



Special Called Safe Harbor Commission Meeting
September 10, 2024
Teams Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present: Dianne Scoggins, Judith Fouts, Jay Neal, Theresa Schiefer

Members Absent: Candice Broce, April Hale, Irene Munn, Grant Thomas

Presentations

Ross Bergethon, Principal Deputy Solicitor General with the Office of the Attorney General

- Oral Arguments in the Georgia Supreme Court were held on August 21.
- The court will issue an opinion in 2-6 months with their decision.

Christian Murphy, CEO of Wellspring Living

- Wellspring Living serves survivors and those at-risk ages 12+ through a comprehensive, trauma-informed, survivor-centered approach that covers the full spectrum of needs, including housing, healing services, and education.
- Residential Programs:
 - Women (est. 2001),
 - Girls (est. 2008),
 - Receiving Hope Center (est. 2020)- 90-day critical care facility serving youth of all genders and the first facility of its type in Georgia.
- Post-Program Services:
 - Case Management- follow-up services with access to housing support vouchers and no-cost therapy,
 - The Bridge Apartments- transitional housing for past participants and their children.
- Community-Based Programs:
 - The Training Institute- training, mentorship, and advocacy tools for individuals and organizations across the US,
 - Women's Academy- GED and career training for women.
- Since 2001, Wellspring Living has directly supported over 2,400 domestic sex trafficking survivors.
- Welcome Home Campaign:
 - Current capacity: about 500
 - New capacity after campaign: 750



- Safe Harbor has helped fund 197 otherwise unfunded nights for youth at Wellspring Living homes.

Closing Comments

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.