

City and County of San Francisco
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking
Report on the Policy Committee Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2013, Noon-1:30 PM
HRC, 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 800

1. Monthly legislative update – Tara Anderson

- a. Tara was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following by email:

STATEMENT FROM SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN

"I am disappointed that Congress failed to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The historic passage of VAWA in 1994 had a tremendous impact on law enforcement and our ability to investigate and prosecute domestic and sexual abuse and increase resources available to victims of crime. House Leadership's inaction turns back the progress we as a country have made towards reducing violence towards women. We must all call on Congress to stand up and protect women." State representatives are currently setting priorities and positioning bills for introduction. The regular meetings of the CAST California Legislative Collaborative on Human Trafficking begins again on 1/25 at 11am. As a reminder this is a monthly call facilitated by:

Stephanie Richard, Esq.
Policy & Legal Services Director
The Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)

2. Survey representatives of agencies interacting with victims of human trafficking – Marianna Warmee

- a. Discussion on the draft questionnaire
- i. Prefer a concise questionnaire to maximize number of participants
 - ii. # 6 – Intention is to subtly suggest that the participant might encounter a victim of human trafficking, and to get participant to start thinking about ways in which such an encounter could occur.
 - iii. Potential questions to add:
 1. What would be your first response if you thought you had encountered a victim of human trafficking?
 2. Does your organization collect data on trafficking on a regular basis, and would your organization be able to provide the data to the SFCAT?
 3. Do you have any suggestions for policy/legislative action?
- b. Timeline
- i. No changes

3. Presentations at general membership meetings

- a. Presentation on existing laws – Tara
- i. Within the first few weeks of February – date TBA
 - ii. Antonia will look into court's decision on Prop 35 and notify group
- b. Presentation on pending bills – Catherine

- i. Date TBA

4. Further steps on creating a formalized data collection system

- a. Discussion on drafts of data collection forms
 - i. An explanation of the terms used in the Collection Form will be provided to participants
 - ii. Hold an afternoon retreat, February 22, 2013 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm to discuss survey questions among key players (DA, US Attorney, Law Enforcement, service providers).**
 - 1. Invitees: all service providers in directory, Law Enforcement, DA, US Attorney, DPH, Department on the Status of Women
 - 2. Reason:
 - a. Require formal approval from government bodies (DA, US Attorney, Law Enforcement) and formal commitment from them that they will include this information in their codes
 - i. DA – still need to discuss
 - ii. Law Enforcement – approved already
 - b. Want approval of questions from service providers – to maximize participation
 - i. SAGE has approved; need others to approve
 - 3. Send “Save the Date” ASAP - Briana
- b. Decision on timeline of future action
 - i. Retreat to discuss questions by the end of the month

5. Educational hearing in Sacramento for legislators and their staff – Catherine

- a. Catherine was unable to attend, and will discuss at future meetings

6. Discussion and decision on frequency of committee meeting

- a. As-needed; flexible

7. Discussion on the next committee meeting agenda

- a. Determine agenda for Retreat
- b. Proposed date: February 22, 2013

8. Date for next meeting

- a. Monday, January 28, 2013 at 10:00 am at HRC
UPDATE: 1/28/13 MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. WILL BE RESCHEDULED AFTER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS WITH NEW CO-CHAIR DIANA OLIVA-AROCHE.