

Iowa NAHT Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Present: Dr. George Belitsos, Bernadette Rixner, Shirlee Reding, Katie Kyker, Maggie Tinsman, Alyse Hardin, Dr. Shannon Findlay, Dr. Joe Moravec, Lori Fruedenberg, Jessica Rohrs, Kim Hilby

Excused Absence: Roxanne Riesberg, Ruth Buckels, Lauren Camp, Jonathan Causey, Teresa Davidson, Brenda Long, Mike Tupper

Guests: Patti Reeves, Devon Greiter, Mason Thomas

I. Call to order and roll call (Belitsos)

Belitsos noted that the horrific windstorm last night took out cell phone towers especially in Cedar Rapids and that several board members are excused absences. The derecho also resulted in only a portion of the minutes being recorded. **Therefore, these minutes are incomplete.**

However, a quorum was declared. Belitsos also introduced three guests including, Mason Thomas as the NAHT newly hired Technology Consultant replacing Chantz Brooks, Patti Reeves who is taking today's minutes. The third guest Belitsos introduced is Devon Greiter who is reporting on human trafficking training for the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

II. Presentation from Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Human Trafficking Instructor (Devon Greiter)

Greiter commented that due to Covid-19, the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy had made several training class adjustments by going virtual. 1) Added a two-hour full intro to trauma course, 2) added a 2-hour course on trauma-informed interviewing, 3) 4-hour role-play program for new law enforcement recruits. Curriculum is now focusing more on basic skills to help officers know what to look for and to recognize the victim. Also, Greiter is giving students an understanding of why the victim does not disclose information.

She has also trained several hundred jailers in trafficking 101; 200 people showed up.
. Greiter is also conducting on-line correctional staff training

III. Approval of consent agenda (Belitsos)

- Motion to approve the June 9th meeting minutes of the NAHT Board of Directors
- Motion to approve the acting Treasurer's report for June and July 2020
- Motion to approve the updated Board Member Job Description
- Motion to authorize the Board Chair to sign an agreement for \$1,500 rent + \$915 for a design with Coral Ridge Mall for a major trafficking awareness display designed by the

- Johnson County Human Trafficking Coalition and paid for by a 100+ Women grant to NAHT
- Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Jim Townsend from the Board of Directors
- Motion to authorize the chair to submit a \$4,700 grant request to the SBA Cares Act Federal Coronavirus Relief Bill to fund technology consultants for the next six months
- Motion to authorize the Chair to write a letter of endorsement for Garden Gate Ranch to be listed in the Polaris National Human Trafficking Hotline Referral Director
- Motion to authorize Chair to sign independent contract agreement with Mason thomas to serve as a Tech Consultant

Consent agenda approved unanimously

IV. Report for 2020 session from the Legislative Advocacy Committee and brainstorm on 2021 legislation (Tinsman & Causey)

Tinsman reported Hotel/Motel Bill passed in the Iowa Senate without amendment and was sent to the Governor. A number of people attended the signing. Law encourages all hotels/motels in Iowa to train all employees including temporary employees on human trafficking and whom to call when they see human trafficking. Hotels who do this will receive from DPS a certificate to hang in their lobby. Government employees will be able to stay in that establishment as well as host government events from State, County, City, etc. If establishment does not have this certificate, no government dollars will be spent there. Shirley and Dr. Joe with others are developing a training that will be accepted by DPS.

V. Presentation from two-year report on Human Trafficking Victim Service Fellowship (Camp)

Camp resides in storm ravaged Cedar Rapids and could not join the meeting. Her report will be moved to September 15th.

VI. Report from Fundraising Committee (Kyker, Freudenberg & Belitsos)

Kyker reported that the 2020 goal of 100% Board participation in the once annual giving campaign has been reached.

There was a successful outcome of the June 23rd, 15th NAHT anniversary campaign. The “Why I support the Network” campaign was also successful. Kyker mentioned \$1,695.00 was raised.

VII. **Formation and purpose of NAHT Trafficking Survivor Panel and request to grant participants an hourly stipend of \$15 for their time serving on the panel (Hardin, Buckels & Davidson)**

No record of this discussion

VIII. **Outcome of Survivor Service Provider Collaboration Zoom meeting held July 22 (Hardin, Buckels, Rohrs & Davidson)**

No record of this discussion

IX. **Report from the Evaluation/Research and Best Practices Committee. Outcome of meeting to implement HF 2259 (Moravec & Reding)**

No record of this discussion

X. **Update presentation by regional coalitions (No record of these reports)**

- Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking (Rixner)
- Southwest Iowa Human Trafficking Coalition (Kyker)
- Chains Interrupted and Cedar Rapids Coalition (Davidson)
- Set Free Dubuque (Wright)
- Des Moines and Plymouth Human Trafficking Coalition (Reding)
- Tri-State Human Trafficking Coalition (Hilby)
- Central Iowa Service Network Against Human Trafficking (Reding)
- Braking Traffik (Hardin)
- Johnson County Human Trafficking Coalition (Findlay)
- Mississippi Valley Coalition and Franciscan Peace Center Human Trafficking Coalition (Freudenberg)
- Last Watch Coalition (Tupper)

XI. **Adjournment**

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 2:30-4:00 PM