

City and County of San Francisco
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Report on the Policy Committee Meeting on Monday, January 28, 2013, 11 AM-12 PM
HRC, 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 800

1. Monthly Legislative Update by Tara Anderson

- a. **California Legislative Collaborative on Human Trafficking:** Tara participates in monthly calls with CAST – California Legislative Collaborative on Human Trafficking. Participants in these calls discuss legislative updates.
 - i. Tara will tell SCAHT people who are interested how to join the calls.
 - ii. Tara receives a table of all statewide legislative updates and can send this out, with the addition of San Francisco updates
- b. **Updated laws:**
 - i. **CA Civil Procedure Code § 1219:** Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault can be held in contempt of court for failing to testify in court about the domestic violence or sexual assault. Under this new law, the victims must first be referred to a domestic violence counselor before being held in contempt of court for failing to testify.
 - ii. **CA Penal Code § 1387** provides that the DA can re-file domestic violence or sexual assault charges after the charges have been dismissed twice before (in the past, could not bring a felony charge if it had already been dismissed twice), if the charges were previously dismissed because the victim was held in contempt of court for refusing to testify. The prosecution must bring the charges within six months of the original dismissal of the action.
 - iii. **CA Family Code § 432.5** prohibits an award of spousal support to the spouse who has been convicted of a sexually violent felony against the other spouse.

2. Survey representatives of agencies interacting with victims of HT by Marianna Warmee

- a. Marianna will update survey questions as needed to reflect the addition of security personnel from businesses (such as Sony, where security people are dealing with the fact that Playstations are used for the sharing of child pornography)
- b. Marianna and Briana will coordinate to reach out to the survey recipients. Questions may be asked orally, or may be introduced orally, but sent in writing.
- c. Start by contacting the heads of agencies/organizations, and ask them to distribute to employees
- d. Stress the ultimate objective of the survey to survey recipients, and highlight their interests
- e. Possibly run the purpose of the survey by Deanna from Mayor's office, and say the Mayor's Office is pushing it

3. Presentations at general membership meetings

- a. **Presentation on existing laws** – Tara Anderson
 - i. DA's office will present at next general membership meeting [not sure what date this will be]
 - b. **Presentation on pending laws** – Catherine Carlton
 - i. Same day as presentation on existing laws (next general membership meeting)
- 4. Further steps on creation of a formalized data collection system – Antonia Lavine**
- a. **Retreat to take place on February 22, 2013, Noon – 3:00 pm**
 - i. Discuss current state of data collection forms, agree on changes to forms
 - ii. When we contact organizations to attend the retreat, we should identify who works on the databases and can implement changes
 - b. Antonia will send out a list of potential organization recipients, and Policy Committee members will respond with comments
 - i. Invitations will be sent out by February 1, 2013
 - c. Location: TBD – possibly HRC, possibly a location that Nancy suggests
 - d. Refreshments: collect money in advance to purchase approximately \$50 worth of refreshments
- 5. Educational hearing in Sacramento for legislators and their staff – Catherine Carlton**
- a. June or July 2013
 - b. Taraneh and Antonia will coordinate regarding this hearing
- 6. Next meeting: Meet one hour before next general membership meeting**