

Missouri Statewide Council on Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children

MEETING MINUTES: September 19, 2022, 11:00 a.m., via WebEx

Council Member Attendees:

Darrell Missey, Dept. of Social Services, Children's Division
Catherine Vannier, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
Connie Berhorst, Dept. of Public Safety, Office for Victims of Crime
Crystal Atkinson, Missouri Attorney General's Office
Mary Weir, Jackson County Associate Circuit Judge
Kim Davis, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Human Trafficking
Jenn Hansen, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City
Sarah Unsicker, Missouri House of Representatives
Rikki Wright, Dept. of Mental Health
Lisa Schulze, Dept. of Corrections
Holly Thompson Rehder, Missouri Senate

Administrative/Guests:

Taylor Jones, DSS Deputy Legislative Director

- I. Council Chair Appointment
 - a. Representative Sarah Unsicker will serve as co-chair
 - b. After the special session, the Speaker's Office will appoint an additional state representative and an additional co-chair will be selected at that next meeting after the appointment

- II. Identified Tasks
 - a. Develop report for legislature and Governor due to be by December 2023.
 - i. Judge Mary Weir discussed data collected by another committee she is on and will share the data with this committee.
 - b. Initiate data collection and feedback from Council members and key stakeholders
 - c. Conduct public hearings and surveys to collect input.
 - i. Representative Unsicker suggested holding a hearing in the legislature

- III. Next Meeting
 - a. Will meet again October

- IV. Logistics
 - a. Taylor Jones, DSS Deputy Legislative Director will serve as point person
 - b. There was discussion about methods to make Council related information public; it was suggested similar councils and task forces have developed webpages where all the content is kept and accessible by the public access.

- V. Appointees
 - a. Reviewed the list of those who were appointed to the council and the involvement of other key stakeholders to involve in the work moving forward.
 - b. The DSS State Victim Liaison and others have reached out to be involved.
 - i. If there are others who should be included their contact information needs to be forwarded to Taylor for contact.