



City and County of San Francisco

Department on the Status of Women

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Executive Director Emily M. Murase, PhD

San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking

Notes

January 6, 2010
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
City Hall Room 288

I. Introductions

Laura Marshall	Jessica Trubowitch	Susan Warburg
Kate Kerr	Emily Murase	Candice Gold
Ruby Jacques	Elaine Kaplan	Antonia Lavine
Hediana Utarti	Norma Satten	Ann Singer
Patricia Erwin	Robert Zeigler	Kristie Miller
Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez	Jessica Bay	Ruthie Kim
	Nancy Goldberg	Heidi Li

II. Trafficking Awareness Month

a. January 11 Press Conference

The Mayor’s Office has been working with the District Attorney to pursue State Legislation in the hopes of announcing something at the press event. They are looking for ideas for specific actions the City can take to combat trafficking or improve prosecution and intervention services. One idea raised is an airport surtax to raise funds for initiatives, as many victims are trafficked via the airport. The Mayor’s Office is also seeking ideas for a Federal earmark, likely in the \$1 million range. This could potentially go to build transitional housing in San Francisco.

Press Event Logistics:

- Agency representatives who will be tabling should arrive with materials at 9:00 am. If you will be bringing any supplies in a box, you should enter through the Grove Street entrance to use the large metal detector there. Otherwise, use any entrance and go to the balcony opposite the Mayor’s Office, room 200.
- The DA’s Office and Mayor’s Office will handle all press outreach, but will cc Laura Marshall with the media alert to be forwarded to SFCaHT for wider distribution.
- Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez will outreach to the Supervisors and the Police Chief.
- Members are encouraged to distribute the invitation sent out by Laura Marshall to members of the public they would like to have attend, whether to show to support to become more informed.

b. February 9 Panel and Award Ceremony

Speakers for the Panel have been confirmed: Cindy Liou from APILO, Annie Fukushima from SAGE, Nola Brantly from MISSSEY, and Lt. Mary Petrie from SFPD. The Panel

will be at the Koret Auditorium, SF Public Library Main Branch, 5:30pm – 7:30pm. The planning committee will begin more concerted outreach for this event next week, and will include ABAG, universities, and others. The use of the venue is free, but the set-up and audio-visual equipment will cost approximately \$200.

c. Media and Community Events

Members should send any events not currently on the website and flyer to Laura Marshall for posting online. Additionally, we will be keeping track of all media coverage and other promotions during the month, so please also send links to articles, podcasts, radio interviews, etc. to Laura Marshall for posting.

III. Committee Updates

a. Governance

The Governance Committee has met 1 time and drafted a set of bylaws for the group. They will meet again next week and will present the proposed bylaws to SFGAHT at the February meeting.

b. Legislative Monitoring

Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez will be calling a meeting of this committee on January 14, 3pm (tentative) to discuss what potential legislative action is occurring at the State and Federal levels. More information will be forthcoming via email.

c. Data Collection

The Data Collection Committee will be having a phone conference at the end of the month. Additionally, the Mayor's Office has done outreach to the Goldman School of Public Policy at Berkeley and will engage an intern this spring to conduct research into the scope of human trafficking in San Francisco. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

IV. Future Meetings

The next meeting will be at the Sheriff's Department on February 5, 11:00 – 1:00. Laura Marshall will confirm with Leslie Levitas regarding the exact location.

V. Other Topics for Discussion

The group discussed terminology used. Kristie Miller of SAGE asked that speakers at the press event avoid using the word "prostitute" as a noun, as it becomes a label, and to avoid using "sex work" entirely, as it implies that prostitution is a job and thus legitimate. Antonia Lavine asked that discussion of children involved in trafficking not include the words "coercion" or "force," as there does not need to be any coercion or force for a child to be considered a victim; their status as a child is enough. The group agreed to consider these word choices in making public remarks or statements on behalf of SFGAHT as a whole.

Emily Murase of the Department on the Status of Women informed the group that because SFGAHT is staffed and co-chaired by City agencies, it will be subject to Sunshine and Brown Act requirements, such as public noticing of meeting agendas and

notes, and allowing public comment at any meetings. She has requested a training for the group on Sunshine requirements.

Next Meeting:

Friday, February 5, 2010, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Sheriff's Department TBD