



City and County of San Francisco

Department on the Status of Women

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San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking

Meeting Notes

July 12, 2010

I. Welcome and Introductions

a. Agency Announcements

- Freedom House announced that it will officially open its doors on August 10 to single women over age 18. Staff will be connecting with local agencies over the next month to find appropriate residents for the new transitional housing facility for trafficking survivors. Freedom House has the capacity to house 8 women.
- Because Justice Matters will hold an outreach event on July 17, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, at 357 Ellis Street.
- Dr. Emily Murase of the Department on the Status of Women informed participants about a filmmaker who has recently been awarded a State Department grant to create a film about trafficking. The filmmaker would like to talk with local advocates to assess the major issues, and the Department is working on setting a meeting time. An announcement of this meeting will go out to the group to allow members to participate in the brainstorming.
- Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez announced that San Francisco's application for an earmark of \$750,000 for trafficking-related services and prosecution enhancements has been submitted in the 2010 appropriations bill for approval. It will likely be a long process, but this is a positive step.

II. Newcomer Health Program/Refugee Medical Clinic Presentation

III. Report on North Bay Trafficking Task Force Meeting

Several members of the Collaborative attended the May 20, 2010 meeting of the North Bay Trafficking Task Force. The Task Force is required of any region receiving federal funds for trafficking work, and the San Francisco Police Department has received Cal-EMA funds this year. The Police Department's Sgt. Arlin Vanderbilt and the U.S. Attorney's Andrew Huang co-hosted the meeting. The attendees were largely law enforcement, from a variety of federal agencies, though several community agencies were also represented. After a long hiatus, it is still unclear what the exact focus or goal of the Task Force will be, but Collaborative members will stay involved and report back once this has been clarified. Antonia Lavine commented that the federal mandate asks Task Forces to collect data, which is an important function, and the Collaborative should seek to ensure that it carries this out. Additionally, the Collaborative may want to invite Arlin Vanderbilt and Andrew Huang to present at a future meeting about what goals they have for the Task Force, and how the Collaborative and the Task Force can complement one another.

IV. Committee Updates

a. Public Awareness

The Public Awareness Committee has met several times to plan events and strategies for the coming months. A separate document outlines these plans, summarized below:

- Monthly Events Calendar email
- Speakers Bureau
- SFCaHT Outreach Materials
- January / February Awareness Campaign – Agencies plan events; SFCaHT conducts art projects with youth/community throughout the fall, with gallery event during the campaign
- Community Forum – March or April; skill building for practitioners in the morning, awareness raising for community in the afternoon

The Awareness Committee will meet on **Wednesday, July 28, 2010**, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, at the National Council of Jewish Women office, 2000 Van Ness, Ste. 411. All are invited to attend and get involved in the committee's planning.

b. Legislative Monitoring

New federal and state legislation has been proposed, and information about each will be distributed by email to members.

c. Data Collection

No report.

d. Governance

The bylaws voted on at the last meeting requires the Collaborative elect members to serve on a steering committee. The Governance Committee should reconvene to determine the best way to go about this process, as well as any other requirements of the bylaws that the Collaborative should be addressing. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

V. Additional Topics

Anu Menon of the Department on the Status of Women alerted participants to a resource for graphic design services. The Department recently used students in a technology program at El Cerrito High School to design a post card and was very impressed with the final product. Contact Anu at anu.menon@sfgov.org for details about how to connect with this program.

Participants discussed the recent protest that occurred at the offices of Craigslist.org. Because Justice Matters was a co-sponsor of the protest and reported that it was a fairly successful event, though media coverage was minimal due to other events that day. Participants determined that it would be a good idea to invite someone from Craigslist.org to come to the next SFCaHT meeting to share with the group what the organization is doing to mitigate the consequences of its site's unintended usage by traffickers, and to hear from agencies about how they can support Craigslist.org in this work.

Participants discussed other media-focused work that is necessary. For example, free weekly newspapers are used by the City government to post public information, and also by traffickers to post ads for women trafficked into prostitution. Allen Wilson mentioned that SAGE has engaged in

some counter advertising in free weeklies in the East Bay and will analyze the success of those efforts before bringing the work to San Francisco. Also, SAGE has broadcast PSAs on youth-focused radio stations, such as KUSF. Participants raised the idea of forming an assessment team to evaluate media outlets and help them agents against trafficking instead of unintended supporters.

2010 Meeting Schedule:

Monday, September 13, 2010, 12:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Asylum Office, 75 Hawthorne St., 3rd Floor
(Hawthorne is a short street near 3rd Street and Folsom)

Monday, November 1, 2010, 12:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location TBD