

# ALPES Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2013

**In attendance:** Gladys Bonilla, Petra Hager, Jess Porta, Brook Jordan, Evelyn Robles, Shikha Sinha, Robert Wagner, Pepe Caudillo, Sarah DeYoung, Kathleen Maness, Carla Piedrahita, Luke Keeler, Consuelo Kwee, Taty Padilla, Aracelys Torrez

**1. The meeting was called to order by Aracelys at 6:10 p.m.**

**2. Jessica and Brooke from Salvation Army of Wake County came to present on Human Trafficking.**

- Human Trafficking –
  - 1) Sex Trafficking
    - a. 1 in 3 runaway children are lured into prostitution within 48 hours of running away
    - b. The average of entry is 11-14 depending on gender
    - c. Examples of sex trafficking: massage parlors, brothels, strip clubs, escort services, prostitution, mail-order brides
    - d. Types of traffickers: pimps, intimate partners/family members, gangs and criminal records.
    - e. Trafficking Victims:
      - i. Anyone - it does not depend on gender or race.
      - ii. Commonality - some vulnerability that can be exploited.
    - f. Trafficking Tactics: Forced, Fraud, Coercion, Threats,
  - 2) Labor Trafficking
    1. Examples of labor trafficking: farm workers, migrant workers

## Myths and Misconceptions

- Human trafficking is not the same as immigrant smuggling.
- Human trafficking does not require victims to be transported to another place or cross borders.
- Victims do not have to be immigrants or foreigners.
- Human trafficking does not require the use of physical force, physical abuse, or physical restraint.
- In human trafficking, the consent of the victim or the payment is irrelevant.

## Trafficking Indicators/Red Flags

- Lack of freedom to leave living conditions
- Person under the age of 18 and providing commercial sex
- Inconsistencies in stories or just here “visiting”
- Lack of awareness/knowledge about the local area, frequent movement
- Owes a large debt that must be repaid, limited/no pay for work
- Signs of abuse, malnourishment, branding, or restrain
- Threats of harm to the person and/or their loved ones
- Not allowed to hold identification (driver’s license, passport, green card)

The victim doesn't just leave because use of threats and violence, may be under surveillance, have a fear or distrust of health providers, law enforcement, and can also be unaware of what is being done to them is a crime. The victim might also suffer from Stockholm Syndrome and have a positive respect for abuser.

Why does Human Trafficking occur

Financial gain: \$32 Billion Dollar industry. 2<sup>nd</sup> most lucrative illicit trade in the world

1 Sex Trafficking victim

x 30 sexual encounters a day

x 365 days in a year

10,950 unwanted sexual encounters a year

x \$50 gain per hour of unpaid sexual experiences

\$547,500 profit per year for ONE victim

1 Labor trafficking victim

x 16 hours a day of unpaid/underpaid labor

x 365 days in a year

5,840 hours of labor

x \$7.25 gain per hour of unpaid wages

\$42,340 profit per year for ONE victim

Causes in North Carolina –

8<sup>th</sup> in the nation for sex trafficking and 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation for porn subscriptions.

Why NC?

- Interstates: I-95, I-85, I-40
- Agriculture and meat processing industries
- Coastal Tourism
- Immigration
- Military bases
- High number of universities
- High demand for cheap sex and cheap labor
- Easy access to vulnerable populations

Scope of the Problem – Internationally

- There is an estimated 27 million victims
- High demand – 49% of profit is generated in industrialized countries such as the US
- Number of victims trafficking into the US annually – 17,500
- Super Bowl: “the single largest human trafficking incident in the US” Texas Att. General Abbot

The Salvation Army's Raleigh-based Project FIGHT

The Salvation Army (TSA) offers emergency case management services as well as long-term comprehensive case management services to victims of human trafficking anywhere in the state of NC

- 49 cases to date
- 82 individuals
- Working to assist victims with safety planning, food, housing, clothing, medical care, schooling, transportation and life skills

Awareness and outreach – Awareness events, Educational Trainings and Meetings  
Outreach – working with community members.

What can you do to help?

- If it is an emergency, call 911
- If it is potential tip, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888
- Teach others about Human Trafficking and Anti-Human Trafficking efforts.
- Request a training in your community.

### **3. Call to Action: Event being organized by ALPES for Schenley Square Mobile Home Park**

ALPES would like to create an event for residents of Schenley Square Ship of Zion church have been going to Schenley Square community every Monday and given out food and the Police Department has been going to the community to answer questions and provide education about the Police is here to support and help the community. Last night, (ICE) Immigration came to the community (not confirmed if it was ICE) and was looking for a drug dealer and now the community is scared about being outside and being caught regarding illegal status. The drug dealer has supposedly been caught.

It is very important that we can continuously connect with the community with the resources that are provided, especially with the local police authorities. It is now more important than ever for ALPES to help plan an event for the residents of Schenley Square. It will be important for ALPES members to do some outreach in the community to raise awareness about ALPES and other local community resources.

ALPES is tentatively scheduling a bilingual event for everyone in the community on Saturday, July 13 10am-1pm and we will have outreach events promoting the July event prior to that date.

Aracelys will send an e-mail out to ALPES members to see people's ideas and thoughts regarding helping out with this event.

## **Announcements**

Petra – The Wake County Community Health Needs Assessment Forum that will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at multiple locations throughout the county and refreshments will be provided.

The Community Locations are:

Central: WakeMed Andrews Center, 3000 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh

Eastern: WCHS Eastern Regional Center, 1002 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon

Western: Cary Senior Center, 120 Maury O'Dell Place, Cary

Northern: New Bethel Baptist Church, 605 Young Street, Rolesville

Southern: WCHS Southern Regional Center, 130 N. Judd Parkway NE, Fuquary-Varina

Comfort Home Health Care, Inc. – They provide help and care for in home aid for 2 or 3 hours to help older adults with assistance if needed. Services include bathing & grooming, assist with dressing &

undressing, ambulation, assist with transfers, observing conditions, grocery shopping, meal preparation, prescription pick-ups, reminder of medications, setting goals.

Aracelys – A survey from City of Raleigh and NC State University in English and Spanish regarding disaster preparedness. The survey is in English and Spanish. Here is the link to the Spanish version: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/community\\_disasterpreparedness\\_spanish](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/community_disasterpreparedness_spanish)

Aracelys – Taller de Liderazgo Comunitario - Community Leadership Program for Spanish Speaking Adults. The requirement is that they then have to share the information they learn during the sessions with family, friends and neighbors. It will be held at Hill Street Park, 2307 Hill Street, Raleigh, NC 27604. Registration is until May 21, 2013. Program will be from Thursday, May 23 to Thursday, June 27 for 6 sessions on every Thursday. Graduation from the program will be held on June 29, 2013. The program was last conducted in 2011. ALL FREE

Pepe – Boys and Girls Club. They have 472 Latinos youth. The club consists of 84% Latinos, 10% African-America and 6% other.

Centro para Familias Hispanas – Language is Key program is funded by Smart Start (teach parent effective strategies that promotes language development). CPFH hours are Mon-Thursday 10am-6pm and Friday 10am-2pm. They offer ESL classes at 4 different levels. Pre-school for parents who participate in ESL classes. They currently have a waiting list of 12 kids. They also offer GED classes, bilingual counselors, case management. They also have a 10 week program to teach parents to teach how to read, educated and play with their children. They also offer programs in advanced reading and math. They have a food pantry that serves thousands of people a month. They receive about 100 food referrals a day. They also offer “Language is the Key” 10-week program at different locations. This program serves about 100-120 families in one year. They also help with credit applications.

Reminder: Announcements should be limited to several minutes per person. If longer discussion is needed, please let **Aracelys know so that she can add it to the agenda.**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2013 from 6-8 pm.**

**Thank You!**