



Meeting Notes

5/11/2026

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) June 8 networking– invite colleagues and partners to learn more about WMHTC. Share resources and network opportunities.
(1) @ Safe Haven Ministries: light refreshments
 - b) Win a free drink from Biggby's
 2. Victim Services
 - a) Freedom Network training in May, 28, 3 hrs in the afternoon

- b) 1-4pm
 - c) Includes social work CEUs as well as MCOLES approved 3 hours
 - (1) Invite law enforcement partners
 - d) Sending flyer out, please distribute widely
 - e) Training is free
 - 3. Education & Awareness
 - a) The awareness event changed to July 14th, starting at 5:30 at Crossroads Bible Church.
 - (1) Geared for public, public awareness
 - (2) Panel discussion
 - (3) Tables with topic focused areas
 - b) Flyer to be distributed soon and post widely! Engage the community to attend and learn more about trafficking and resources within Kent County
 - 4. Governance
 - a) Final review of onboarding handbook and data metrics
 - (1) Once voted on, plan is to take metrics and implement
 - (2) Implementation in stages
 - b) Begin annual review of previous protocols developed
 - (1) Look at any updates needed
 - (2) Coalition Coordinator will be reviewing and bringing edit suggestions
 - c) Response protocol is waiting on a few more targeted reviews
 - 5. Anyone interested in joining a workgroup is welcome.
- III. Any topics/questions/issues for the coalition to discuss/build a response
- A. GAHTS Global Association of Human Trafficking Society database: any projects we want posted?
 - B. Compile and share events more often and formalize the process. Be more intentional with sharing important events.
 - C. Consensus in getting the coalition information out in the public for awareness
- IV. Coming up (1 minute)
- A. Hannah from Trauma Recovery at Corewell will be sharing information at the June meeting.
 - 1. Resource for anyone who has experienced violence
 - B. Warning Lights will be sharing information about their work at the July meeting.
 - C. If there are agencies you're interested in inviting to speak at a Coalition meeting, connect with Amanda to let her know.
- V. Silent Observer
- A. Scheduled to present, but got called away. Possible June
- VI. Haley Atkinson, Native American Outreach
- A. MDHHS child welfare division
 - B. Only one in this region
 - C. Liaison between MDHHS and the Tribes
 - D. Facilitates a lot of trainings, focused on supporting Native American children

- E. Takes on clients, families, adults, children: sometimes involved in child welfare, but not always. Goal directed.
 - F. What can service providers do: advocacy and support. Help navigate the systems, walk alongside. Cultural competence is important. If someone is unwilling to engage, feel free to reach out to Haley for support and coordination.
- VII. Freedom Aviation: Malinda
- A. Nationwide non-profit that provides safe, rapid air transportation for survivors and advocates. Network of volunteer pilots. Every flight has to have an advocate with the survivor, provided by the agency requesting. Provide flights for relocation, court, family reunification and integration.
 - B. Flights are free to participants.
 - C. Quarterly meeting with pilots. Advocate will attend as guest speakers. Help with trauma informed approaches to pilots.
 - D. Regional flights, smaller airplanes, not coast to coast flights.
 - 1. 2-8 hour drive is good distance
 - 2. Max is 700 nautical miles: but that requires 2 pilots and 2 advocates, more time and planning.
 - E. For all survivors of human trafficking
 - F. Advocates come from the agencies that put in the flight request.
 - G. 3 day wait period. Best if survivors are in a place of stability. Not emergency flights. Weight restrictions involved for flight safety.
 - H. Copy of email instructions for connecting with FAN

Training Video

You can access the training video here:

<https://youtu.be/p0whKdoG7gY>

The video is also available anytime on the training site within VPOIDS.

Registration Steps

1. An **authorized signer** for your organization must register for the account and complete the registration form.
 - Please follow the instructions in the attached guide: [VPOIDS Agency Registration Guide.docx](#)
2. Once the account is created, our team will review and approve both the account and the requesters you designate during registration.
3. Your **designated requesters** will then receive their own login credentials.

- Please remind them to check their spam or junk folders if they do not see the email.
- You may share the following guide with them:
[VPOIDS Requester Guide.docx](#)

Requesting Flights

Use your username and password to login to request a flight off our home page at www.freedomaviationnetwork.org. Select "Request a Flight."

- VIII. Feedback on frequency of meetings:
 - A. Monthly vs. quarterly
 - B. Poll for participants
- IX. Close

Attendees:

Sarah Conant
 Holly Wilson
 Amanda Colegrove
 Malinda Billings
 Haley Stone
 Emily Krause
 Margaret Velazquez
 Danni Bronsink
 Elizabeth Bartlet
 Kailey Gilbert
 Zorimar Johnson
 Bradley Lapchak
 Andrea Keller
 Beth Van Deusen
 Haley Atkinson
 Delicia Francois
 CeCe