



Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
Department of Children and Families and
Department of Justice
Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel
1 N. Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
September 14, 2017
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Hotel Conference Room Athearn AB



Meeting Record

Topic	Who	Notes
I. Welcome and Introductions 10:30-10:35	AG Schimel	<p>AG Schimel welcomed Task Force members and other interested parties in the room, and then took a roll call of Task Force members on the phone. He reminded all attendees that the discussion of agenda items is limited to Task Force members only, and explained there would be time for public comment at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel stated that a public notice for the meeting was sent to the Wisconsin State Journal, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and the Wheeler Report.</p> <p>The Attorney General noted that this is the first time a meeting of the Task Force has been held outside of Madison, and that it was clear from the number of people in the room that this is an issue affecting all areas of our state. He offered special thanks to Daniel Schetter, General Manager of the Best Western Hotel, for donating the space for the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Secretary Anderson to introduce the first speaker.</p>
II. Review of Past and Current Anti-Trafficking State Efforts 10:35-11:30	Eloise Anderson	<p>Secretary Anderson introduced Dr. Joy Ippolito, DCF Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator, to provide an overview of what the Task Force has accomplished in the last 18 months. Secretary Anderson commended the members for the number of activities accomplished.</p> <p>[Please see PP slides for more information on the presentation.]</p> <p>At the conclusion of the presentation, Secretary Anderson opened the floor for discussion amongst Task Force members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Yates inquired whether the Task Force should come up with additional recommendations on best practices for service provider responses to human trafficking. Dr. Ippolito informed members that a Community Response Protocol is being developed by the Implementation Advisory Workgroup and will be presented at the Task Force meeting in December. • Susan Piazza inquired if there was any plan to get the Human Trafficking 101 training out to school districts and local education agencies. Dr. Ippolito shared there is representation from the Department of Public Instruction on the Implementation Advisory Workgroup, which will look at the prevention training curriculum to ensure it meets state standards. In addition, Dr. Joy will be presenting at a DPI day-long pre-conference on this topic.
III. Discussion of Hospitality	AG Schimel	<p>Attorney General Schimel introduced the joint effort by DCF and DOJ to partner with the Wisconsin hospitality industry to train staff on how to look</p>

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<p>Industry Training</p> <p>11:30-12:00</p>		<p>for signs of trafficking. This effort is starting with the hotel industry. The following individuals were introduced to lead the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Braun, DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services Policy Advisor • Dr. Joy Ippolito, Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator • Jason Ilstrup, Manager of HotelRED and Vice-Chairman of the Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association <p>Julie Braun provided an overview of the partnership, which was developed to provide information to the hospitality industry on how to recognize and report human trafficking. Julie stressed that DOJ and DCF are cognizant of the investment and time that this has required from the Hotel and Lodging Association (WHLA), and thanked industry representatives for their positive response. As part of the effort, a webinar was developed for training purposes for lodging industry staff, and the WHLA will distribute this to over 750 lodging establishments. In addition, WHLA has provided booth space at their annual conference in order for staff to interact with lodging industry stakeholders. Julie then introduced Jason Ilstrup, to discuss WHLA involvement in the project.</p> <p>Jason Ilstrup shared that WHLA is hopeful that this is just the beginning of a strong partnership. He stressed that the lodging industry is aware of the human trafficking concern and is committed to doing whatever is possible to prevent trafficking from occurring. Jason thanked DOJ and DCF for the resources they have provided to produce the highest quality webinar that will meet the unique needs of hotel staff. Jason also shared that instances of human trafficking have been stopped because of the informal training that has already occurred.</p> <p>Dr. Ippolito presented the ten-minute webinar. She noted that many of the indicators shown in the training came from the Department of Homeland Security. The webinar will be translated into Spanish and Hmong languages. Julie Braun shared that reporting protocols were not included in the webinar, as many hotels already have protocols in place. Dr. Joy opened up the floor to questions or comments regarding the webinar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Coyle wondered if some of the words used were too advanced, and suggested that words with more than three syllables could be problematic. Dr. Joy explained that the wording choices were discussed, but that the idea was not to diverge too far from federal guidance. At this point, the video would have to be re-recorded in full in order to make any wording changes. Jason Ilstrup shared that general managers would most likely use the video for an introduction, and follow-up with their staff using very specific scenarios that fit their individual hotels. • Dawn Buchholz inquired about the timeline for finalization and distribution of the webinar. Dr. Joy shared that Task Force members will receive an email with a link to the webinar when it is finalized. The English version will be finalized in the next few days, a written transcript for ADA accessibility is in development, and the translations will be a few weeks out. Jason Ilstrup felt that the timeline for release of the webinar was ideal as many hotels are just starting to transition out of their high season, allowing for more training time for staff.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jodi Emerson shared that the hotels in her Eau Claire community have suggested providing the training a few weeks after an employee starts, as new employees can be too overwhelmed at the start of their employment for this information to sink in. The hotel representative also shared that since this has become a community-wide effort, traffickers will be deterred from moving from one hotel to another when they are detected. • Sister Marlene Weisenbeck shared that her group has been doing outreach with the hotels in La Crosse, with mixed response. She believes the webinar will be a great resource to use in following-up with these hotels. • Nancy Irizarry inquired if the WHLA website will list who the current members are and who has received the trafficking training. It would be helpful for our partners to know who has been trained and who hasn't so we can best utilize our resources and not duplicate trainings. Jason does not believe the website lists this information. • Nancy Irizarry suggested adding another indicator to the webinar: a minor that appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. <p>Attorney General Schimel thanked the presenters and acknowledged the important partnership DOJ and DCF have built with the lodging industry in Wisconsin. He then turned the meeting back over to Dr. Ippolito to provide some brief DCF updates.</p>
IV. Updates 12:00-12:15	AG Schimel Dr. Joy Ippolito	<p>Dr. Joy introduced Heather Lawrence, representative from the Region 2 Anti-Human Trafficking Regional Hub in Outagamie County. Heather reported that hub staff have spent the last few months building a solid foundation in the region. Three tribes, as well as various local child welfare human services agencies, have been or will soon be visited. The goal is to assess each agency for what services they have in their area, and determine what resources are needed from the hub. In addition, staff will help child welfare agencies develop their own internal process for responding to these cases.</p> <p>Dr. Joy announced that DCF and Lutheran Social Services have mutually agreed to close the Transitions Residential Treatment Program. DCF will continue to explore other opportunities that will be able to provide support, treatment and safety to this population.</p> <p>Attorney General Schimel announced that there have been quite a few demand suppression efforts going on around the state. DOJ is announcing today during a press conference in Green Bay the establishment of a new Human Trafficking Bureau at DCI. Special Agent Ben Poller will head the bureau, along with six agents who are being tasked to this effort. The key to this bureau is to coordinate efforts as traffickers are very mobile, and can move between jurisdictions. DOJ is working with the Wisconsin State Intelligence Center to better coordinate information. A regional training was held this summer with law enforcement in order to provide information on how to better identify, target, and prosecute. DOJ will be conducting similar trainings around the state. The demand and suppression operations have been successful in recovering a number of survivors; and</p>

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		<p>thanks to the work of the Task Force, law enforcement is having an easier time finding service providers who can help these individuals.</p> <p>The Attorney General announced that DOJ is actively working with a number of legislators on creating legislation that will make it easier to prosecute those who solicit explicit photos online. In addition, legislation is being developed to raise penalties for repeat offenders who patronize for sex, both from minors and adults. Legislation has also been drafted to create a surcharge for patronizing an adult prostitute, with the fine distributed to social service and law enforcement efforts.</p> <p>Finally, the work of the Crime Victim Council continues, and the council is looking to develop outreach with the trucking industry on this issue.</p>
<p>V. Future Meetings of the Task Force</p> <p>12:15-12:25</p>	<p>AG Schimel Eloise Anderson</p>	<p>Attorney General Schimel explained that the next meeting will be in Madison (location to be determined), on Thursday, December 14th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.</p> <p>The Attorney General shared that the December meeting will also be the last meeting of the Task Force. Attorney General Schimel and Secretary Anderson shared their thoughts about the Task Force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December marks the two-year anniversary of beginning the Task Force. Attorney General Schimel expressed his sincere appreciation for the time and effort that everyone has put in to make this a successful endeavor. • The Attorney General acknowledged that wrapping up the Task Force does not mean that our work as a state is complete, just that we have achieved the original charge of the Task Force, which was: "To develop a coordinated and comprehensive plan to address sex trafficking of minors in Wisconsin". • The Attorney General reminded members that DCF and DOJ created an Implementation Advisory Workgroup earlier this year. The charge and membership of this workgroup will be updated, and shift into an Advisory Council in early 2018 that will be chaired by Dr. Joy Ippolito. Similar to other advisory councils run by the state, its purpose will be to receive stakeholder input on the state's ongoing efforts to address sex trafficking of children and youth. Dr. Joy will share more information about this council in early 2018. <p>Attorney General Schimel opened the floor for discussion or questions from Task Force members. There were no questions or comments. Secretary Anderson commended Task Force members on the work they have done over the past two years.</p>
<p>VI. Public Comment</p> <p>12:25-12:30</p>	<p>Eloise Anderson</p>	<p>Secretary Anderson opened the meeting for public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question regarding the Human Trafficking Bureau and whether this new bureau would be dealing with all forms of human trafficking. Attorney General Schimel affirmed the bureau will address all forms of human trafficking. • Question regarding how services for victims of human trafficking

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		are accessed. Attorney General Schimel shared that law enforcement departments will know who to contact in different regions of the state. Dr. Ippolito shared that reports of child trafficking still go to child welfare agencies, which then connect those youth with local services.
Adjournment	Eloise Anderson	Secretary Anderson thanked everyone who traveled to the meeting and to the local stakeholders who came out to show their support of this issue. She looks forward to celebrating all that the Task Force has accomplished during the final meeting in December.

Task Force Members Present:

Eloise Anderson
Brad Schimel
Joy Ippolito
Dawn Buchholz
Pamela Cotton (phone)
Sarah Coyle (phone)
Megan Devore (phone)
Michael Dwyer (phone)
Jeff Miller for Steve Elliott
Jodi Emerson
Susan Piazza for Superintendent Tony Evers
Steve Gilbertson (phone)
Ramona Gonzalez (phone)
John Gossage
Patrick Hughes (phone)
Nancy Irizarry
Fred Johnson (phone)
Donelle Hauser for Dan Magnuson
Georgia Maxwell (phone)
Ian Henderson for Pennie Meyers
Libby Mueller
Claudine O'Leary (phone)
Angela Rabbitt (phone)
Diane Rondini-Harness (phone)
Adrienne Roach for Patti Seger
Sister Marlene Weisenbeck (phone)
Jennifer Yates

Matthew Joy
Brad Wassink
Rebecca Ballweg
Allison Budzinski
Amy Flanders
Kimber Blum
Carl Waterstreet
Lexi Mattia
Marianne Radley
Joe Scialfa
Eric Underly
Christine Keough
Diane Bennett
Mary Ellen Bakken
Kaleen Morkin
Abby Meulemans
Mary Krumpitsch
Rosemary Davis
Sr. Carol Haanen
Jessica Awe
Wendy Smith
Jason Wix
Tiana Vansetn
Melissa Cheslock
Carrie Burke
Jean Geran
Ron Hermes
Karen Marone
Robin Joseph
Dashal Young
Adam Nagel
Paul Hestekind (phone)
Melissa Fus (phone)
Martha Love (phone)
Dana World-Patterson (phone)
Jodi Hollister (phone)
Joyce McCrary (phone)

Others Present:

Mike Austin
Fred Bove
Julie Braun
Jason Ilstrup
Heather Lawrence
Dawn Polk
Amy Ulrich

Morgan Young
Michelle Viste