HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCAHT) General Members Meeting Minutes

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1. Introduction (Nancy Goldberg)

2. Anti-Trafficking Awareness Month (Emily Murase)

- Launched in 2010 with Mayor Gavin Newsome, Kamala Harris
- Produced a Human Trafficking Resource Guide
- Due to lack of staff, decided to work with agencies around the city. Ex: last year, worked with School Board on a middle school poster contest for human trafficking; merged topics of trafficking with bullying, and the idea of becoming not just a bystanders but an upstander.

3. Brainstorm ideas for Anti-Trafficking Awareness Month:

- Target foster youth; high school seniors prey on middle school girls by being their "big sister", bringing them into the group and then attacking them emotionally -> importance of education in schools; bringing sex exploitation topics into regular sex education (the need for professional development of staff at wellness schools)
- Focus on a specific theme, ex. Child trafficking, and going deeper into the specific subject.
- Form a committee to work on the conference and the calendar
- SAGE: working on a toolkit for primary, middle, high schools on human rights and
 justice. Works with healthcare professionals and would like to work together with
 domestic violence shelters and refugee clinics.
- Broaden child trafficking to include child sexual assault.
- Clarify the legal definition of human trafficking
- Focus it as a training model for professionals who work with youth
- Get support from the different departments
- Summary: focus on theme of child sex trafficking, poster contest, modern day abolitionist award, invite organizations

4. Evaluation of Last Year's Action Plan (Starr Terrell)

- Quarterly meetings have had terrific attendance
- Meeting space: SF General Hospital, Asylum office
- Agenda items before the meetings
- Check in (spotlight on emerging trends)
- Need to update resource guide (Google docs)
- Review the bylaws
- Need for governance meeting

5. Dates for quarterly meetings: 10/15/12; 1/14/13; 4/8/13; 7/8/13; 10/21/13

6. **Ongoing Awareness Events**

- Do we want to host events throughout the year rather than in 1 month?
- Continue to post events on the website/calendar?

7. **Awareness Month**

- Jan. 10, Human Trafficking Awareness Day until Lincoln's birthday in Feb
- Modern abolitionist slavery award
- Poster contest: Academy of Science is working with non-profits for children's art work on justice issues
 - Unicef rep: pro bono graphic designer and eblast for list of events.
 - Use poster to publicize website and calendar.

8. **Governance/Steering committee:**

Invite others to see who is involved. Antonia to review bylaws first. Per Antonia, bylaws state who is part of the committee. Antonia, Nancy, Anu, Linda and Norma were in the original group. 4 or 5 members. Emily, Nancy, Starr and Antonia to co-chair the committee.

9. **Policy Committee:**

SFCAHT can't take position, but can keep apprise of legislation. If there is a chair, can continue with group. Antonia volunteered to chair the policy committee and will contact Catherine Carlton from junior league.

10. **Training:**

- Conference as a means to train people.
- Strategize to educate judges around human trafficking. In other counties, girls were detained and not arrested and end up with a rap sheet. Girls become a front for pimps (i.e., pimps plant drugs on the girls) and are seen as criminals, so need to educate law enforcement and judges.
- 11. Client Wish List: on hold.

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