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**Meeting
of the
Michigan Human Trafficking Commission**

**May 3, 2017
Williams Building
Lansing, Michigan**

Called to order: 11:35 a.m.

Members present:

Hassan Beydoun
Kelly Carter
Beth Emmitt
David Leyton
Matt Lori
Kathy Maitland
Matthew Mingus
Deborah Monroe
Cheryl Pezon
Larissa LaMay on behalf of Edward Price
Michelle Rick
Tom Tiderington
Amanda Van Essen Wirth

Quorum is present.

Agenda item:

Call to Order and Welcome. Project Manager Michelle Brya welcomes the Commission members and the public. Ms. Brya introduces Chief Deputy Attorney General Matthew Schneider.

Agenda item:

Introduction of New Chair. Chief Deputy Attorney General Matthew Schneider introduces the Commission's new Chairwoman, Kelly Carter.

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Introduction of New Members. Chief Deputy Attorney General Matthew Schneider introduces the Commission's new members Matthew Mingus and Amanda Van Essen Wirth.

Agenda item:

Introductory Remarks. Chairwoman Kelly Carter welcomes the Commission members and gives introductory remarks.

Agenda item:

Roll Call. Barb Teszlewicz takes roll call of the Commission members.

Agenda item:

Approval of Commission Minutes from January 25, 2017. Chairwoman Kelly Carter called for a motion to approve minutes for the January 25, 2017 meeting as submitted. Cheryl Pezon calls for a motion to revise the January 25, 2017 minutes. Michelle Rick seconded the motion. The minutes to be revised as:

Agenda item:

Subcommittee Reports:

- Data Collection & Research – presented by Assistant Attorney General John Pallas. Mr. Pallas informed the Commission that the study questionnaire was given to three police departments. One department dropped out and two have provided the surveys. The purpose of the surveys is to help explain why police are charging or not charging human trafficking cases. The electronic survey (email blast) has not been sent to the county prosecutors' offices. The subcommittee requests permission to send the email blasts. Ed Price moved for the motion. Cheryl Pezon seconded the motion. Hand vote was unanimous.

Beth Emmitt calls for a motion to accept the revised minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting. Kathy Maitland seconded the motion. Hand vote was unanimous.

Agenda item:

Health Professionals' Video: Michelle Brya gave an update on the status of the health professionals' video. The video has been submitted to Wayne State University School of Medicine for Continuing Medical Education (CME) approval.

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Annual Report. Michelle Brya gave an update on the status of the Commission's Annual Report and provided a copy to the members. The printed report was sent to the Governor and Legislature.

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Subcommittee Reports:

- Data Collection & Research – presented by Assistant Attorney General John Pallas. Mr. Pallas informed the Commission that two police departments have responded to the study questionnaire. The subcommittee will be asking law students to help compile the information. The electronic survey (email blast) to the county prosecutors will be sent before the next Commission meeting.
- Funding & Resources – No subcommittee meeting was held prior to the meeting.
- Policy & Legislation – presented by Chairwoman Kelly Carter.
 - The subcommittee is reviewing HB 4219. The Bill would remove the limits under which a person may be eligible for deferral of charges for commercial sex if they have no prior conviction.
 - The subcommittee is also reviewing HB 4211 involving the use of expert testimony in human trafficking cases. Motion by Tom Tiderington to accept the language changes recommended by the subcommittee. Hassan Beydoun seconded the motion. Hand vote was unanimous.
- Public Awareness – No subcommittee meeting was held prior to the meeting. David Leyton did report to the Commission that he is noticing more press, internet sites, and groups forming in Michigan to support the fight against Human Trafficking.

- Training & Education – presented by Chairwoman Kelly Carter. The subcommittee discussed whether to have a certification for those individuals who watch the health professionals training video online. The subcommittee is also reviewing the website to place training materials and modules on it, along with standardized training materials from JATT.
- Victim Services – presented by Kathy Maitland. The subcommittee provided the Commission with a memorandum that summarizes the progress and activities of the subcommittee thus far in 2017 (attached). The subcommittee also provided the Commission a proposal regarding “adopting the NHTRC Hotline as the state hotline number” (attached). Motion by Kathy Maitland to accept the proposal. Deb Monroe seconded the motion. Hand vote was unanimous.

Agenda item:

New Business. Michelle Rick spoke to the Commission about a new grant application. Judge Rick was contacted by the Legal Aid and Defender Association (LADA). LADA was asking for “connections and resources” for human trafficking cases. LADA asked to partner with Judge Rick’s court and other courts on the grant application. If awarded, the grant amount would be \$200,000/year for 3 years. Judge Rick will continue to update the Commission regarding the grant application status.

Public Comment: Several individuals spoke to the Commissioners on human trafficking issues.

Adjournment: Chairwoman Kelly Carter called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Pezon moved for the motion. Michelle Rick seconded the motion. Hand vote was unanimous.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 13, 2017