



Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force: Successes, Reflections, and Future Work

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History of the Task Force

- o 37 members appointed to the Task Force by Attorney General Schimel and Secretary Anderson
 - ❖ Charge: *To develop a coordinated and comprehensive plan to address sex trafficking of minors in Wisconsin*
 - ❖ Membership included other state agencies, leaders of community groups, service providers, counties, Tribes, and survivors
- o First meeting was December 2015
- o We have met quarterly since then, marking nine meetings today

History of the Workgroups

- o Started with five workgroups charged with various components of the state plan; added a sixth group in early 2017
 - o Screening & Identification: Tim Baack, Emily Erickson, & Kimber Blum
 - o Placement & Services: Dan Magnuson, Steve Gilbertson, & Allison Budzinski
 - o Training: Maya Krajinovic, Mariana Rodriguez, Miriam Falk, Dion Racks, & Morgan Young
 - o Prevention and Public Awareness: Nancy Irizarry, Penny Nevicosi, & Jane Penner-Hoppe
 - o Data & Research: Derek Veitenheimer & Kelly Smithback
 - o Implementation Advisory: Dr. Angela Rabbitt, Jodi Emerson, & Allison Budzinski
- o Regular meetings—most workgroups met monthly throughout 2016 and some into 2017
- o **Over 130 individuals participated in workgroup meetings, including Task Force and non-Task Force members!**

Meeting summary

o December 2015

- ❖ Overview of local stakeholder human trafficking efforts by Task Force members
- ❖ Workgroup charges

o March 2016

- ❖ Status of US Department of Justice Eastern and Western District human trafficking efforts
- ❖ Development of Guiding Principles

Meeting summary

o June 2016

- ❖ Presentation by Data & Research Workgroup
 - ✓ Overview of state agency systems that could be sources of data on human trafficking
- ❖ Finalization of Guiding Principles

o September 2016

- ❖ Presentation by Connecticut
- ❖ Presentation by Minnesota

Meeting summary

o December 2016

- ❖ Presentation by Screening and Identification Workgroup
 - ✓ Recommended screening and identification tools
- ❖ Presentation by Placement and Services Workgroup
 - ✓ Survey results and introduction of Core and Advanced Core Competencies

o March 2017

- ❖ Presentation by Training Workgroup
 - ✓ Recommended Human Trafficking 101 content
- ❖ Presentation by Placement and Services Workgroup
 - ✓ Finalization of Core and Advanced Core Competencies

Meeting summary

o June 2017

- ❖ Presentation by Prevention and Public Awareness Workgroup
 - ✓ [Recommended prevention curricula](#)
- ❖ Presentation by Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Campaign contractor

o September 2017

- ❖ Presentation by Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator
- ❖ Presentation of hotel and lodging human trafficking awareness webinar

Meeting summary

- o **December 2017 (final meeting)**
 - ❖ Presentation by Implementation Advisory Workgroup
 - ✓ Recommended Community Response Protocol

Implementation of deliverables

o Indicator tool

- ❖ Issued the *Wisconsin Child Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Response Guide* in May 2016

o Screening tool

- ❖ Further developed screening tool with DCF stakeholders and DCF staff
- ❖ Reviewing recently issued report from the Urban Institute on their federally funded screening tool
 - ✓ DCF is conducting a comparative analysis of UI and workgroup tool to determine which to utilize

Implementation of deliverables

o **Statewide survey of services available**

- ❖ Cleaned and further reviewed the data
- ❖ DCF developing a PDF guide that will be posted to DCF's website

o **Core and Advanced Core Competencies**

- ❖ DCF Licensing developing an implementation plan for new and renewal licensees meeting the competencies
- ❖ DOJ VAWA grants for 2017—required applicants to discuss them if applying to serve HT victims

Implementation of deliverables

o Training curriculum

- ❖ DCF further edited Human Trafficking (HT) 101 curriculum for publication on child welfare online professional development training
- ❖ Developing plan through existing contract with UW Division of Continuing Studies to offer additional training to certain service provider groups
- ❖ DCF outreach to other stakeholders for coordination and promotion of training in other disciplines
- ❖ Will look to develop a train-the-trainer/Speaker's Bureau in 2018

Implementation of deliverables

o Prevention efforts

- ❖ DPI reviewed recommended prevention curricula and how they align with state standards
- ❖ DCF Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Campaign in development for release statewide in 2018
- ❖ DCF Human Trafficking Prevention Video is in production; will partner with DPI and other stakeholders to create facilitated listening guide in 2018
- ❖ DOJ supports demand suppression legislation and developed a new Human Trafficking Bureau
- ❖ DCF and DOJ hospitality industry awareness efforts and training

Implementation of deliverables

o Service provision and support

- ❖ DCF piloting the first Anti-Human Trafficking Regional Hub
 - ❖ 1-2 additional hubs will begin in 2018 in other regions of the state
 - ❖ DCF developed *Understanding the Child Welfare Response to Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth* to pilot within the hubs
 - ❖ Pilot hub has developed hub management protocols
- ❖ Developing new proposals for supporting and expanding residential services in 2018

Implementation of deliverables

o Data and research

- ❖ DCF developing tools to better understand human trafficking cases within the child welfare and youth justice systems
- ❖ All DCF anti-human trafficking contracts require collection of relevant data
- ❖ DOJ developing statewide survey efforts

o General

- ❖ Guiding Principles distributed at every event I attend; ~1500 copies in the last 12 months

Looking ahead

- o **We have met our charge, but the work does not end here!**
 - ❖ Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) Advisory Council will launch in 2018
 - ❖ Chaired by Dr. Joy Ippolito with coordinated support from DOJ, other state agencies, and community stakeholders
 - ❖ Membership will be by invitation; meetings will remain open to the public
 - ❖ Will include some current members but also invite new voices to the table
 - ❖ Focus will remain on child sex trafficking and exploitation and advising state agencies on implementation

Looking ahead

- o Email lists created for Task Force meeting notices will continue to be used for state level updates and announcements
- o Individual state agencies will continue anti-human trafficking efforts
- o Coordination among state agencies will continue as well, particularly as we roll out additional materials

The need for additional support

- Certain efforts, such as regional hubs, are focused on a specific discipline (child welfare and youth justice)
 - ✓ Need other stakeholders to promote these efforts, and the use of existing deliverables, within their own disciplines
- Many service providers already have knowledge of trauma-informed care, the domestic violence cycle, and individualized treatment approaches
 - ✓ Need to spread the message to these providers that they may already be equipped to serve this population
- Many of the issues for 2018 will require leadership and/or participation by stakeholders other than the Advisory Council
 - ✓ Need champions to commit to working on these issues in other state agencies, regions, and local communities

Reflection and a call to action

1. What are your own individual reflections on the work we have completed as a Task Force?
2. In what ways can you help us carry this work forward?



Many thanks to all who have participated in these meetings as members of the public! Your support is critical to our success!