

NORTH ALABAMA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2017

Present: Berniece Andrus, Lynette Bellomy, Lois Carson, Shelia Champion, Pam Clasgens, Kasey Copeland, Cooper Green, Maggie Jones, Anna Jordan, Teresa Jordan, Bhavani Kakani, DaNella Knight, Tosha Malone, Pat McCay, Josh McCready, Rick Nelson, James Perkins, David Pinkleton, Lisa Rhodes, Helen Smith, Peggy Stewart, and Rick Tate.

1. Welcome

Pat McCay welcomed everyone attending the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves stating the organization they were representing (if applicable) and why they were interested in human trafficking.

2. Treasurer's Report – Pat McCay

The account balance was \$4,221.79 at the last meeting; plus a deposit of \$185.00 for a final total of \$4,406.79. Some expenses will be reimbursed soon for film screening and printing expenses.

3. The meeting minutes for the September 5, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

4. Jemison High School – September 18, 2017

Pat McCay spoke to a Senior English class at Jemison High School on September 18. Approximately 25 students were in attendance. This is the first time we have been able to get in front of a classroom in the Huntsville City School system.

5. Bracelets – Pat McCay

New promotional bracelets are on order and are scheduled to arrive on or around October 25. The total cost for the bracelets was \$333.00. The bracelets are red with white print: that www.STNOW.org and Stop Trafficking Now!

6. Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting – Pat McCay

- The next meeting of the Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force is scheduled for November 15, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at the State House in Montgomery, Room 418. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please let Pat McCay know.
- A meeting with State Task Force Chair Representative Jack Williams, the National Conference for State Legislatures (NCSL), Shared Hope; Vice Chair Barry Matson, and Pat McCay is scheduled for November 16 to begin work on putting comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation together to file for the upcoming legislative session in January 2018. Shared Hope's input will be to address "Demand".
- The 4th annual Alabama Human Trafficking Summit is set for February 8 and 9, 2018, in Montgomery at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Pat McCay and David Pinkleton will be working on the agenda for this meeting in the near future. Any and suggestions are welcome.

7. University of Georgia IMPACT Program – March 2018

We have committed to participate with this group again in Birmingham in March 2018. They will bring about 25 or so students to hear presentations about human trafficking. Rick Tate and Pat McCay will be participating. If you are interested in assisting, please let Pat McCay know. We will need to fill about 3 to 4 hours in the afternoon. I have not committed to a date at this time.

- 8. University of Alabama Dept. of Social Work Grant – Pat McCay**
The University of Alabama Department of Social Work Department has received word that they have been awarded their grant. They will begin gearing up to begin their work soon.
- 9. Fall Awareness Event – Shelia Champion**
Shelia Champion has agreed to chair this Awareness event which will primarily focus on Labor Trafficking. The event is scheduled for November 16 at 6-8 p.m. Some basic information about Sex Trafficking will also be included in the agenda. A big THANK YOU to Shelia for chairing this event. And a big THANK YOU to Spencer Schneider of Homeland Security for providing the contact information for a possible speaker for the event. We will be holding the event on the UAH campus at the Conference Training Center (previously known as the Student Union building). More details will be provided as soon as they are finalized.
- 10. January Awareness Event – Kay West, Chair**
The January Awareness event will be chaired by Kay West on January 13, 2018, at Trinity United Methodist Church (New Room). More details will be forthcoming about the focus of this Event in the near future.
- 11. Training Coordinator – Rick Tate**
We continue to get requests for speakers in the community. We will continue to try to get into the local colleges and schools to make these vulnerable populations aware of human trafficking activities in North Alabama. Please remember that all speaking and training requests should be directed to Rick. He will be compiling a yearend report of all that we have accomplished for the year.
- 12. Speaker’s Bureau – Pat McCay and Rick Tate**
We currently have 8 individuals who are ready to do presentations with Rick or myself. There for moral support. We are hoping these individuals will be proactive and contact groups at their church, youth group, their children’s schools, etc. for speaking engagements. If the group is one they know well and have personal ties to, the more comfortable they will be to begin their speaking activities with those groups. A big CONGRATULATIONS goes to Lisa Rhodes who just did her first solo presentation!
- 13. No new business.**

Next Meeting: November 7, 2017, 2 p.m. at the National Children’s Advocacy Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:06 p.m.



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Activities Completed/Planned:

- October 20, Jackson County Hospital, Scottsboro, Rick Tate
- October 21, NAHCP Conference, Montgomery, Pat McCay
- October 25, OLLI (Life Learning Program), UAH, Pat McCay
- October 26-27, NPAA Conference, Birmingham, Lisa Rhodes (booth only)
- November 15, Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force meeting, Montgomery
- November 16, Labor Trafficking Event, UAH CTC Exhibit Hall, Shelia Champion
- November 28, Hospice Family Care, Pat McCay
- January 13, Task Force HT Awareness Event, Trinity United Methodist Church, Kay West
- February 8 and 9, Alabama Human Trafficking Summit, Montgomery, Embassy Suites