

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

HEALTH COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, August 13, 2018 (County Board of Supervisors Chambers)

Members Present: Mary Jean Sage (Chair), Robert Campbell, Claire Grantham, Jean Raymond, Tamar Sekayan, Susan Warren, Candace Winstead

Members Absent: Jinah Byram, Kris Kington-Barker

Staff Present: Dr. Penny Borenstein, Jean White

Speakers: Beth Raub, Victim Witness Assistant Director; Rebecca Turner, Central Coast Freedom Network

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Who/When
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Sage.	<i>Call to Order</i>	<i>Chair Sage</i>
2. Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2018 and July 9, 2018	June 11, 2018 and July 9, 2018 minutes were approved as drafted. Commissioner Raymond updated that the Adult Services Policy Council meeting location has been changed from CAP SLO to the SLO Vets Hall.	<i>June 11, 2018 and July 9, 2018 minutes approved.</i>	<i>Sage / All</i>
3. Public Comment	Chair Sage opened the floor to public comment with no response.		
4. Presentation: Human Trafficking Task Force	<p>Beth Raub, Victim Witness Assistant Director, County District Attorney’s Office, and Rebecca Turner, Co-founder and Director, Central Coast Freedom Network, introduced themselves and presented a Power Point overview of the Human Trafficking Task Force. Ms. Turner defined human trafficking as “<i>a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others.</i>” As defined under US law, “<i>victims of human trafficking include children involved in the sex trade, adults age 18 and over who are coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts, and anyone forced into different forms of labor or services.</i>”</p> <p>Ms. Turner and Ms. Raub provided a snapshot of the different types of labor and sex trafficking and shared local examples of trafficking in our county. In order to file a case and prosecute for human trafficking, you must prove three elements: 1) Process: that they recruited, harbored, or moved a person); 2) Means: by use of force, fraud, or coercion; and 3) End: for the purpose of involuntary servitude or debt bondage, slavery, or sex trade. Ms. Raub and Ms. Turner listed a number of red flags and things to look for in victims of trafficking (including body language, interaction, and physical signs) and talked about safety considerations when interacting with a victim. They referred to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline number at 888-373-7888 for victims and advocates (or text BeFree (233733). The hotline is operated 24/7, accommodates many languages and callers can remain anonymous. To receive a presentation, contact Ms. Raub or Ms. Turner at braub@co.slo.ca.us or info@ccfreedomnetwork.org. Ms. Raub distributed copies of the Human Trafficking Task Force brochure (in English & Spanish) that includes information on human trafficking, victim services, how to report, and local resources.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell asked about areas of trafficking that are of high prevalence in SLO County and number of cases prosecuted. (<i>Ms. Raub noted that there is not a lot of data yet, but areas where they have seen a high prevalence is in brothels posing as massage parlors and in the agricultural industry – an area hard to investigate and prosecute because often it is a subcontractor and the owner is not aware. A newer trend is traffickers using online data sites. Since 2009,</i></p>	<i>A copy of the Power Point presentation is filed with the official record of the meeting.</i>	

	<p><i>approximately 9 cases have been prosecuted in SLO County, but they are not yet making a dent. Trafficking is where domestic violence was 35 years ago. Laws are changing and they are bringing more awareness and education.)</i></p> <p>Commissioner Campbell asked about County resources and what their biggest needs are. <i>(Ms. Raub answered that resources are limited and their biggest need is housing. RISE is able to help with housing for sex trafficking victims if they have room in their safe house, but there is no housing available for labor trafficking victims; with the exception of children through DSS. The Task Force brings everyone together to work on addressing the problems and best ways to help victims, and includes representatives from numerous county agencies, law enforcement, DA, Public Health, non-profits, hospitals, community organizations and community members.)</i></p> <p>Commissioner Warren talked about some of the cultural issues and asked how these can be addressed. <i>(Ms. Raub agreed that the cultural issue is huge; there are language barriers; cultural humility. They try to bring in partners from different cultures to advise them and work with churches and other organizations. They always welcome the opportunity to collaborate.)</i></p> <p>Commissioner Winstead asked who they would like to target their outreach and educational trainings for. <i>(Ms. Turner noted they have a list of about 40 agencies they would like to train on recognizing, preventing, intervention, resources. Short answer “everyone.” Central Coast Freedom Network offers a 40-hour training for volunteers. There is also a one-day training around human trafficking on September 15th in Morro Bay. The DA’s Office posts on social media, Facebook, to get the word out about different justice summits.)</i></p> <p>Commissioner Raymond asked if they have contacted Dignity Health Promotores. <i>(Ms. Raub answered that Dignity Health is a part of the Task Force and has a good human trafficking plan.)</i></p> <p>Commissioner Sekayan asked about training for law enforcement and if police/sheriff are part of the Task Force. <i>(Ms. Raub answered that the Human Trafficking Task Force has a law enforcement subcommittee where they can share resources and trainings.)</i></p> <p>Commissioner Sekayan asked if they have looked at models in other counties. <i>(Ms. Raub answered that they have and that Family Justice Centers have been a part of the discussion (noting some safety issues). They continue to collaborate and are good at working to not duplicate services.)</i></p> <p>Commissioner Campbell asked where they feel they need better support from the County and if the Grand Jury has ever looked at this issue, as a source of advocacy. <i>(Mr. Raub answered that the Grand Jury has not looked at this issue. The most needed resource is housing for trafficking victims and small localized, flexible grants. Chair Sage commented that the Grand Jury looks at cases that are brought to them and will ask how these are brought to them.)</i></p>		
<p>5. Health Agency/ Public Health Report</p>	<p>Dr. Penny Borenstein, Health Officer/Public Health Director, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases of human flu contracted from pigs at the Mid State Fair (H1N2): A number of people got the flu, including many children, but nobody got really sick. She explained the reason it was big in the public health world was because pandemics tend to come from animals and H1N2 had only been seen in a handful of cases previously. It appears there may have been some limited human-to-human transmission. This is a good opportunity to remind people of these viruses and to use all precautions (such as handwashing) when handling animals. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabid Bats: They recently had a bat that tested positive for rabies that had been handled by a family. She wanted to remind everyone that there are rabid bats in our community and the handling of bats is not a best approach; it is best to call Animal Control or Pacific Wildlife. • Valley Fever: SLO County has the third highest number of Valley Fever cases in the state; third to Kings and Kern Counties. We are heading into 2018 with almost as many cases as 2017. Persons should be aware of Valley Fever fungus / dust particles from grounds that have been churned up. <i>(Commissioner Warren asked if physicians are better at asking patients about their exposure and if it is easy to test for. Dr. Borenstein advised that they did a provider educational campaign last year and are planning a meeting with ER providers soon. Early testing may miss this and sometimes persons have to be tested a second time.) (Commissioner Sage asked why our numbers are so high. Dr. Borenstein explained geographical area, soil, cycles of wet, dry, climate, and a lot of construction going on.)</i> • EMS System Drug Shortage: The EMS system is currently experiencing a shortage of morphine (for pain) and dopamine (to keep blood pressure up). This is a national problem and our EMS system is looking at alternatives and staying tuned into this. Pharmacy systems goes through these cycles and not always sure what causes them, but wanted to make people aware. 		
<p>6. Health Commissioner Updates</p>	<p>Commissioner Raymond attended the Adult Services Policy Council where there were two great presentations: one from Creative Mediation and another from People’s Self Help Housing with a report on housing options available. There was also a presentation from the Area Agency on Aging who will be returning to do a presentation on the needs assessment for older adults. She suggested the Health Commission consider these presentations for future programs.</p> <p>Commissioner Campbell reported that there is no report on the progress for implementing the agreement between State and County regarding Oceano Dunes. There is a deadline coming up in September that will be reported on at the APCD Board meeting in late September. There are currently four openings on the APCD hearing board: active attorney, alternate for the attorney position, and two community members to serve as alternates. The APCD hearing board is separate from the APCD board and only gets involved when there is an issue that needs adjudication.</p> <p>Commissioner Sage distributed a flyer on the upcoming summit <i>“Health and Housing: Building the Connection”</i> scheduled for October 4th, 1-6 pm, at the Vets Hall. Free admission; registration is required at www.healslo.com. She invited everyone to attend.</p> <p>Commissioner Sage reported that the Oral Health Coalition meets tomorrow at CHC in Santa Maria to visit the mobile unit they will be using for the first virtual dental home for dental patients. Tolosa is also putting together a virtual dental home program.</p> <p>Commissioner Raymond commented on an educational piece about Cannabis she saw while in Canada from theglobeandmail.com/cannabis titled: <i>“Questions about Cannabis? We have answers”</i> and suggested as an idea for educating the public on Cannabis.</p>		
<p>7. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Legislative: Commissioner Raymond advised that she is on the American Nurses Association for California’s Legislative Committee, noting there are some interesting bills about housing. One of the members talked about the Harbor House Facility, an old brownstone high school building that has been retrofit for housing in southern CA.</p>		

	Nominating: The Nominating Committee will be meeting at the end of the month to interview candidates.		
8. Prospective Future Items	<p>September 10, 2018: Presentation: The New Face of Tobacco</p> <p>Note: The October and November 2018 meetings will be on the third Monday of each month. Chair Sage advised that the November meeting is scheduled on Monday of Thanksgiving week. There were no issues with that date.</p>		
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:35.	<i>Adjournment</i>	<i>All</i>