

West Michigan Human Trafficking Coalition Meeting

April 13, 2026

Notes:

- I. Open (10 minutes)
 - A. Welcome
 - B. Introductions/Check-in (What is your favorite flower and why?)
 - 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 (5 minutes)
 - A. Work Groups
 - 1. Member Engagement
 - a) Switching to quarterly in-person networking after a shorter coalition meeting.
 - 2. Victim Services
 - a) Freedom Network training in May, 28, 3 hrs in the afternoon
 - b) Service providers, subject matter experts with lived experience, coalition members and non-members
 - c) Focus will be practical applications of trauma informed and survivor centered
 - 3. Education & Awareness
 - a) Awareness event in July 21st, starting at 5:30 at Crossroads Bible Church.

- b) New logo
- 4. Governance - no updates
 - 5. Anyone interested in joining a workgroup is welcome. Member engagement is particularly low in attendees.
- III. Coming up (1 minute)
 - A. Warning Lights will be sharing information about their work at the July meeting..
 - B. If there are agencies you're interested in inviting to speak at a Coalition meeting, connect with Amanda to let her know.
 - C. Hannah from Corewell Health will be presenting in an upcoming meeting
- IV. Uniting Three Fires Against Violence - Stacey Ettawageshik settawageshik@utfav.org
 - A. Offers culturally specific programming and services
 - B. Shared even in May at Rosa Park's Circle for MMIP
 - C. Shared documentary suggestions "Sugar Cane" "Wind River"
- V. Close

Attendees:

Amanda Colegrove

Becky Diffin

Holly Wilson

Margaret Velazquez

Emily Cross

Elizabeth Bartlett

Uniting Three Fires - Stacy

Tara Aday

CJ Dolehanty

Beth Van Deusen

Victoria Guzman

Haley Stone

Andrea Keller

Sandra Vanderhyde

Rlschnei

Kathleen

Kailey Gilbert

Zorimar Johnson

Magdalen Law

Haley Atkinson

Katie Green

Sophia Salguera

CeCe Brown

Rebecca Schneider