

**Missouri Statewide Council on Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children**  
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting  
May 22, 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
- Matt Rodriguez, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Darrell Missey, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Catherine Vannier, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
- Jessica Seitz, Missouri KidsFirst
- Marcia Hazelhorst, Missouri Juvenile Justice Association
- Angela Mosley, Missouri State Senator
- Kim Davis, Missouri State Highway Patrol
- Rikki Wright, Missouri Department of Mental Health
- Lisa Schulze, Missouri Department of Corrections
- Nora Mosby, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Jordan Hawkins, Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation

Stakeholder Contributor Attendance:

- Taylor Jones, 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
- Maddie Green, Missouri Attorney General’s Office
- Brian H. Seitz, Missouri State Representative
- Luke Collins, Senator Thompson Rehder’s Office
- Daris Davis, Senator Thompson Rehder’s Office
- Jennifer Carter Dochler, Missouri Foundation for Health
- Catherine Connelly
- Cree Kachelski

1. Approval of minutes – Distributed with agenda
  - a. The meeting minutes from April 3, 2023 were approved at 10:00 a.m.
2. Final Human Trafficking Budget Items: Pre-Governor’s Signature & Vetoes
  - a. Rep. Ed Lewis
    - i. HB 11
      1. DSS budget

- a. \$3 million funds in general revenue for systems of support for sexual assault survivors
      - b. 2 FTE positions created
    - 2. Funds for CAC's.
      - a. \$3.8 million budget adjusted to \$4.5 million
      - b. Funds requested were approved through the senate and will go before governor for approval
  - 3. Regional CSEC/CAC Implementation Plan Update
    - a. Jessica Seitz, Missouri KidsFirst
      - i. \$500 thousand passed through KidsFirst to CAC's - Funding formula
      - ii. Based on amount of population in county
        - 1. Per child per county amount
      - iii. Competitive RFP process to be utilized
      - iv. Three or four CAC's will be selected to initially to receive funding for CSEC positions
      - v. CSEC positions will help track HT data reported/identified through CAC's
        - 1. Processes through DSS and the criminal justice system for tracking HT discussed amongst council
  - 4. How Missouri Law Enables Child Trafficking
    - a. Rep. Sarah Unsicker
      - i. Shared an overview utilizing a power point presentation
      - ii. Rep. Lewis proposes that legislators come together and assess the statutes for potential revisions
  - 5. House Bill 367
    - a. Brian Seitz, Missouri State Representative, District 156
      - i. Bipartisan bill Passed 150-0
      - ii. Changes to civil statute of limitation
      - iii. Protects child victims who are now adults that have recognized/identified their childhood victimization
      - iv. Includes civil action against tortious conduct of covering/concealing acts of child sexual abuse by organizations/corporations/businesses, etc.
  - 6. Gateway HT Update
    - a. Shima Rostami, Gateway HT
      - i. Funds for projects include:
        - 1. Needs assessment across the state
        - 2. Identifying HT in Missouri's schools
          - a. Reports to be completed by June 30, 2023
  - 7. Attorney General Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
    - a. Assistant Attorney General Maddie Green
      - i. No updates to share
  - 8. New Items/Open Discussion
    - a. Jessica Seitz, Missouri KidsFirst to reboot Task Force on Prevention of Sexual Abuse
      - i. Missouri KidsFirst chairs the task force
      - ii. Add CSEC component
      - iii. Add partnership of AGO Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

- b.** Jennifer Carter-Dochler, Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) present and shared information with council:
  - i. Provided an overview of funding avenues offered by the foundation
  - ii. MFH provides assistance with applying for federal competitive grants
- c.** Kim Davis, MSHP
  - i. Eastern and Western District(s) of Missouri Federal HT Task Force to attend future meeting
- d.** Next Meeting July 10, 2023 at 10 a.m.
- e.** Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.