

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum **Staff**
- III. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair (cannot be held if a quorum is not present)** **Staff**
- IV. Welcome & Introductions **Staff**
 - a. Commission on the Status of Women – new representative Dr. Tempress “Tee” Solomon
 - b. Thank you presentation to outgoing COSW member Elizabeth “Liz” Guiterrez
- V. Public Comment (15 minutes maximum, 3 minutes per speaker)
- VI. Review and Approval of Meeting Recaps - March 31, 2022 & June 23, 2022
- VII. Subcommittee Reports:
 - a. Education and Outreach **Staff**
 - i. Hillsborough Hero’s Webpage Application
 - b. Legislative and Judicial **Charles Klug**
 - i. HCSO Initiatives **Lt Chad Cave / HCSO**
 - c. Services and Resources **Gene Early/Division Director,**
 - i. Step Down Unit Update **Health Care Services**
- VIII. Guest Presentation - TIP Lab **Dr. Shelly Wagers, Associate Professor**
– **Criminology & USF SP Campus Chair and Kailey Pate, Kailey Pate Carter, M.A., Project Manager**
- IX. Open Forum
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business **Staff**
 - a. 2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule
 - b. Meeting Format, Structure & Resources (HTV, Subcommittees)
- XII. Adjourn

Next COHT Meeting: TBD upon approval of 2023 Calendar –
Tentatively - COHT Subcommittees - Thursday, February 23, 2023
 COHT - Thursday March 23, 2023 – 1 p.m.

R20-041

RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NO. R20-041

A RESOLUTION BY THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING RESOLUTION R19-141, WHICH CREATED AND ESTABLISHED THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN MEMBERS ON THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR STAGGERED TERMS FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Upon motion by Commissioner Overman and seconded by Commissioner Murman the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 to 0 with Commissioner(s) _____ voting "No," Commissioner(s) _____ being absent.

WHEREAS, human trafficking, often referred to as modern day slavery, exploits vulnerable people for forced labor, domestic servitude, or commercial sex operations by use of force, fraud, or coercion; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a crime occurring throughout the United States. Its prevalence in our State and community places the State of Florida third in the nation and the Tampa Bay Region as the second area within Florida for such activity; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is an evasive criminal activity conducted through secrecy and deception, affecting all sectors of our community, and victims can be found in plain sight if we learn to identify the signs, take the time to look, and report what we see; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative and community-wide effort is necessary to reach those most vulnerable to or who are victims of human trafficking, hence the need for a Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, on December 4, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) established a Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking to address these needs in Hillsborough County and moved to enact a Resolution creating this body; and

WHEREAS, the approved Resolution, R19-141, sets forth members on the Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking who represent, by profession or service, a segment of our community that is crucial to forming a County-wide network that will effectively promote awareness and education regarding human trafficking to key institutions and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC directed the amendment of Resolution R19-141 to extend the membership of the Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking to encompass

additional professional and other expertise, including the Temple Terrace and Plant City Police Departments, a representative from the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women, and a Lived Experience Expert;

WHEREAS, judicial representation from the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and representation from the Hillsborough County Public Defender Thirteenth Judicial Circuit are further positions recognized as being necessary for the Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC finds that all of the additional positions on the Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking are necessary and would be in the best interest of the County and its citizens by serving to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT A REGULAR MEETING ASSEMBLED THIS 20th DAY OF May, 2020:

Section 1. Creation and Membership of Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking.

1. The Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking is hereby created and established.
2. The membership of this Commission shall be comprised of 20 members. In accordance with BOCC Policy Section 01.30.00.00, as regarding Board appointments and/or confirmations, the BOCC shall be responsible for appointing and/or confirming all agency/government body designations, as outlined below:
 - A. A member of the Board of County Commissioners;
 - B. Two representatives of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HSCO), with one being an officer with the Child Protective Unit, both designated by the HCSO;
 - C. A representative of the Tampa Police Department (TPD), as designated by the TPD;
 - D. A representative of the Temple Terrace Police Department, as designated by the Department,
 - E. A representative of the Plant City Police Department, as designated by the Department,
 - F. A representative of the Hillsborough County School District (SDHC), as designated by SDHC,
 - G. A representative of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, as designated by the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
 - H. A representative of Port Tampa Bay, as designated by Port Tampa Bay
 - I. A representative of the Office of the State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (SA), as designated by the SA,
 - J. A representative of the Hillsborough County Public Defender for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (PD), as designated by the PD,
 - K. A representative of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, as designated by Chief Judge or his designee; and

L. A representative of the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women, as designated by the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women,

There shall be seven other individuals, each representing at least one of the following segments of our community:

M. Community/Victim Services, as designated by Redefining Refuge;

N. Tourism Industry, as designated by Visit Tampa Bay;

O. Hotel Industry, as designated by the Hillsborough County Hotel & Motel Association;

P. Hospital/Medical Profession, as designated by the Crisis Center Of Tampa Bay;

Q. Religious Institutions;

R. Human Trafficking Community Advocate; and

S. Lived Experience Expert, as designated by Created, Healing Root and Victims 2 Survivors.

3. Members shall be able to devote the time necessary to participate in the activities of the Commission.
4. The Boards and Councils Coordinator of the Hillsborough County Clerk's Office shall assist the BOCC with soliciting candidates to fill appointed positions, if applicable, and/or assist the County Staff Representative or other County designee with coordinating independent agency/government body designations. The County Staff Representative or other County designee is responsible for ensuring that all candidates/designees meet eligibility requirements for membership and to appropriately notify candidates/designees when it is determined that they do not qualify. The Boards and Councils Coordinator shall forward the list of all prospective candidates/designees to the BOCC for their review and appointment/confirmation.
5. Member vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original designation/appointment. Members shall be eligible for reappointment and serve at the pleasure of the designating body or person, but may be removed at the discretion of the BOCC, with or without cause. Members shall comply with all terms of BOCC Policy Section 01.30.00.00, the Citizen, Agency/Government Body, or Staff Appointment and/or Confirmation of Nomination Policy of the BOCC.
6. Members shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties as members of the Commission; except, however, parking and mileage expenses incurred pursuant to attendance at official meetings of the Commission are reimbursable in accordance with law and Hillsborough County policy.
7. Initial terms of the members of the Commission shall be staggered so that the terms of the members from categories M-S shall be one (1) year, and all others shall be two (2) years. After the initial staggered terms, member terms shall be for two (2) years.
8. The Commission may appoint non-voting participants and/or liaisons who may participate in meetings but may not vote;

Section 2. Purpose and Work of the Commission.

9. The purpose of the Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking is to:
 - A. Promote public awareness of the existence of human trafficking within Hillsborough County;
 - B. Establish, through relationship building within the community, educational programming opportunities for the public and key industries to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and learn to report suspected human trafficking; and
 - C. Advocate strategies, financially and otherwise, to aid rescued victims of human trafficking.
 - D. Support local and statewide efforts to identify opportunities for positive impact and improved outcomes for victims and service providers through data collection, sharing, and analysis.
10. To fulfill the public awareness purpose of the Commission, the Commission may recommend to the BOCC sponsorship opportunities and other coordinated efforts to fund media campaigns that may be executed, and advise the BOCC on any other proposals necessary to create awareness of the existence of human trafficking in Hillsborough County.
11. Many health/medical professionals, teachers, counselors, clergy, attorneys, judges, government employees, and members of the general public have direct contact with people vulnerable to or are victims of human trafficking. Accordingly, the Commission shall develop a network of individuals and institutions within key sectors of our community that will provide education to their employees and the public to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and how to report it. As opportunities arise, the Commission may direct its work to assisting the victims of human trafficking.
12. This Commission shall act solely in an advisory capacity to the BOCC on all matters relating to human trafficking in the County and on other issues specified by the BOCC. The BOCC retains the ultimate authority to decide on and govern any executed efforts on the matter of human trafficking.

Section 3. Officers, Meetings, and Rules of Procedure or Bylaws.

13. Each year, the Commission shall elect from its membership a chair and vice chair and such other officers as it deems necessary.
14. The Commission shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as it may designate. The Committee will determine the frequency and duration of its meetings based upon the time requirements necessary to accomplish its mission and accommodate requests from the Board. The Committee's chairman shall appoint subcommittees as deemed appropriate and necessary.
15. The Commission may, by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Commission, adopt

rules of procedure or bylaws for the transaction of business, including but not limited to provisions related to officers, terms for officers, quorum, and meetings; provided, however, any such rules or bylaws shall comply with laws of the state, local ordinances and other laws, and this Resolution. Should no rules be adopted the Commission shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 4. Miscellaneous.

- 16. This Committee will receive staff support and assistance from County Administration for technical and clerical assistance, including preparation of minutes, meeting notices, custody of public records, meeting room scheduling and other clerical services. The County Attorney's Office shall supply legal support to the Committee.
- 17. The Committee is subject to Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, also known as the Sunshine Law. As such, all such meetings and proceedings shall be open to the public and a permanent record shall be made of the proceeding.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2020.

**STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH)**

I, **PAT FRANK**, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board at its regular meeting of May 20, 2020, by a vote of 7 voting yes and 0 voting no, as the same appears in record in Minute Book 528 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 26th day of May, 2020.

PAT FRANK, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: *Patricia Smith*
Deputy Clerk



Approved By County Attorney
As To Form and Legal Sufficiency:

By: *DeBora Cromartie-Mincey*
Sr. Assistant County Attorney



**Meeting Recap
March 31, 2022**

The March 31, 2022 Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking (COHT) hybrid meeting was called to order by Chair Overman at 1:03 p.m.

Attendance was taken of participants in person and virtually. The COHT did not achieve in person quorum.

Members Present In-Person: Chair Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Deputy Chief Lee Bercaw, Santiago Corrada, Julianne Holt, and Charles Klug.

Members Present Virtually: Iris Valdez Corey-Dunaway, Chief Judge Ronald Ficarrotta, Kathleen Kempke, Courtney Derry, Jennifer Glaister, Elizabeth Gutierrez, School Board Representative Karen Perez, Court Liaison, Beverly Mogelnicki, Connie Rose, Dotti Groover-Skipper, Captain Robert Staley, and Brenna Fields Taylor.

Others Present Virtually: Lauren Storch from Hillsborough County's Government Relations & Strategic Services Office.

Members Absent: Corporal Gerald Baker and Detective Sergeant Kevin Durkin.

Chair's Report and Speakers:

Chair Overman welcomed and introduced the newest appointed members Ms. Mogelnicki, Ms. Derry, Major Maurer, and Captain Mills. Chair Overman thanked Dotti Grover-Skipper and Brenna Taylor for their service and time on the COHT. Chair Overman gave an overview of the meetings included on the 2022 calendar and spoke to the importance of quorum at the June COHT meeting to enable voting on items like the COHT FY22 Budget.

Ms. Lauren Storch from Hillsborough County's Government Relations & Strategic Services Office provided the 2022 State Legislative Recap relating to Human Trafficking. Ms. Storch spoke regarding the 285 HT bills that passed both chambers and are awaiting approval by the Governor and the federal level grants available and local government upcoming grant opportunities. Chair Overman will work with staff to find out information on the Notice of Funding to disseminate to the subcommittees.

Court Liaison Michelle Sainsbury gave an update on her Human Trafficking Liaison Position speaking on the timeline and infrastructure that will serve the entire judiciary system focusing on identifying cases within unified family and criminal divisions. Ms. Sainsbury gave an overview of the research being done on other systems' processes.

Ms. Kathleen Kempke with Crisis Center of Tampa Bay gave an update on how the process flows from call through care coordination. Ms. Kempke spoke on the 155 people who have been served since beginning in 2020 and the partnerships that provide services.

Subcommittee Updates:

Education and Awareness: Ms. Connie Rose spoke on the goal of the subcommittee and invited people to join Services and Resources. Ms. Rose recapped the group has discussed combining with another working group and how that would look moving forward.

Legislative and Judicial Affairs: Mr. Charles Klug noted that the Legislative & Judicial Affairs Subcommittee expressed gratefulness for the legislative report by Lauren Storch and presentation by Court Liaison, Ms. Michelle Sainsbury.

Communications and Media: Ms. Dotti Groover-Skipper announced she will be departing the COHT and the Communications and Media Subcommittee and her recommendation to combine subcommittee with Education and Awareness. Ms. Groover-Skipper spoke on the presentation FKQ gave and recapped the discussion the subcommittee had on the need for Hispanic and other language representatives for the PSA and reaching out to HART regarding spaces to get the *Don't Buy It Tampa Bay* messaging disseminated to the community. Chair Overman expressed the need to follow up with HART.

Services and Resources: Ms. Jillian Penhale drafted a statement for staff to read regarding the Subcommittee reaching out to new community partners to find a solution to fill gaps.

Public Comment: None.

Additional Business: Chair Overman noted the news clips included in the Agenda. Mr. Klug spoke to the Port Vice President of Marketing coordinating posters and videos for the Port.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Overman at 2:21 p.m.



**Education and Outreach Subcommittee
April 28, 2022
Meeting Recap**

Members Present Virtual: Chair Connie Rose, Elle Kane, Tiffany McGlinchey, and Nilda Otero.

Members Absent: Stevonnia Allen, Deputy Chief Lee Bercaw, Jennifer Glaister, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Ron Klimley, School Board Rep. Karen Perez, and Sergeant Gerald Baker.

Participants introduced themselves and their organization along with what their organization provides to the community.

Chair Connie Rose led the discussion on different ways to expand awareness efforts and education over and beyond Hillsborough Heroes and Don't Buy It Tampa Bay Campaign. The subcommittee reviewed the Don't Buy it Tampa Bay document and discussed current advertisements.

Training expansion was discussed and the needs for teaching trauma informed care. The subcommittee suggested those trainers having lived experience. Staff provided budget guidance.

Chair Rose discussed the bill that passed in Florida regarding training.

Chair Rose briefly discussed victim treatment court.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.



**Legislative and Judicial Subcommittee
April 28, 2022
Meeting Recap**

Members Present Virtual: Chair Charles Klug, Chief Judge Ronald Ficarrotta, Dotti Groover-Skipper, Judge Robert Bauman, Major Joseph Maurer, Laura Henderson, Julianne Holt, Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Karen Perez, Robert Rancourt, and Connie Rose.

Members Absent: Angie Martinez, Brent Woody, and Courtney Derry.

Guests Present: Lauren Storch, Legislative Coordinator, Government Relations & Strategic Services, Hillsborough County and Ms. Angie Smith, Chief Deputy of Court Programs, 13th Judicial Circuit

Ms. Lauren Storch, Legislative Coordinator, Government Relations & Strategic Services, Hillsborough County, presented an update on state legislation and a high-level update on HB 615 (Training for Firefighters). She noted that no Governor actions have been taken yet, and that budget related items will be coming soon. Ms. Storch also provided a federal update regarding the bill passed in the Senate that will expand access to communication services for survivors and the Agency level expanded budget items.

Ms. Angie Smith, Chief Deputy of Court Programs, 13th Judicial Circuit, spoke regarding working with a vendor on Mapping Court System Processing and Victim Support. Judge Bauman added that victims have been identified in truancy court. Additionally, other potential victims could be in various areas including Family Law and Domestic Violence. Judge Bauman discussed the importance of judges being fully informed of what signs would alert them to a victim.

Chair Charles Klug noted that the victim's treatment court model and successful investigations and prosecutions will be addressed by Courtney Derry, possibly at the following meeting. Judge Bauman and Ms. Rose lead a discussion on using the model that is in place now in courts in Hillsborough County and Florida. Staff read a comment from Ms. Karen Perez noted the curriculum being used to educate grades K-12. Ms. Julianne Holt noted the importance of looking at the data and looping in the Prosecutor's Office in a more timely manner. Ms. Holt suggested stakeholders could go research the models in person. Judge Bauman replied that the model was created after the team went to observe/research. Ms. Dotti Groover-Skipper spoke regarding the great model that exists; Veteran's Treatment Court could be tweaked for the adult Human Trafficking court.

New Business: None.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



**Services and Resources Subcommittee
April 28, 2022
Meeting Recap**

Members Present Virtual: Chair Jillian Penhale, Lynn Conley, Bonnie Doll, Kevin Durkin, Charrita Ernewein, Jennifer Glaister, Kathleen Kempke, Amy O'Rourke, Elle Kaine, and Connie Rose.

Members Absent: Alex Petrila, Ann Garrison, Felicia Patterson, Genet Stewart, Iris Valdez-Corey, John Long, Kim Figueroa Squires, Nilda Otero, Jaclynn Willert, and Paul Penhale.

Public Comment: None.

Chair Jillian Penhale called the meeting to order. New members joined the subcommittee. Participants introduced themselves and their organization along with what their organization provides to the community.

The subcommittee discussed the major gaps that they are finding in Hillsborough County including victim relocation services, identification, shelter, housing, vetting, and training. The subcommittee discussed services to help with these identified gaps. They identified gaps that will be discussed at the next Commission on Human Trafficking meeting.

The subcommittee also discussed the possibility of receiving a certificate or certification for training.

Staff provided budget guidance.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm



Meeting Recap

June 23, 2022

The June 23, 2022 Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking (COHT) hybrid meeting was called to order by Chair Overman at 1:03 p.m.

Attendance was taken of participants in person and virtually. The COHT did not achieve an in-person quorum.

Members Present In-Person: Public Defender Julianne Holt, Detective Sergeant Kevin Durkin, Major Chris Rule, Gina Justice in for Chief Judge Ronald Ficarrotta, and Charles Klug.

Members Present Virtually: Chair Kimberly Overman, Iris Valdez Corey-Dunaway, Kathleen Kempke, Connie Rose, Jennifer Glaister, Captain Chris Mills, Corporal Tiffany Lindsey Tester, Beverly Mogelnicki, and Deborah Laskowski.

Others Present In-Person: Rob Parkinson, Nada Haddad with two office interns.

Others Present Virtually: Judge Robert Bauman and Jillian Penhale

Members Absent: Santiago Corrada, Deputy Chief Lee Bercaw, Special Victims Unit Chief Courtney Derry, Elizabeth Gutierrez, and School Board Representative Karen Perez.

Chair Overman welcomed and introduced Deborah Laskowski, Community Advocate, Major Chris Rule with HCSO, and Corporal Tiffany Tester with PCPD as the newest members of the COHT, each gave a brief description of experience and qualifications.

No one was signed up for public comment.

There were no changes to the March 31, 2022 Recap, approval will be moved to the September 29, 2022 meeting.

Chair Overman spoke in regard to recidivism and the report on barriers to success; housing, transportation, job skills, and mental health needs, and asked the subcommittees to research how to partner with HCSO Step-Down Unit to address issues and challenges. Chair Overman remarked on the importance of affordable housing inventory to assist survivors with recidivism. Ms. Kathleen Kempke provided an update on the program and the budget needs for the Crisis Center.

Chair Overman spoke in regard to the need for a training program and having the E&O or S&R subcommittees look at and bring back training models and costs to have procurement submit an RFQ and would like to get recommendations for procurement on resources of the expired FKQ marketing and Hillsborough Heroes Training Programs. Chair Overman remarked on the Budget needs to be adjusted accordingly to fit staff and wages to ensure continuity.

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Subcommittee Recap Updates:

Education and Outreach: Connie Rose noted that the Education and Outreach Subcommittee met and discussed issues including victims' court. Also, Ms. Rose confirmed the E & O subcommittee will research and bring back COHT recommendations on education and training. Chair Overman has requested the COHT – Education and Outreach Subcommittee to review/prepare RFPs/Scope of Works for both HT training and marketing. Chair Overman asked for budget recommendations come back to the next meeting.

Legislative and Judicial: Charles Klug spoke on the updates given at the April 28th meeting given by Lauren Storch, Angie Smith, and Judge Bauman, followed by a lively discussion on the Victim's Court and Veteran's Treatment Court in Hillsborough County and Florida. Also, Ms. Holt noted the importance of looking at the data and looping in the prosecutor's office in a timelier manner.

Judge Robert Bauman gave an overview of the Crossover division and the need to address human trafficking issues in the juvenile courts and presented information on the Offering Potentially Trafficked Individuals Options Now (OPTION) Court. Chair Overman would like to COHT to revisit the way cases are identified and asked for Judge Bauman's recommendation to start the Adult victims court and how the court liaison can assist in furthering the process. Chair Overman asked the L&J subcommittee to review and bring back the research on the charges and sentencing guidelines related to Human Trafficking charges and to have School Board Representative Karen Perez come back with information on Teacher Reporting requirements.

Services and Resources: Ms. Jillian Penhale remarked that the subcommittee discussed the gaps in Hillsborough County pertaining to shelter/ housing and Trauma-informed training. An idea from the subcommittee was to create a certification for every provider would know which location has had the trauma training and how to engage with the other subcommittees. Chair Overman asked if the S&R subcommittee is familiar with trauma training options. Ms. Penhale expressed the desire to become familiar with it in order to be able to suggest one.

Public Defender Julianne Holt spoke to the potential of having a Human Trafficking court and her agreement to the idea to travel to models close by that are working. She reached out to the clerk's office to get a better understanding of the budget. No mixing county court and circuit court. Important to give the COHT a good understanding of definitions and what can be done, in terms of the court. She also remarked on her belief of not using the Criminal Justice System to judge the quality of life but instead divert individuals to safe places.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Overman at 2:34 p.m.



Education and Outreach Subcommittee
August 4, 2022 - Meeting Recap

Members Present Virtual: Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Chair Connie Rose, Santiago Corrada, Deborah Laskowski

Members Absent: Elle Kane, School Board Member Perez (attending Legislative and Judicial's August meeting instead), Deputy Chief Lee Bercaw, Nilda Otero, Ron Klimley

Staff: Mary Helen Farris, Deputy County Attorney/General Counsel – County Attorney's Office
Scott Stromer, Director – Procurement Services
Daria Dixon, Procurement Operations Coordinator – Procurement Services
Lisa J. Montelione, Government Relations & Strategic Services
Nada Haddad, Legislative Aide – Office of Commissioner Overman

Guest(s): Jan Edwards – President & CEO – Paving the Way Foundation

Chair Connie Rose called the meeting to order at 4:03pm informing members present about the guest presentation by Paving the Way Foundation explaining that their messaging and education program's target audience is middle and high school students. Then asked participants to introduce themselves.

Jan Edwards – [Paving the Way Foundation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKkDrJeECxY) gave a presentation (slides follow this recap) on the education programs, engagement activities and the documentary. The documentary film is called Trapped in the Trade. The film trailer can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKkDrJeECxY>

Mary Helen Farris discussed laws pertinent members.

Voting conflicts under the Ethics Code: Florida law is specific as to whether somebody has a voting conflict, advising that if there's any in depth questions a member has, to contact her by way of Lisa Montelione. She explained that the law applies not only to you individually, and your special economic private gain, it also applies when a board member is the employee of a company, to members family and to the gain or loss of a business associate. If there is a conflict, you must abstain and prior to the vote being taken, state on the record the reason for your abstention. Within 15 days of the vote, a voting conflict form must be filed with the Board Administrator.

Sunshine Law/Florida's open meetings law, it requires all meetings of boards, councils, committees, or authorities which have members are appointed by the elected members of the state, a county, or municipality be done at a publicly noticed meeting.

What is the meaning of the Sunshine law? The biggest take away is it applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same Board or Commission to discuss something that reasonably foreseeably would come back to that board for action can only be done at a noticed meeting.

When does the Sunshine law begin? As soon as someone is either elected or appointed. The new member must not reach out to other board members and say, what are the hot issues? What are your views on these issues? That would be a violation of the Sunshine law.



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Meeting Notice, Open Meetings and Public Record Minutes: The basic three requirements are: it be noticed, open to the public minutes be taken (statute requires written minutes). Advance time of notice for depends on if it is an emergency or a regular meeting. Notice must have the topic, place, and time; an agenda is not needed for the notice. Sunshine boards are prohibited from meeting in a place (like a private club) where the public cannot attend. Open meetings also prohibit voting by written ballot, where voting members names are not on the ballot.

What if members of this committee are also members of different boards? If that board is not a sunshine board, you cannot discuss anything you know will be coming up for a vote on this committee in the foreseeable future.

Social Media has been the biggest issue in the last couple of years, so be very careful. If you post something, for instance on Facebook (or any other social network) where you state your opinion regarding issues you know will be coming up mentioning how you are leaning on the action, you are inviting trouble. The problem comes up when another member of that board replies, that discussion is a violation of the Sunshine Law. They may not even realize it at the time, so it is better not to discuss topics that may be coming up for a vote on social media at all (even if a long way away).

Chair Rose asked Scott Stromer to discuss the RFP process and topics related to marketing and training efforts.

Mr. Stromer described applicable processes and terminology.

Invitation for Bids are generally when we want to prescribe, or you know exactly what you want and we're just going to get a price for it. Then we're just going to compare the prices.

Request For Proposals are used when maybe you don't know the approach you want to take, because it's really the qualifications and the experience of the firm that you want. More consideration might be given to that.

In recommending both the training and marketing efforts he cited the different approaches, the creativity, the curriculum that may come from solicitation of proposals. The COHT would set objectives without dictating the specific elements. RFPs are typically reviewed and scored by a committee that Procurement would impanel.

In response to a question by Chair Rose, Mr. Stromer opined that it may be a conflict of interest for a member of the Commission to respond to an RFP for themselves or a company they work for as an employee. It would be a question for Mary Helen Farris, perhaps they would just recuse themselves from the vote. It is typically not something that is done, and it would be very tricky.

Chair Rose turned the discussion to available online resources praising some but concerned about the level of engagement. She would like to expand on the type of training done for the Hillsborough Hero's program. Members agreed that the online resources presented as an attachment to the agenda are very good but questioned their effectiveness and loss of branding under Hillsborough Hero's. A deeper dive needs to be done on those listed. It was pointed out that Hillsborough Hero's training was online. She shared that we should investigate the Community Policy center out of Saint Pete College, they have a training that may be called "the many phases of human trafficking". It's a four-hour training every. It was the training law enforcement, educators and community partners attended some time ago; she wasn't aware of the exact cost.



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Data collection ability also needs to be a consideration. Because that data collection is going to give us a base for us to be able to go out and find dollars somewhere else if that's allowed. Data collection is important for a variety of reasons, to enhance and support programming.

Ms. Montelione discussed some of the challenges with the IAHTI training, regarding the amount contracted vs. performance reporting noting the only in person element was LEO training and attendance was minimal, we paid for many more than took the course in person.

Commissioner Overman reiterated her request of the E & O Subcommittee. First was to make a recommendation on education outreach. The Hillsborough Heroes program was an element of that, a way of working with employers, and community groups at little to no cost to raise the awareness and the education and associated with sex trafficking or labor trafficking. It was geared towards adults to understand what human trafficking was and then what to do about it when they found it, so they didn't become vigilantes, they were able to know who to report it to and how to make an impact. The original Hillsborough Hero's program concept, if it went well, included an opportunity to offer bonus points to those company's bids scored by Procurement. That is an aspect that hasn't rolled out and may be the carrot to overcome an initial survey that revealed staff downtime and loss of on-the-job manpower was an issue. But that wasn't the focus of the FKQ marketing contract, it was very general in simply creating awareness around human trafficking, not promoting the Hillsborough Hero's program.

The second request was to have the E & O Subcommittee make recommendations on those points at the next COHT meeting (how who do you want to contract for providing marketing and training)? Has the objective of our education and outreach changed?

Scott Stromer recommended that both the marketing and training programs go out to RFP. Offering his assistance at every step during the process. Members would need to decide on a set of objectives, identify goals, maybe even a high-level concept of what you want the program to look like and the problem you want to solve. The respondents would then come up with some innovative ways of solving that, they may offer a mix of online and in person training. The committee can decide what is the overall best approach. Deciding on which response provides the maximum impact. We can do an exhaustive search, find other counties and cities and organizations that have done those RFP's. We can bring back some scopes of work so you're not starting from Ground Zero.

Santiago Corrada asked Mr. Stromer about Visit Tampa Bay (VTB) which does all destination marketing for the County and has been a pass-through organization to do marketing under direction from the County Economic Development Division. VTB served as the pass-through organization on the contract with FKQ. He questioned if VTB would continue as the pass-through entity noting that VTB does not benefit in any way, shape, or form, it's a pass-through contract because we already do that kind of work for the county in several different areas.

Mr. Stromer advised that it is always an option as the County has a special relationship with VTB, as a sister organization, really kind of a quasi-part of the county.

Chair Rose complimented the work done by FKQ, but going forward, would like to see more interaction with the Survivor Advocacy committee, but the messaging and everything, they really maximized those dollars.

Scott Stromer appreciated that the COHT feels FKQ did a great job, mentioning that the COHT is at a crossroads right now. A new Scope of Work (SOW) needs to identify what is it that you want now? Even FKQ would have to



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retool a little bit based on what you want to do. So going out to RFP would give them that opportunity as well. We did not issue an RFP before since we had large events looming and we needed to take the most expedient path. Thank goodness for visit Tampa Bay. That was a clean one and they were there, and they picked it up and made it happen. We really took it as an emergency measure in the past.

Connie Rose asked if Procurement would provide the SOW language for the E & O Subcommittee to provide to the full COHT at the September 29th regular meeting. Mr. Stromer said he would poll other areas to see what they are doing and work with Ms. Montelione to coordinate.

Ms. Montelione advised that input on the SOW language from E & O Subcommittee members should be sent to Lisa Montelione who will compile the information and reminded members not to discuss this topic amongst themselves, outside of a publicly noticed official meeting.

Ms. Montelione also shared receiving an e-mail from Ron Klimley who apologized for missing this this afternoon's meeting. He's out of the office for the rest of the week on bereavement leave, and he would like absolutely to continue supporting the training and outreach committee going forward.

Chair Rose adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.



Jan Edwards
 President & CEO

Orlando to the UN to Ethiopia



Impact to date:

- Trained and Educated over 19,000 youth and families since 2017
- Local, national and international recognized SME and trainer
- Programs presented in Florida, Arizona, South Dakota, Washington DC, South Carolina, Georgia, Texas and New York.
- Team of 6 facilitators, 35 Mission Ambassadors and 8 Youth Ambassadors around the country
- Writer, Co-Director of Award Winning Film, Trapped in the Trade



Program Outline

- 2 – 90 minute sessions
 - Human trafficking awareness
 - Recruitment tactics
 - Actions to take to stay safe
 - Resources available
- Engagement via conversations
- Social Media/Video Game savvy tips
- Interactive Activities



What the kids have to say:

- "I realized how many times I was exposed to potential human trafficking, and that was frightening. However, the conversation also made me feel much more equipped to protect myself and educate others, and that is unbelievably valuable." – Eau Gallie HS
- "We're not alone in how we feel" – Boys and Girls Club
- "As a teenager myself I can say that this was one of the most impactful and educational programs that I have ever listened to and is one that could be done over and over again and its impactfulness would not change." - Eau Gallie HS
- "I really enjoyed this! It taught me a lot and I will always remember it!" – Galileo Gifted
- "We are more alike than we are different!" - Boys and Girls Club



Zariah says it best...



Impact

- We asked what actions they stopped doing after the training, they stopped:**
- 37% Accepting all new friends on social media w/o checking if they know the person
 - 31% Talking to strangers on social media
 - 19% stopped online bullying
- When asked what actions they have taken since the training:**
- 60% Talked to their parents or friends about what they learned
 - 34% Shared a concern about another student a trusted adult
 - 27% Sat with someone who mostly ate lunch alone

NCMC Received over 29 million CSAM Reports in 2021, up from 21 million in 2020!



A child can be groomed faster than your Door Dash order showing up!



Teens Biggest Concerns:

- Mental Health
- Feeling isolated/alone
- Not being trusted
- DM's and D-pics
- Having to Lie
- Parents not 'getting' it

Opportunities for Collaboration

- Youth Educational Programs
- Parent Empowerment Course
- Monthly Parent Tech Talks
- Facilitator Training
- Podcast



What they want from us

- Peace of mind
- A safe place to land
- To be heard
- Empowered to make good choices
- Trust/Trusting



Thank You!

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**Legislative and Judicial Subcommittee
August 11, 2022 - Meeting Recap**

Members Present Virtual: Chair Charles Klug, Chief Judge Ronald Ficarrotta, Major Ruhl, Deborah Laskowski, Rocky Brancato (for Public Defender Holt) Connie Rose, Judge Bauman, Dottie Groover-Skipper, Jenny Higgins, Commissioner Kimberly Overman (arrived at 2:44pm), School Board Member Perez (arrived at 2:50pm)

Members Absent: Angie Martinez, Brent Woody, Jennifer Glaister, Laura Henderson, Robert Rancourt, Courtney Derry

Staff: Lisa J. Montelione, Government Relations & Strategic Services
Nada Haddad, Legislative Aide – Office of Commissioner Overman

Guest(s): none

Chair Klug called the meeting to order at 2:33pm asking Mr. Brancato to kick off the meeting.

Mr. Brancato discussed the statistics gathered by the Public Defender's (PD's) office on those suspected and charged (as adults) human trafficking providing rough numbers providing a starting point for discussion. He noted that the reports had been scrubbed of personal information and that the PD's reported statistics will never be a complete picture because some individuals (adults and juveniles) are represented by private counsel and do not interact with the PD's office. Further, juvenile cases may only be known if a social worker reached out because under the juvenile program, they wouldn't all be indexed (i.e., because of the Walker Plan (a type of plea deal that involves community service) and in cases where adjudication was withheld, or a judicial warning was given. Mr. Brancato noted that he would try to provide a report that is a bit more "presentation" ready with some clarifying details.

Mr. Brancato continued that the Department of Juvenile Justice, has indicators on the "dry form" that comes in at the risk assessment stage. He also said that PD attorneys have been trained to look for signs and so their office can get to the population where treatment would be successful and make it therapeutic versus punitive. PD's have had a difficult time when working with someone they know is being trafficked but is not open to receiving assistance or committing to treatment. He reminded the subcommittee that there are people who act of their own volition.

Judge Bauman stated that he recently gave a presentation which showed that between 2019 and early 2022 11,108 arrests made involved prostitution and ancillary cases (theft, selling/buying drugs etc.). The national hotline data he saw said Tampa is number 12, near the top of American cities per capita in human trafficking. He stated that Law Enforcement is working Selah Freedom for adults and his office is alerted right away to juveniles being investigated or when sting operation is planned. He estimates that only 20% of the victims are coming through the courts, meaning 80% of reporting comes through the community.

Judge Bauman continued that there are red flags in documentation received from law enforcement, from CPI's and from predisposition reports, which may be subjective in the identification of the signs. Fighting on two fronts we must by engage law enforcement on the front end and then be careful of what's coming through courtrooms on the back end. Identification of survivors and victims was discussed in-depth.

Mr. Brancato reported that their office addresses this during intake, with those performing that work receiving training, which was very helpful.

The participants agreed that training is key to identification and that it is the most important tool for all agencies involved when interacting with the population. A screening tool that everyone utilizes would have to be customized to be effective for the various partners eventually expanding to include medical first responders and doctors.

The participants continued with a discussion of the Code Blue pilot program in Baltimore which ties hospitals tied to law enforcement. When a victim's identified, a staff person with the hospital is contacted, taking the victim to an isolated location. They take the victim's phone so the trafficker cannot GPS where the victim is, and victims are given services



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immediately. They don't have a court, but they are identifying victims and rapidly assisting the victim.

School Board Member Perez reported that it is their school social workers that identify possible victim through conversations with teachers and staff. She continued that a school counselor, psychologist, or social worker will make a referral or report. Their first priority is the safety of the student. She is concerned about services available to them and how to continue provided a safe space and the sustainability of those services, especially when their parents don't support them. Provision of mental health services and treatment is difficult in many situations. Many suffer from PTSD and may have triggers throughout their lifetimes.

Ms. Groover-Skipper mentioned requesting reports from the PD's office several years ago for prostitution cases coming through the PD's office to see if an adult human trafficking court would be justified, as there is a natural link between prostitution. The numbers back then were quite high. She reiterated that they have been working for years to show that a specialty court was indeed warranted to help victims and survivors to get resources and reduce recidivism. Praising Judge Bauman's court, she highlighted the Veteran's Treatment court and others as models. In St. Petersburg, Judge Farnell has closed off her drug treatment court for the first hour or so to take drug cases that may be related to human trafficking. Using that model, it wouldn't be as expensive as creating a whole new court.

Chief Judge Ficarrotta emphasized relying on hard data and the need for gathering and analyzing data on cases coming through the court system by working with Law Enforcement, the State Attorney's office, the Court, the PD's office, and others to get a complete picture. He expressed his desire to focus on the most vulnerable. He cited that was the focus of the position funded by Hillsborough County that he is very grateful for, pointing out that not every prostitution case is going to be a human trafficking case, noting how challenging it is to categorize cases, emphasizing that he felt Law Enforcement was key to identification. He also expressed a desire for additional training for Judges.

Praising Judge Bauman's Options Court, the Chief Judge expressed his desire to have that court gain stability and develop a set of procedures and outcome insight. Suggesting once the juvenile aspect is working, the Courts can consider an adult pilot project, if deemed necessary. He would want to see the Options Court model develop into a system that provides quantifiable successful outcomes for survivors. Going through the court system is the last route, he noted that it is better to handle the individual needs through the community and the front lines, Law Enforcement, and the State Attorney's office with diversionary programs. Courts have very limited resources. Chief Judge Ficarrotta cited that they have over 400,000 cases pending in civil, criminal, and other courts and they are experiencing, as are others, hiring enough personnel, especially cases managers. He shared that he gets his priorities from the Florida Supreme Court, and they have expressed emphasis on civil jury trials and case resolution.

Commissioner Overman mentioned that most people don't want to identify themselves as victims making it even more challenging to gather very accurate numbers. It is important that screening tools are used consistently. She stated that she is aware that HCSO uses one, and one that the PD's office and courts use, but questioned whether they are uniform. COVID presented challenges, because the organizations who were visiting the jails weren't allowed in person visits, so those incarcerated were not receiving information on human trafficking or the available resources. The chance to self-identify was dashed during that time. The Commissioner inquired if there were the financial resources to support a specialty court and he related case management either by the court system or nonprofits.

Member Rose offered, from her perspective as a survivor, that wrap around services and safe spaces where they can talk are necessary to support survivors.

On the next steps and recommendations to the full COHT for action in September, Commissioner Overman stated that she would also like to solid goals and objectives. Perhaps a roadmap for a pilot program that can be used to apply for grant funding.

Chair Klug adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm



Services and Resources Subcommittee

August 11, 2022

Meeting Recap

Members Present Virtual: Jillian Penhale (Chair), Rocky Brancato, Deborah Laskowski, Kevin Durkin, Kathleen Kempke, Bonnie Doll, Connie Rose, Elle Kane, Molly O'Rourke, Amy O'Rourke, Nada Haddad, Elizabeth Cardenas

Members Absent: Alex Petrilak, Charrita Ernewein, Felicia Patterson, Genet Stewart, Iris C. Valdez-Corey, Jaclynn Willert, Jennifer Glaister, John Long, Kim Figueroa Squires, Nilda Otero, Paul Penhale

Public Comment: None.

Chair Jillian Penhale called the meeting to order at 11:01am. Participants introduced themselves and their organization with Ms. Laskowski, a new COHT member, noting that she a community advocate and is reviewing each subcommittee to decide where her voice is most needed.

The Subcommittee discussed Chair Overman's request to define how the COHT would partner with the HCSO's Step Down Unit "Unit", however, not having any information from HCSO about the unit, they could not speculate what role the COHT would play, if any. Sgt. Durkin offered to track down the information.

Member Kempke asked for a presentation about the Step-Down Unit at a future meeting of the full COHT. She also asked if the Unit was part of a probation condition, if when an individual is released, guidance is offered to services as is done on the federal level. Potentially the Unit could partner with the USF's TiP Lab and their BRIGHT Project as well as the COHT. She explained the BRIGHT (Bridging Resources and Information Gaps in Human Trafficking) Project is based on a pilot program in Houston Texas. She suggested that they present to the COHT to bring awareness to members. *(Lisa Montelione has added this section from their website for clarity: The USF TIP Lab has partnered with the organization United Against Human Trafficking, who created a model program and system that leverages technology to connect trafficked persons to trusted service providers through one central system. Building upon this model, BRIGHT will be an online, interactive database for survivors and case managers to access resources in one central location, while simultaneously collecting data. This data will allow researchers in the TiP Lab to better identify the hidden victims of human trafficking, the types of services they seek, the types of services needed, the locations services are most needed, and where the gaps in services lie.)*

Chair Penhale reminded members of their previous discussion about identifying gaps, which came up at the full COHT meeting. Mental health and educating survivors about the resources available to them are still the biggest needs.

Ms. Kempke advised members of the Crisis Center's work with the USF TiP Lab and Project BRIGHT's goal of having resources available to survivors in real time. There is an intensive vetting process, provider members of the project must be accredited by the (National) Council on Accreditation. The partnership with the Crisis Center would be through 211.

Nada Haddad joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the Step-Down Unit. She learned from Sherriff Chronister's team that the unit will provide housing and wrap around services. She will provide the Subcommittee with the information she has. She believes the Unit would be located near the Faulkenberg Road jail site and that it may be part of a survivor's probation.

Chair Penhale suggested the subcommittee put together a list of ideas for consideration of the Step-Down Unit organizers as a possible way for the COHT to partner with them. She offered that perhaps the case managers at the unit utilize an assessment tool, with a resource card or flyer for them to hand out to those identified as possible victims of trafficking.

Some discussion on the COHT and subcommittee calendar to find potential presentation dates occurred, however there are no other Subcommittee meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Ms. O'Rourke announced that the FREE Network will be meeting in person on September 14th from 9:30am to 1:00pm at Hillsborough Community College, Student Services Building Room 112. and all providers and other stakeholders are welcome to attend. Lisa Montelione will send the invitation to the COHT and Subcommittee members.

Chair Penhale announced that she will be resigning as she has taken a position out of state and is moving at the end of the month. Everyone wished her well on her new adventure. Chair Penhale asked for a volunteer to take the Chair, however with no one stepping forward, it will be addressed at the next COHT meeting on September 29th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am

Executive Summary

Orient Road Project 2022

Department: Health Care Services (HCS)

The Orient Road Project is located at 1800 N. Orient Road. It utilizes a county owned facility that is partially co-occupied by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for administrative re-entry services. The idea for the project was developed through a collaborative effort between various stake holders including elected officials, local governmental entities, community providers, law enforcement, and support by the Board of County Commissioners. The project enjoys the support of all the stake holders including the Sheriff's Office, the Safety Committee, and the Hillsborough County Health Care Advisory Board.

The Hillsborough County Health Care Services (HCS) Department proposes an innovative and cost-effective pilot project that would develop a community-based step-down (respite) facility. This facility would offer comprehensive services for participants exiting the local county jail and including the homeless population who receive services in the Hillsborough County Health Care Plan (HCHCP) and who suffer from substance abuse and behavioral health related issues. The program would provide wrap-around services and ensure participants receive a warm hand off from exiting the jail to the step down (respite) facility. A local community treatment provider will serve as the lead entity for this project along with support from other local non-profit providers in providing services to the participants.

Statement of Need:

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on public health is far reaching and continues to escalate with each passing wave of variants of COVID-19. According to Mental Health America, Florida ranks third highest in the nation for prevalence of mental illness, twelfth highest for serious mental illness, and second in the nation for suicidal ideation. The physical, emotional, behavioral, and psychological effects on Hillsborough County residents are only beginning to materialize.

"The substantial prison population in the United States is strongly connected to drug-related offenses. While the exact rates of inmates with substance use disorders (SUDs) is difficult to measure, some research shows that an estimated 65% percent of the United States prison population has an active SUD. Another 20% percent did not meet the official criteria for an SUD but were under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of their crime.

Decades of science shows that providing comprehensive substance use treatment to criminal offenders while incarcerated works, reducing both drug use and crime after an inmate returns to the community. Treatment while in jail or prison is critical to reducing overall crime and other drug-related societal burdens—such as lost job productivity, family disintegration and a continual return to jail or prison, known as recidivism. Inadequate treatment while incarcerated also contributes to overdoses and deaths when inmates leave the prison system".¹ (NIH Criminal Justice Drug Facts 2020)

As a result of COVID-19 adverse impacts, Individuals who are exiting the jail during the Covid-19 now face added additional socioeconomic pressures, mostly to those already disproportionately impacted. Job loss, interruptions to childcare services, and growing housing insecurity are causing increased stress on already vulnerable individuals and families. Coupled with pandemic-related fears and social isolation, underlying behavioral health conditions are being aggravated with many appearing in this population.

¹ Criminal Justice Drug Facts 2020- <https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/criminal-justice>

Project Concept:

- Serve up to 320+ people annually;
- Operate as a Residential Level 2 - step down respite facility with up to 85 beds;
- Voluntary participation up to 60-120 days length of stay;
- Participants would receive case management and clinical assessment evaluations including services related to the Social Determinants of Health;
 - Examples include health care (primary care), group treatment, on-the-job training, educational classes, group counseling, peer support, Case Management Assessment, Transportation, Care Coordination, navigation, and support with housing and wrap around programs.
- This proposal expands the successful partnership between CFBHN, Hillsborough County, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and local substance abuse and behavioral health providers.
- The day to day operations will be provided by a lead entity (Phoenix House Programs of Florida) and they will cover all operating and salary expenses for the program estimated at \$4.7M+ annually.

Project Goals/Outcomes:

- Reduction in recidivism rates;
- Reduction in criminal justice and law enforcement costs and resources;
- Positive economic impact through gained employment;
- Increased ability to achieve self-sufficiency;
- Reduction in overutilization of health care community resources;
- Improvement of overall community health and well-being with a move towards community prosperity;
- Leveraging funds and in-kind services from various funding sources and agencies;
- Reduce the number of high utilizers;
- Increase accessibility to treatment (residential, aftercare, and MAT) to help individuals recover during treatment;
- Use established DCF outcomes and data collection methods for reporting requirements;
- Conduct an evidence-based evaluation of the success of the program through a partnership with the University of South Florida, Department of Public Health; and
- The goal is to enhance individuals' everyday sense of wellness and well-being and their ability to become self-sufficient and productive tax paying Floridians.

Stakeholder Partnerships:

➤ Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	➤ Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
➤ Naphcare (Jail medical provider)	➤ University of South Florida, College of Public Health
➤ Substance Abuse providers	➤ Federally Qualified Health Centers (TFHC and SCHC)
➤ Behavioral Health providers	➤ Tampa General
➤ Hillsborough County Health Care Services	➤ BayCare
➤ Tampa Hillsborough Homeless initiative	➤ Hillsborough County Human Services Departments
➤ Feeding Tampa Bay (employment, nutrition, cooking, training, and education services)	➤ Abe Brown Ministries ➤ Career Source

Final Comments:

The Orient Rd project will provide much needed services to a vulnerable population as they exit the local jail. This project will serve as a stop gap with a focus on self-sufficiency and success reintegration for the participants into the community. This project is unique in its design because of the collaborative efforts between multiple stake holders such as local governments, non-profits, legal & criminal justice system, state agencies, and local treatment providers to bring this project forward. In addition, it will provide numerous benefits to the community through reduction of law enforcement services, increased economic development, and increased community quality of life.



2023 CALENDAR

January 2023	COHT Board Meeting January 26, 2023 1:00 p.m. Florida Statewide Council Meeting TBD
February 2023	COHT Subcommittees Thursday, February 23, 2023 Services & Resources: 11 a.m. Legislative & Judicial: 2:30 p.m. Education & Outreach: 4:00 p.m.
March 2023	Thursday, March 23, 2023 1:00 p.m.
April 2023	COHT Subcommittees Thursday, April 27, 2023 Services & Resources: 11 a.m. Legislative & Judicial: 2:30 p.m. Education & Outreach: 4:00 p.m.
May 2023	Statewide Council Meetings TBD
June 2023	COHT Board Meeting Thursday, June 15, 2023 * Changed due to constrained room & HTV resources 1:00 p.m.
July 2023	COHT Subcommittees Thursday, July 27, 2023 Services & Resources: 11 a.m. Legislative & Judicial: 2:30 p.m. Education & Outreach: 4:00 p.m.
August 2023	Statewide Council Meeting TBD
September 2023	COHT Board Meeting Thursday, September 28, 2023 1:00 p.m.
October 2023	Statewide Council on Human Trafficking Annual Summit TBD
November 2023	Statewide Council Meeting TBD
December 2023	COHT Board Meeting Thursday, December 7, 2023 1:00 p.m. *earlier in the month due to the holiday season

All Regular COHT meetings will be held in a hybrid manner, in person at County Center Conference Rooms 26 A&B, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL and online via WebEx unless otherwise noted.
All Subcommittee meetings will be held online via Teams unless otherwise noted.
All Statewide Council meetings can be viewed on The Florida Channel.

For Information on the Hillsborough County Commission on Human Trafficking, visit our webpage:
<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/government/boards-and-committees/a-d/commission-on-human-trafficking>
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