



City and County of San Francisco

Department on the Status of Women

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San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking

Notes

May 3, 2010

11:00 pm – 1:00 pm

25 Van Ness Ave. Room 70 (lower level)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Nancy Goldberg announced that SAGE's Mollie Ring will be presenting information about trafficking at the Belvedere Tiberon Library on June 1, 2010.

II. Presentation by MPH Student Researchers

Student researchers from San Francisco State University's Master of Public Health Program presented information about their upcoming project in partnership with the Department of Public Health's Newcomer Health Services. They will conduct a community assessment of labor trafficking in San Francisco, with interviews occurring in June and July and a final report released by the end of the year.

The purpose of the work is to assess support, barriers, and access to social, physical, and mental health services for survivors of non-sexual human trafficking in San Francisco. This work complements a study done several years ago with SAGE that was specific to sexual human trafficking.

The study will seek to answer the following key questions:

1. What terminology best describes human trafficking that is not related to sexual human trafficking?
2. Who are the survivors of non-sexual human trafficking in San Francisco?
3. What are the current processes for service providers when identifying survivors of non-sexual human trafficking in San Francisco?
4. What are the barriers that survivors of non-sexual human trafficking in San Francisco face when accessing social, physical, and mental health services?
5. What challenges exist for social, physical, and mental health service providers when providing access to services and support for survivors of non-sexual human trafficking in San Francisco?
6. What social, physical and mental health supports are available for survivors of non-sexual human trafficking in San Francisco?
7. What would be an ideal model for providing access to social, physical, and mental health services to survivors of non-sexual human trafficking in San Francisco?

III. Committee Updates

a. Governance

The participants discussed the bylaws as proposed by the Governance Committee. Key points of the bylaws include requiring a consensus of 2/3 for voting; not taking any policy decisions as SFCaHT, but keeping SFCaHT as a forum for open discussion about policy and legislation; and only sponsoring events or programs if all members agree.

Changes made by the participants included changing the makeup of the steering committee to include 3 public and an equal number of private/nonprofit agencies rather than specifying any agency to sit on the committee. All changes were discussed and have been incorporated into the final version of the bylaws. This document was approved as amended by a vote of the whole.

b. Legislative Monitoring

Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez reported that the District Attorney testified before the Assembly in favor of AB2319 which strengthens the law regarding child sex trafficking. The City is aggressively supporting this bill, and Nancy reported that there is a good chance it will pass.

There are other bills related to trafficking that have been proposed, and Nancy will have the City's lobbyist prepare a summary for the Collaborative. Laura Marshall passed out fact sheets she received from the CA Massage Therapy Council opposing AB1822 for informational purposes. This bill, like AB2319, is also sponsored by Saundre Swanson.

The City is in discussions about the impact of SB731, which passed last year and changes the local ordinance related to massage therapist certification. The City has concerns about the capacity of the State to implement the certification and inspection of parlors. The Mayor's Office, Board of Supervisors, and Department of Public Health will continue to work on these concerns.

c. Data Collection

The Data Committee continues to vet the form that was developed with various agencies, but hopes to move forward with actual data collection soon, once more parties have weighed in on the form's viability.

d. Public Awareness

The Public Awareness Committee, chaired by Ann Singer, will meet on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 10:30 am at the National Council of Jewish Women, 2000 Van Ness Ave, Suite 411. The Committee will discuss plans for fall and winter awareness efforts.

IV. Future Meetings

The participants decided to hold future meetings from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 12, 2010 at 12:00 pm, at the Refugee Medical Center. Laura Marshall will distribute a map of the location of the Center, which is at General Hospital.

2010 Meeting Schedule:

Monday, July 12, 2010, 12:00 am – 2:00 pm, Refugee Medical Center
Monday, September 13, 2010, 12:00 am – 2:00 pm, Location TBD
Monday, November 1, 2010, 12:00 am – 2:00 pm, Location TBD