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HTPCC Training Outreach Partnerships Committee
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES¹
Monday, 31 August 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Del Scruggs (Vice Chair of HTPCC and Chair of this Committee), Leslie Lampieri (Howard County General Hospital), Cheryl Mattis (DCRS), Chuck Chandler.

Other Howard County Government Officials in Attendance: Andrea Nunez (DRCS), Cheryl Mattis (DCRS).

Others in Attendance: Suellen Siegel, Kathy Jordan, Leslie Petak.

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. MEETING OPEN

2. 9:30 am; Rev. Del Scruggs, Chair, Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council, called the meeting to order.

Rev. Del Scruggs announced the committee is hosting a virtual meet and greet for members of our faith and civic community on September 6, 2020. He shared that he has sent the invite out to 30 or so congregations he personally knows and is requesting all committee members to do the same.

3. New Business

a. Faith and Civic Organizations Spreadsheet: Ms. Nunez will compile and maintain a master spreadsheet of all faith and civic organizations. She requested all members forward her any information they send out. Ms. Nunez will track RSVPs and attendance for the September Meet and Greet as well as any future events.

Suellen Siegel suggested using Interfaith communities such as, Owen Brown. Rev. Del Scruggs agreed this would be useful and asked her to share contact information with the committee.

b. Long-Term Planning and Marketing: Suellen Siegel suggested creating an overall marketing plan for this work.

Ms. Nunez expressed agreement with long-term planning for these efforts. The committee agreed with the idea of reviewing some long-term plans for this committee in upcoming meetings. Note that the committee is beginning to focus on some initial faith outreach.

Leslie Petak noted that AGAST has previously created "HT PSA" flyers. The flyers were shared with HCPD Vice and displayed in businesses and public spaces throughout the County.

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Ms. Nunez volunteered to correct the name on the HT flyer and add the OHTP logo. Kathy Jordan suggested noting that other representatives from congregations are ok, in addition to pastors (board members, etc.).

Kathy Jordan noted that churches like HT presentations, however, not on Sundays since this is not as uplifting.

c. Hotel Outreach and Training Initiatives: Chuck Chandler, member of Visit Howard (330 members - \$50 dues only, not all hotels are members), will connect Ms. Nunez with the Program Director, with the goal of OHTP/Coordination Council delivering some useful training and guidance to business members.

Chuck Chandler notes there are a lot of voluntary HT trainings already available for hotels. He suggested it may be worth surveying current hotels to see exactly what trainings they have, what kind of signage they use, etc. (Andrea's note: Montgomery County did this survey, most don't have any or didn't respond to a survey).

d. National Human Trafficking Awareness Month: Ms. Nunez described the goal Rev. Del Scruggs and she share for this committee is to think about something meaningful to do (likely not an in-person event) to commemorate January as National HT Month. Committee members were tasked with thinking about ideas.

4. Announcements and Events of Importance

a. September 6: Human Trafficking Prevention Council of Howard County Virtual Meet & Greet for representatives of our faith community and civic organizations.

5. Additional Items for Discussion

a. Kathy Jordan and Leslie Petak noted that Sara Cochran, AGAST, who intends to be active on this committee in the future, has a lot of faith community contacts the committee should attempt to utilize.

6. Next Committee Meeting Date(s)

a. The next meeting of the HTPCC Training Outreach Partnerships Committee is to be determined. The meeting will be virtual.

7. ADJOURNMENT

a. The meeting concluded.

b. Ms. Nunez will follow up with committee members via email to share the updated September 6 Virtual Faith Meet and Greet flyer as well as a list of organizations/ individuals who have already received the updated flyer.

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Minutes were drafted by:

Rev. Del Scruggs
Chair