**Safe Harbor Commission Sub-Committee Meeting**

**(Development of a Protocol Document)**

August 14, 2020

Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Meeting Attendees:** Tom Rawlings, Rachel Davidson, Elena Costa, Amy Hutsell, Erica Mortonson, Michelle Price, April Hale, Diane Scoggins, Susan Boatwright, Dahlia Brown and Salena Perry.

* The meeting started at 1:02 pm.
* Rachel asked the commission members about their reasons for participating in the development of the protocol document.
* The responses included having an organized way to intervene and help those that have been victims of sex trafficking to come out of that lifestyle successfully, the opportunity to provide more awareness to the masses about the severity of sex trafficking in Georgia and having the funding to be able to provide the resources necessary to help the victims of sex trafficking.
* The expectation for this sub-committee is to develop protocol consistent with the Safe Harbor legislation.
* Prior to the meeting, the attendees received the DFCS Human Trafficking CM Statewide Protocol in a draft as well as the Georgia Human Trafficking Service Delivery Plan.
* Rachel discussed the responsibility of the Commission which is to develop a statewide protocol for helping to coordinate the delivery of services to sexually exploited children.
* The language in the protocol is more specific than the plan. The protocol provides step by step instructions on how to carry out services and expectations. The language in the plan gives a broad overview on the State’s response to human trafficking.
* The Commission decided to use the DFCS protocol as a starting point and modify it as needed.
* There is currently a significant transition in the care and coordination of DMST victims in Georgia.
* In May, CJCC made the funding to assist DMST/CSEC victims competitive through an application process.
* They brought in partners from DFCS, OCA, the Governor’s Office and DJJ to assist with an external review to determine which organization scored the highest with meeting the criteria.
* The Children Advocacy Centers of Georgia (CAC of GA) were awarded the funding to take over the hotline and ongoing care for DMST/CSEC victims.
* Their plan includes a network of designated CACs across the state for DMST and CSEC youth.
* CAC of Georgia is working on developing how the services will be delivered.
* The hotline number will stay with Georgia Cares according to their Board of Directors.
* CAC of Georgia will have to secure another hotline number.
* The transition between Georgia Cares and CAC of GA should be completed by October 1,2020.
* It was suggested that Gabrielle Starr (Human Trafficking Programming Coordinator for DFCS), Martha Dukes, a person from DJJ, a person from the GBI and CAC of Georgia should be invited to these sub-committee meetings moving forward to help develop the protocol and service plan.
* The next steps for this sub-committee included further review of the plan and protocol and ask partnering agencies to do the same.
* The sub-committee requested the contact information for partnering agencies that will be involved in this process.
* The sub-committee also asked for examples of states that have successfully developed this type of plan and protocol.
* Tom agreed to reach out to Mike Dudgeon about assigning an appointee to the Commission.
* It was suggested that the sub-committee reach out to the Receiving Center for a socially distanced tour of the facility.
* Amy agreed to help coordinate
* The sub-committee agreed to meet in September to further discuss the plan and protocol.
* The sub-committee agreed to use a Doodle Poll to determine the next meeting date and time.
* The meeting ended at 1:52pm.