 meetings were distributed and approved on February 7, 2017.
3. **Treasurer's report- Bhavani Kakani, Treasurer**
(\$1,266.00 is designated for memorials for Ray McCay-for a special project.) PLUS a donation for \$400 has been received but not been deposited. The new balance will be \$5,798.06.
4. **Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting**
The next meeting will be February 9, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in Montgomery at the State House, Room 418. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Pat McCay.
5. **Alabama Human Trafficking Summit, February 2 and 3, 2017**
Keynote Speakers: Chris and Anna Smith (Co-founders, Restore One) They have established a residential facility for boys who have been sex trafficked and rescued. Also, Richard Love, a retired detective from the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department, will be a speaker. After retiring he worked undercover as a pimp to apprehend sex traffickers. There will also be 9 break-out sessions and 15 exhibitors.
6. **Alabama Awareness Day – January 11, 2017**
This is a statewide media blitz with proclamations being signed by several City Mayors from cities and towns across the state to raise awareness of human trafficking.
7. **AshaKiran Human Trafficking Event, April 22, 2017**
Sister Rosemary from Uganda will be the keynote speaker and will talk about human trafficking. The task force passed a motion to co-sponsor the event and to donate no more than \$500.
8. **January Awareness Event**
The event is set for January 17, 2017 in Trinity United Methodist Church, New Room. Registration is from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. with the program from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pat McCay will present a short version of Human Trafficking 101 and then introduce the "Chosen" video; Lynn Caffery will tell her story of survival; and Spencer Schneider, Homeland Security, James Russell, FBI, and Rick Nelson, Huntsville Police Department/SVU will each speak about cases and investigations in North Alabama. We will also end with an opportunity for donations. Soroptimist International of Huntsville and United Methodist Women are co-sponsoring the event CEU continuing education credits will be available.

9. University of Georgia-Panel Discussion Request

On March 9, 2017, 1-5 p.m. at St. Mary's on the Highlands Episcopal Church, we have been asked to present human trafficking to a group of students on Spring Break from the IMPACT Program from the University of Georgia. We will be making a determination in the near future of what will be presented and who will participate.

10. Officer Elections in February

Please let Pat McCay know if you are interested in being considered for one of the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.

11. Department of Health and Human Services Meeting

Pat McCay participated in this Regional meeting on January 12 and 13, 2017 in Nashville, Tennessee. Representatives from the state human trafficking task forces from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina will be participating.

12. Committee Reports:

Awareness and Fundraising Committee needs new chair.

Speakers' Bureau: Pat McCay will be scheduling a Speakers Bureau training meeting right away.

Demand/John School: no report.

Task Force Rules and Bylaws: no report.

13. Community Kite Festival

The Kite Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Jaycee Building and Fairgrounds. If we want to have an exhibitor booth, people will be needed to work at the booth.

14. New Business:

Tennessee Valley Family Services, Inc. will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, August 11 and 12, 2017, from 8:00 am-4:00 p.m. at the gym of Trinity United Methodist Church. Donations can be brought to the church on Friday, August 10 from noon until 6:00 p.m. Rick Tate suggested that a finance committee be created to approve small expenditures as needed.

15. Speaking engagements since last Task Force Meeting-

Rick Tate spoke at Redstone Arsenal.

16. Speaking Engagements Scheduled:

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, TBA, David Pinkleton

PACE Academy, February 17, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

University of Georgia IMPACT PROGRAM, Birmingham, March 9

First Baptist Church, Lynn Caffery and Pat McCay, April 23

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Children's Advocacy Center.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.