



Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
Department of Children and Families and
Department of Justice
HotelRED
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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Main Conference Room



DETAILED AGENDA AND SPEAKER NOTES

Note: Times are indicated, sections can be shorter but if they are longer, other sections will be affected.

Topic	Who	Notes
I. Welcome and Introductions 10:00-10:05	Eloise Anderson	<p>Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Eloise Anderson welcomed Task Force members and the public to the final meeting of the Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. Secretary Anderson emphasized her appreciation for everyone’s participation and dedication.</p> <p>Secretary Anderson thanked HotelRED General Manager, Jason Ilstrup, for donating the space to host the meeting. Secretary Anderson also noted that public notice for the meeting was sent to the Wisconsin State Journal, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and the Wheeler Report.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel also thanked the Task Force for all of its hard work.</p>
II. Presentation by Implementation Advisory Workgroup 10:05-10:40	AG Schimel	<p>Attorney General Schimel introduced the Implementation Advisory Workgroup co-chairs, who presented an overview of deliverables the workgroup weighed in on and presented a community response protocol the workgroup created:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Angela Rabbitt, Children’s Hospital Wisconsin • Jodi Emerson, Fierce Freedom <p style="text-align: center;">***Please see attached PP slides.***</p> <p><u>Questions and Answers:</u></p> <p>Secretary Anderson inquired about the other training options and identified “Youth Justice” as a category to be added.</p> <p>Secretary Anderson asked about ideas for interim communication as the Task Force concludes and the Regional Hubs are rolled-out. Ideas provided by Task Force members included a listserv, utilization of the Anti-Human Trafficking Consortium, or some type of central sharing spot, to ensure local task forces do not lose momentum). Justice Management Councils and Domestic Violence Task Forces throughout the state were mentioned by Judge Gonzalez as pre-existing platforms to utilize, as well.</p> <p>Secretary Anderson also brought attention to reframing and changing language around safety and locked facilities. She suggested that the word “locked” needs to be replaced with “secure.”</p>

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		<p>Dawn Bucholz emphasized that there are many locked facilities that are trauma informed and that some youth need a locked facility for safety. Task Force members agreed that words matter and the words “locked” and “secure” need to be analyzed to ensure public perception is accurate and trauma-informed.</p> <p>The co-chairs asked Task Force members if there were any objections to recommending use of the Community Response Protocol. There were no objections.</p> <p>Attorney General Brad Schimel thanked all of the workgroups for the deliverables they created and recommended throughout the Task Force’s tenure.</p>
<p>III. Task Force member discussion item</p> <p>10:40-11:10</p>	<p>Eloise Anderson</p>	<p>Secretary Anderson introduced the Honorable Mike Dwyer, a Task Force member representing Milwaukee. She explained that Judge Dwyer shared a letter with Task Force members prior to the meeting. She then turned over the meeting time to Judge Dwyer for discussion of the requests in his letter (see attached).</p> <p>Judge Dwyer voiced appreciation for Task Force members who are working in this field, as it has enriched understanding of the complexity of the issue. He presented his first request to continue the discussion and have a platform to submit comments, suggestions, and ideas to the Task Force co-chairs. He described how the Community Response Protocol presented is comprehensive, but lacks details relating to different perspectives of residential facilities, law enforcement, medical field, and more and that the conversation must continue.</p> <p>Judge Dwyer then presented a second item for Task Force consideration relating to Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) programs. He outlined his process of participating with two Task Force workgroups, which were unable to specifically address his concerns related to emergency housing. He explained how he worked with Task Force members Claudine O’Leary and Tim Baack to develop the recommendation that the Task Force adopt a resolution to amend Ch. 48.227 to extend the time in which an RHY program needs to obtain parental consent or court approval from 12 hours to 72 hours. Judge Dwyer noted his belief that this was the single most important thing that can be done at this point in time to address the issue of emergency housing. He emphasized that this recommendation would be more likely to become a reality with Task Force support.</p> <p>Judge Dwyer paraphrased quotes from Claudine O’Leary and Tim Baack in support of the recommendation. He discussed the importance of building relationships with youth and encouraging youth to stay in a safe place while working on the connection to problem solve a long-term solution. He also noted that Claudine O’Leary described the first 12 hours being spent on sleep, food, shelter, and contacting parents, and that additional time is needed to build relationship and start safety planning with youth.</p> <p>Judge Dwyer continued paraphrasing quotes from Tim Baack, explaining how youth can leave the shelter with no further opportunity for parent engagement, intervention, or support. He described how trafficked youth</p>

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		<p>are likely to need more time and involvement with CPS and the courts are usually a last resort. Judge Dwyer described how youth, when faced with the choice of going to court or leaving within the first 12 hours, often just leave. Lastly, he noted that other similar federal programs offer 72 hours as the timeframe.</p> <p>Judge Dwyer emphasized that many Task Force members with different backgrounds support this recommendation, per the letter he circulated.</p> <p>Judge Dwyer asked for approval of his recommendations. Secretary Anderson and Attorney General Schimel stated that Task Force members should first be allowed to have some discussion about the issues and raise counterpoints that might represent a different viewpoint than those presented.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel raised the concern of non-trafficking scenarios where parents are worried about the safety and location of their children. He noted that the statutes mentioned affect more than sex trafficking cases.</p> <p>Judge Gonzalez emphasized that contact to parents can and does take place depending on the circumstance and is a judgement call by experienced staff who do not wait the full 12 hours and would not wait the full 72 hours to make contact with parents.</p> <p>Dan Magnuson also emphasized how non-system youth who enter shelters voluntarily would benefit from the expansion of 12 hours to 72 hours.</p> <p>Jan Miyasaki also voiced support, in that it offers additional time for a youth to be safe, rather than on the streets.</p> <p>Secretary Anderson informed the Task Force that more analysis is needed, specifically the impact on rural Wisconsin and on non-trafficking populations, before DCF can determine whether this is a resolution it would support.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel informed Task Force members that there will be legislators who will be firm on supporting parental rights.</p> <p>Attorney Libby Mueller recommended considering amending the language so that it would require an attempt to make contact with the parent within 12 hours, but that youth can stay for 72 hours without consent.</p> <p>Judge Dwyer mentioned that the perception that increasing contact time is anti-parent is simply a perception and not based on evidence. He again stated that 72 hours is the norm elsewhere for similar programs.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel expressed that he was in favor of the recommendation, but that he would defer to DCF for further analysis and approval.</p>

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		<p>Attorney Mueller stated that adding more time (72 hours) avoids the involvement of other players that do not need to be involved (e.g., court, CPS).</p> <p>Secretary Anderson inquired about the impacts the recommendation would have on rural Wisconsin. There was discussion that this might force more youth into detention. There was clarification that this recommendation applies specifically to RHY programs that must operate under specific state and federal guidelines.</p> <p>Dawn Bucholz expressed that the recommendation will help rural counties, as youth tend to run to urban counties for these runaway programs.</p> <p>A Task Force member stated that the majority of times the programs cannot locate a parent and the youth needs a place to stay.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel expressed that he has received feedback from some counties that Wisconsin guidelines should mirror federal guidelines of 72 hours.</p> <p>Secretary Anderson voiced appreciation for the discussion and explained that she would like to analyze the issues brought up and the impact it will have on the families served by DCF.</p> <p>Judge Gonzalez added an amendment that the Task Force should allow DCF time to understand any potential unintended consequences of approving the recommendations. Task Force members concurred with Judge Gonzalez's amendment.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel summarized the Task Force's consensus and noted that further action is contingent upon DCF conducting its analysis. Task Force Members agreed.</p>
<p>IV. Review of Task Force accomplishments</p> <p>11:10-11:45</p>	<p>AG Schimel Dr. Joy Ippolito</p>	<p>Attorney General Schimel noted that while there is still work to be done around the state, it is also important to celebrate all of the work the group accomplished. He reminded everyone that there will be a new Anti-Human Trafficking Advisory Council in 2018 that will be chaired by Dr. Joy Ippolito. This new group will pick up where the Task Force left off and will continue to have significant representation by DOJ, local law enforcement, and other stakeholders. He then turned the meeting over to Dr. Ippolito for a presentation on the Task Force's accomplishments.</p> <p>***Please see attached PP slides.***</p>

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		<p>Dr. Ippolito ended her presentation asking Task Force member to share their own reflections and posed a call to action to share how they would continue to move this work forward.</p> <p>Task Force members thanked one another and shared final thoughts about engaging this population and the difference being made.</p> <p>Judge Gonzales expressed her thanks for Attorney General Schimel's support for this cause and encouraged him and others to contact Senator Darling on the importance of holding a hearing on the pending bill eliminating prosecution of youth for prostitution.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel and Secretary Anderson thanked Dr. Ippolito for her presentation, coordination of the Task Force meetings, and oversight of all six workgroups.</p>
<p>V. Updates 11:45-11:50</p>	<p>AG Schimel Dr. Joy Ippolito</p>	<p>Attorney General Schimel provided a brief overview of updates from the Department of Justice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand suppression focus is ongoing • Crime Victim Council training in February at the Fox Valley Mall; they also recently hosted a guest speaker who discussed runaway and homeless youth programs (Lori Guenther) • Partnering with Truckers against Trafficking on a bus campaign • DOJ Human Trafficking Conference was a success • Methamphetamine Summit scheduled for January 7th at University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire • Summarized his recent meeting with Selah Freedom, which is hoping to open a southeastern Wisconsin Assessment Center to serve up to 20 females ages 18-26 <p>DCF updates were provided by Dr. Joy Ippolito during her presentation.</p>
<p>VI. Public Comment 11:50-11:55</p>	<p>Eloise Anderson</p>	<p>Secretary Anderson opened the meeting for public comment. An individual commented that it had been great to watch the work develop over time and gave thanks to everyone's hard work.</p> <p>A member of the public on the phone asked for more information about the Fox Valley Mall training.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>AG Schimel Eloise Anderson</p>	<p>Attorney General Schimel and Secretary Anderson thanked members for their active and enthusiastic participation. They also thanked the interested members of the public who have regularly attended our meetings. The meeting was then adjourned.</p>