

**Iowa NAHT Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 2:30–4:00 PM**

Present: Mike Tupper, Ruth Buckles, Lori Freudenberg, Dr. Joseph Moravec, Ali Brokaw, Bernadette Rixner, Jim Townsend, Teresa Davidson, Lauren Camp, Shirlee Reding, Sister Shirley Fineran, Dr. Shannon Findlay, Jonathan Causey, Kristen Young, Maggie Tinsman, Brenda Long, and Roxanne Riesberg  
Excused Absence: Katie Kyker (maternity leave), Jessica Rohrs (work emergency), Paul Fitzgerald, Alyse Hardin (maternity leave)

Guests: Devon Greiter, Jerry Ingrisano

- I. **Belitsos called the meeting to order beginning with a roll call.** Maggie’s secretary Linda Greenlee has retired and her replacement, Patti Reeves, was introduced and will take today’s minutes. Lori Freudenberg introduced herself and will fill the open board seat. Belitsos welcomed Lori as well as Teresa Davidson and Ruth Buckels, who have returned to board membership.
  
- II. **Presentation on the Chains Interrupted Coalition, Mercy Medical Center human trafficking training, and Public-Private Partnership Advisory Council to the President (Davidson)**  
Davidson began with an impressive update on the non-profit agency she founded and leads. The biggest step forward is that Chains Interrupted has opened a survivor transitional living program. Her agency has increased trafficking education in the schools and has reached 1,500 students. This past year, 58 survivors were served and already 49 so far this year, 2020. Their Hotel/Motel education program is being led by Tish Young. A new program is the Human Trafficking Self-Defense Project. Also, Davidson is training banks and financial institutions on identifying traffickers. Davidson described the Eastern Iowa Regional Task Force and the work of the Cedar Rapids Human Trafficking Coalition.

President Trump has appointed Teresa Davidson to be a member of the Public-Private Partnership Advisory Council to End Human Trafficking. Belitsos commented that the NAHT is very pleased that Iowa has a strong voice on the Council.

The Public-Private Partnership Advisory Council to End Human Trafficking is a result of Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley’s bill that passed in the last Congress, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. The role of the advisory council is to provide advice and recommendations to a larger federal task force to addressing human trafficking.

Davidson traveled to Washington DC for the first convening of the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Advisory Council in late January. Davidson reported that it was an honor to meet her 9 fellow team members on the council. They elected Tim Ballard (founder of the Underground Railroad) and Sandra Morgan (Director of the Global Center for Women and Justice at Vanguard University) as co-leaders of the council and divided into two subcommittees; prevention and survivor care. Davidson was appointed to the survivor care subcommittee, which is co-led by Bruce Deel (founder and CEO of the City of Refuge in Atlanta) and Esta Soler (founder of Futures Without Violence).

The PPP Advisory Council was created through the reauthorization of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) (Senate Bill 1312) to advise the President’s Interagency Task Force (PITF). They do this alongside the US Advisory Council (USAC), which is comprised of 8 survivor leaders. The PITF is comprised of approximately 15 federal agencies and departments. The State Department arranged for them to meet with critical members during our time in DC. These meetings included key leaders in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Justice (DOJ), Homeland Security (DHS) and the State Department. Meeting people like Katherine Chon (Director of the Office on Trafficking in Persons, HHS), Katharine Sullivan (Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, DOJ), Bill Woolf (HT Programs Director and Senior Advisor, DOJ), Michael Costigan (Chief of Staff, DOJ), Tracy Raggs (Unit Chief ICE Homeland Security Investigations) and John C. Richmond (US Ambassador-at-large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons) was an unbelievable honor. These are just a few of the many incredible people Davidson met and talked with about concerns about human trafficking. They left these meetings very encouraged as each leader in the “public” part of the Public-Private Partnership was very open and excited to be partnering with the “private” sector.

On the 20th anniversary of the Trafficking Victims’ Protection Act, Davidson was invited to attend the White House Summit Against Human Trafficking in the East Room. Speakers included Ivanka Trump, Attorney General William Barr, various members of congress and law enforcement, survivors Bella Hounakey and Jessica Hamlet, Calista Gingrich, Vice President Pence and President Trump.

The PPP Advisory Council has a great deal of work to do. Davidson is tasked with serving as a point of contact for federal agencies seeking input on policies and programs, meeting with several other key groups and submitting a report with our recommendations by September. As the only member on the PPP Advisory Council from the Midwest, Davidson is honored to represent all our voices at the federal level. Please do not hesitate to contact Davidson with your thoughts or ideas (Teresa@ChainsInterrupted.com).

**III. Approval of consent agenda (Belitsos)**

- Motion to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting minutes of the NAHT Board of Directors
- Motion to approve the nomination of Lori Freudenberg for Board membership, filling the seat formerly held by Suzie Wright
- Motion to authorize the second-year technology consultant contract with Savannah Maynard with an hourly rate increase of \$13.00 to \$14.00
- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report for February 2020
- Motion to authorize the chair to approve a bid of \$159.64 to print 1,000 Spanish language rescue stickers.

The consent agenda was unanimously **approved**.

**IV. Report from the Legislative Advocacy Committee (Tinsman & Causey)**

Tinsman reported that in March, 2020, HF2259, the Hotel/Motel employee training bill, was unanimously passed by the House, so it now goes to the Senate. Tinsman also went over

other bills that the NAHT and the Human Trafficking Coalition are supporting: SF2375, SF2322, HF2235, SF2092, HF2562.

Senator Roby Smith, Chair of State Government Committee, appointed Senator Chris Cournoyer, Chair of subcommittee for HF2259. Once passed in the sub-committee, Senator Cournoyer will bring it to the entire State Government Committee for approval. Once approved by the State Government Committee, HF2259 will go to the full Senate for approval.

- V. **Review of 2019 annual human trafficking data report for the Iowa Call Center (Rohrs).**  
Rohrs informed the chair that she had a work emergency and will present her annual report April 14th.

- VI. **Progress report from the Johnson County Human Trafficking Coalition and final plans for April 28 & 29 statewide Human Trafficking Conference (Shannon Findlay).**

The Johnson County Human Trafficking Coalition joined forces with Iowa City Domestic Intervention Program to plan and host a two-day conference in Coralville, Iowa, on Human Trafficking, intimate partner violence and creating a community wide response to serve trafficking survivors. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, this conference has now been cancelled and will hopefully be rescheduled. It was scheduled on April 28 & 29.

- VII. **Introduction to Devon Greiter, new Human Trafficking Trainer of Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, by Jerry Ingrisano, Assistant Director of Iowa LEA**

Ingrisano introduced Greiter as the newly hired human trafficking instructor at the Law Enforcement Academy. Greiter introduced herself.

Greiter is a proud graduate of Drake University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Greiter obtained her Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She hopes to share the gift of education to those around her to ensure that law enforcement in Iowa is best equipped to be safe and successful throughout their entire career.

Greiter began her career in law enforcement working as a police officer for the Iowa State University Police Department. As a member of ISUPD, Greiter took pride in being a responding member of the Story County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), a field training officer, and a general crimes detective handling all crimes against persons cases. In 2010, Devon worked with a team to develop an Active Shooter Response training for Iowa State University that was the model for the training being utilized there today.

After her career at ISUPD, Greiter worked for the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, providing field support for the Sex Offender Registry Unit and while there, developed an Active Shooter Response training for State of Iowa Employees. Greiter also worked for the Iowa Department of Justice as the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Program Coordinator for the State of Iowa, assisting law enforcement agencies across the state in submission of previously untested sexual assault kits. While in this position, Greiter created a trauma-informed victim notification protocol that was implemented state-wide. She also worked to facilitate training across the state to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates, and nurses on best practices for handling sexual assault cold cases.

**VIII. Report from Fundraising Committee (Kyker & Belitsos)**

Belitsos shared that Kyker is still on maternity leave and, therefore, there has not been a committee meeting. Greenlee has left the committee and Freudenberg is asked to serve on the committee.

**IX. Progress report from hotel/motel employee projects. Progress report on DVD training to be developed for hotels not in face-to-face training service areas (Reding, Rixner, and Davidson)**

Teresa Davidson, Bernadette Rixner, and Shirlee Reding gave brief updates on the Hotel/Motel employee training project. Over 200 hotels have now been trained. The Iowa Hospital Association has been working with Moravec and Reding to produce a Motel employee training DVD. A taping was conducted, but there was a problem with the equipment and the taping will need to be re-done. The taping and a DVD are the best ways to have the capability 24/7. Aspects of the DVD are going to become very important in training for the hotels/motels. Once trained, the Department of Public Safety will give the hotels/motels their certification.

**X. Startup of Service Provider Collaboration (Hardin and Rohrs)**

The Collaboration will soon have its first meeting. The startup meeting will be held at the Iowa Homeless Youth Center in downtown Des Moines.

**XI. Report on the NAHT Rescue Sticker Project and production of Spanish language Rescue Stickers (Belitsos)**

Advocates have been requesting a Spanish language Rescue Sticker. Savannah, technology consultant, translated the sticker into Spanish and 1,000 stickers are now being printed.

**Adjourned 4:00pm**

**Next Board of Directors Meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2020 (conference call) 2:30-4:00pm**