West Michigan Human Trafficking Coalition Meeting Notes
3/9/2026

Notes

I. Open (10 minutes)
   A. Welcome
   B. Introductions/Check-in
   C. Guiding Principles
      1. **Inclusive Culture**
         We maintain a welcoming and inclusive environment.
      2. **Trauma-Informed**
         We reflect and promote trauma-informed approaches.
      3. **Survivor-Centered**
         Individuals who have experienced human trafficking are central to our work, guiding our common goals, and advising our efforts.
      4. **Diverse Perspectives**
         We cultivate and show positive regard for diverse and differing perspectives while still holding our personal convictions.
      5. **Respect**
         Regardless of differences, we maintain respect for one another both internally and externally.
      6. **Commitment**
         We show up with commitment to our work together, in service to our common goals.
      7. **Accountability**
         We welcome mutual accountability to follow through with what we have committed to.
      8. **Direct Resolution**
         When we have conflict, we go directly to the source in a timely manner, maintaining respect, and working toward collaborative solutions.
      9. **Collaborative Alignment**
         We prioritize creating space to navigate differences and maintaining alignment in our work together

II. Updates (10 minutes)
   A. Community Assessment
      1. Dept. of Labor has provided great data
      2. We have 5 responses to the services survey, thank you to all who participated. The survey will remain open until the final report is completed.
      3. Amanda will begin putting together the assessment for review and eventual submission to the funders.
   B. Work Groups
      1. Member Engagement
         a) Happy hour in early summer?
      2. Victim Services

        a) Freedom Network training in May?
    3. Education & Awareness
        a) Awareness event in July?
        b) Website & Logo - website will be ready late April/early May. We had some set backs with the logo and staff at the web designer being out of the office
    4. Governance - no updates
    5. Anyone interested in joining a workgroup is welcome. Member engagement is particularly low in attendees.

III. Coming up
    A. Uniting 3 Fires Against Violence for April meeting. This will be a 90 minute meeting to give enough time for the topic. You do not want to miss this amazing presentation.
    B. If there are agencies you're interested in inviting to speak at a Coalition meeting, connect with Amanda to let her know.

IV. The Manasseh Project - Joy
    A. Talked about Cook-Claus residential program. 6-9 mo program for female youth experiencing sex trafficking. All referrals come through DHHS or Juvenile Court. Joy described the referral process. Multiple forms of therapy are provided to youth while they are housed.
    B. Jennifer Smith mentioned agency in Muskegon that accepts referrals from anyone of youth who have been trafficked.

V. Children's Advocacy Center - Emily
    A. Emily shared presentation for the C.A.C. Referrals come through law enforcement of DHHS at this time.

VI. Agency Updates
    A. No updates
    B. Amanad will be out on vacation next week. If anything urgent comes up that is Coalition related they can reach out to Becky or Holly at Safe Haven.

VII. Close

Attendees:

Amanda Colegrove
Andrea Keller
Becky Diffin
Kailey Gilbert
Joy Smith
Wendy Zamudio
Angela Curtis
Beth Van Duesen
Hailey Stone
Magdaline Law

Henry Mann
Hailey Atkinson
CeCe Brown
Emily Cross
Katie Green
CJ Dolehanty
Bradley Lapchak
Zorimar Johnson
Iesha Johson-White
Holly Wilson