

Missouri Statewide Council on Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting
April 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Capitol Building, House Hearing Room 2

Meeting Minutes

Council Member Attendance:

- Chair: Ed Lewis, Missouri State Representative
- Co-Chair: Sarah Unsicker, Missouri State Representative
- Darrell Missey, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Catherine Vannier, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
- Connie Berhorst, Missouri Department of Public Safety
- Crystal Atkinson, Office of the Missouri Attorney General
- Jessica Seitz, Missouri KidsFirst
- Marcia Hazelhorst, Missouri Juvenile Justice Association
- Angela Mosley, Missouri State Senator
- Kim Davis, Missouri State Highway Patrol
- Mary Weir, Associate Circuit Judge of Jackson County, 16th Judicial Circuit
- Rikki Wright, Missouri Department of Mental Health
- Lisa Schulze, Missouri Department of Corrections
- Nora Mosby, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Stakeholder Contributor Attendance:

- Matt Rodriguez, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Taylor Jones, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Adam Crumbliss, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Danielle Corley, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Kara Wilcox, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Misty Allen, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Angie Swarnes, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Amy Robins, Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri
- Jessica Rodriguez, assisting Rep. Sarah Unsicker
- Shima Rostami, Gateway Human Trafficking
- Heather Silverman, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis
- Marilen Pitler, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis
- Louise Levine, National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis
- Maddie Green, Missouri Attorney General's Office
- Jonathan Yelton, Missouri Attorney General's Office
- Jordan Hawkins, Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation

1. Approval of minutes – Distributed with agenda
 - a. The meeting minutes from February 27, 2023 were approved at 9:59 a.m.
 2. House Budget Items Passed for Implementation of Council Priorities – Rep. Lewis
 - a. HB 11 DSS budget
 - i. 2 FTE for CSEC position approved
 1. Leadership position
 2. Support staff position
 - ii. 2 FTE for DLS
 1. Legal position
 2. Support staff position
 3. \$900 thousand allocated toward CAC budget from C/AN-CAPA funding
 4. \$500 thousand allocated toward KC CAC
 - a. Resource for regional CSEC position
 5. \$150 thousand allocated toward statewide CSEC education
 6. \$450 thousand budgeted in 2023
 - a. Funds were not administered through ARCHS to Gateway Human Trafficking
 - i. Funds were supposed to be dispersed in July 2022
 - ii. DSS Director Knodell approached ARCHS and corrected issue
 1. Funds to be released in three upcoming payments
 2. Funds will be used to create and distribute curriculum materials related to CSEC to be pushed out to schools and other public entities
 - a. Shima Rostami, Gateway Human Trafficking described the initiatives to be funded:
 - i. Working to develop statewide report on identifying human trafficking in schools
 - ii. Invitation of human trafficking experts to participate in group work aimed to identify ways for improving services
 - iii. Developing free anti-human trafficking online course for school personnel
 - iv. Develop procedure for human trafficking reporting by school personnel
7. Attorney General Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
 - a. Crystal Atkinson, Maddie Green, and Jonathan Yelton
 - i. Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
 1. Comprehensive response and coordinated services
 2. Meets quarterly
 3. Task force was developed under the Hawley administration and continued under the Schmidt administration
 - a. Bailey administration working toward rebranding task force
 - i. More info to come in the future
 - ii. Surveying other states to see what other AGO's are doing
 - iii. Surveying NGO's to gather best practices
 - b. Rep. Lewis suggests collaboration with federal partners
 - i. Eastern District of Missouri Human Trafficking Task Force

- g.* Connie Berhorst, DPS will review Missouri POST standards to see what currently exists in LE protocol
- h.* Shima Rostami, Gateway Human Trafficking – working on a statewide assessment of MO LE to identify existing protocol
- i.* Catherine Vannier, MOPS – suggests including a prosecutor on review/development of LE protocol
- j.* Judge Weir – training amongst judiciary also an important consideration
 - i.* Will share judiciary protocol on box.com share drive
- k.* Discussion about statutory language change as proposed by Crisis Aid International (i.e. changing “child pornography” to “child sexual abuse material”)
 - i.* Further consideration is required as statutory language change will involve several statutes to be revised
- l.* Next council meeting scheduled on May 22, 2023 at 10 a.m.
- m.* Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.