

Circuit Court

Michael J. Dwyer
Circuit Judge

Branch 16
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 North 9th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233-1425

Patrice Brown
Deputy Court Clerk

December 5, 2017

Re: Final Meeting of the Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Secretary Anderson and General Schimel:

It has been my privilege to serve on this Task Force as well as the Placement and Services Committee and the Implementation Committee. During the process, I have met many talented and dedicated people who care deeply about the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Thank you for giving me a few minutes to speak as we conclude our work. I have two requests of you as the co-chairs of the Task Force.

The first is to propose to the Task Force that it adopt by consensus a recommendation that Wis. Stats. 48.227 be amended to extend the time within which a Runaway and Homeless Youth Program must obtain parental consent to work with a child from 12 hours to 72 hours and include it in any legislation that is proposed as a result of the work of the Task Force. This question has been shared with non-governmental members of the Task Force, and those listed below have indicated their support. I have also listed members of the Implementation Committee that support the proposal. By December 14, I expect that others will have indicated their support and will bring that information to the meeting.

The second request is that you issue a formal request to the members of the Task Force to submit written materials to you within thirty days which include ideas, proposals, and concerns that they have regarding Wisconsin's response to this most serious issue, and that you agree to respond to these submissions in writing within a reasonable time and share your responses with the members of the Task Force.

Much has been accomplished, but the press of assigned business has left us with insufficient time to learn from and consider the ideas that this excellent group of experts has for addressing the challenges of CSEC. Disbanding the Task Force without doing so would be to waste an invaluable opportunity to learn from the most knowledgeable and committed people in the field ways to help this group of young people.

Sincerely,


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Task Force Support List

Tim Baack – Executive Director of Pathfinders
Dawn Bucholz – Washara County Human Services and Member of WCHSA
Pamela Cotton – Out of Home Care, Lutheran Social Services
Megan Devore – Corporation Counsel of Lacrosse County
Steve Gilbertson – Psychologist at Milwaukee Wraparound
Ramona Gonzales – Lacrosse County Circuit Judge
Dan Magnuson – President of Lad Lake
Jan Miyasaki – Director of Project Respect
Mariana Rodriguez – UMOS Latina Resource Center
Elizabeth Mueller – Milwaukee County District Attorney
Diane Rondini-Harness – State Public Defender
Patti Seger – Executive Director of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin
Sr. Marlene Weisenbeck – Lacrosse Task Force to Eradicate Modern Slavery

Implementation Work Group Support List:

Bridget Bauman – Director Circuit Court Improvement Program
Pam Carper – Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters RWJ
Dana Dorn – Director of Milwaukee Academy
Ian Henderson – Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Erika Petty – Senior Staff Attorney, LOTUS Legal Clinic