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San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking Minutes

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I. Welcome and Introductions

No agency announcements were made.

II. Presentation by documentary film maker Ann P. Meredith, who is interested in making a film about trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in San Francisco

Ann P. Meredith began her presentation by showing photographs from some of her past exhibits, followed by two of her films, "The Right to Marry – Our Right to Love," and "Tall in the Saddle." She explained to the Collaborative that she is interested in making a film about human trafficking in San Francisco, which captures the broad scope of trafficking. She is in the beginning stages of her research and planning and is particularly interested in getting subjects for her film, including survivors of trafficking and individuals who encounter survivors of trafficking. She invited individuals to contact her if they are interested in appearing in the film, if they know of survivors/others who may want to appear in the film, or if they have particularly good background information that could help with her research. Her email address is: annpmeredith7@gmail.com.

III. Discussion regarding a possible "Volunteer Match Event" in March, 2011

Next, the Collaborative discussed the possibility of having a "Volunteer Match Event" (an event much like a job fair) in March. Since we anticipate that the 2011 Awareness Campaign is going to bring forward a lot of people who will want to know how they can volunteer and intern with SFCaHT and its members, we thought that we could set up an event where interested individuals could meet with individuals from SFCaHT members in order to match their interests and skills with organizations that could utilize those interests and skills. There was some discussion about whether the Collaborative should collect a form from interested individuals (with contact information, availability, skills, etc.) during the Campaign, whether the Collaborative should maintain a list of volunteers, etc. The Collaborative co-chairs and staff will continue to take a little bit of time to think of the best way to organize such an event in the coming weeks.

IV. Committee Updates

a. Public Awareness

The PA Committee met during November primarily to continue planning the 2011 Awareness Campaign. To date, the Committee has helped to organize the following events, among others:

- January 8 – March 3: SFCaHT Library exhibit on human trafficking;
- January 10: SFCaHT kick-off press conference with Supervisor Carmen Chu and Director of Public Health Barbara Garcia (hear about San Francisco's efforts to close illegal brothels fronting as massage parlors);
- January 13: Ladies of the San Francisco Consular Corps Present: "Human Trafficking"
- January 21-22: Freedom Summit in Fremont;
- January 26: Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking Training for Advocates, Activists, and Professionals;
- February 2: Anatomy of a Case: Federal Interventions in Cases of Human Trafficking panel at the Koret Auditorium;
- February 7: UC Hastings panel on Forms of Legal Relief (aimed at lawyers);



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- February 10: SFCaHT closing event (possible film screening and modern day abolitionist award ceremony at USF?);
- February 12: Women's Day at Because Justice Matters
- February 15: Library event – Book discussion with Conor Grennan, author of “Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal”

If you or your organization would like to plan an additional event, the AC would be happy to add your event to its calendar of events.

The Awareness Committee will meet next on **December 15, 2010 at 1:00 pm**, at 25 Van Ness Ave., Suite 140. All are invited to attend and get involved in the Committee's planning.

Next, SFCaHT voted on whether SFCaHT should co-sponsor the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking Training for Advocates, Activists, and Professionals event during the Awareness Campaign. There was some discussion about the event, primarily it was explained that the event is simply a training event. Nancy Goldberg made the motion for the vote and Antonia Balkanska seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Legislative Monitoring

The Mayor's Office updated the group that Saundre Swanson reintroduced his legislation. Furthermore, the City family would most likely be meeting next in January, as we await new legislators to join the City family.

c. Data Collection

No update.

d. Governance

The Governance Committee met in December to approve the membership application, membership list and to go over the bylaws in order to determine further Governance Committee activities, including preparing an annual plan, which will be done and ready for the Collaborative's review in the new year.

V. Other Topics for Discussion

A representative from the Asian Women's Shelter mentioned that AWS, along with a few other SFCaHT members, met in November in order to talk about a “Clients' Wish List” (a system through which individuals/organizations who have needs for specific services/gifts – like dental services, groceries – could link up with SFCaHT member organization who are willing and able to donate those services/gifts). SFCaHT suggested that AWS use the SFCaHT list-serve in order to reach out to SFCaHT affiliated organizations to ask specifically for these services and gifts.

2011 Meeting Schedule:

February 14, 2011