

Missouri Statewide Council on Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children
Virtual Meeting on October 17, 2022, 11:00 AM
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
- Mary Weir, Jackson County Associate Circuit Judge
- Kim Davis, Missouri State Highway Patrol
- Lisa Schulze, Missouri Department of Corrections
- Holly Thompson Rehder, Missouri State Senator
- Angela Mosley, Missouri State Senator
- Jessica Seitz, Missouri KidsFirst
- Cheryl Robb-Welch, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Marcia Hazelhorst, Missouri Juvenile Justice Association

Stakeholder Contributor Attendance:

- Matt Rodriguez, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Taylor Jones, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Teri Armistead, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Sara Smith, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Kate Watson, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Misty Allen, Missouri Department of Social Services
- Amy Robins, Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri
- Jordan Hawkins, Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation
- Jessica Rodriguez, Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation
- James Robinson, Chief of Staff for Missouri State Senator Angela Mosley
- Michelle Hirschvogel, Legislative Assistant to Missouri State Senator Holly Thompson Rehder

1. Approval of minutes – Distributed with Agenda
 - a. The meeting minutes from September 19, 2022 were approved at 11:02 a.m.
2. Unfinished Business
 - a. Representative Ed Lewis will serve as chair and Representative Sarah Unsicker will serve as co-chair.
 - i. Representative Lewis assumed leadership during the remainder of the meeting.
 - b. The website was briefly mentioned, yet the council focused discussion primarily on first next steps of the group and agreed to revisit the topic at a later time.
3. New Business
 - a. Representative Lewis asked for the council members and stakeholder contributors to introduce themselves, their affiliation, and to share what their needs and/or expectations of the council were.
 - b. Five main themes were developed from the discussion, which include:
 1. Ensure grant funds are rolled out early for human trafficking education.
 2. Data collection.

3. Identification and response to human trafficking victims.
 4. More collaboration with CAC's and strengthen MDT response across the state.
 5. Status of current statewide response – identify gaps/barriers.
- c. The Missouri Department of Social Services will provide administrative/technical support.
- i. Missouri Department of Social Services' State Victim Liaison, Matt Rodriguez will serve as the point person for the council in lieu of Taylor Jones. However, Ms. Jones will continue to schedule council meetings.
 - ii. Representative Lewis asked for council members and stakeholder contributors to share all of their existing data and any current information related to human trafficking with Matt Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez will create and maintain a repository utilizing Box.com, which will be accessible to the council and stakeholder contributors.
 - iii. The council tabled discussion related to public hearings and surveys.
 - iv. The council agreed that the first goal of the group is to compile existing data and information representative of each council member and stakeholder contributor affiliation.
 - v. Compiling existing data, information on available resources, and statewide processes for identifying and responding to human trafficking will inform the council on what's currently available while identifying systemic gaps and barriers.
- d. Representative Lewis suggested a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting at the State Capitol in late-November for the next council meeting.
- i. Taylor Jones will schedule the November meeting.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.