

Human Trafficking Project Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 31, 2018: 10.30 – 11.30 AM

Family Services of Peel - Board Room

5th floor, 151 City Centre Drive, Mississauga

Attendees: Dr. Hanni Stoklosa, Dr. Firdosi Mehta, Alma Arguello, Katarina MacLeod, Sandra Rupnarain, Monica Riutort, Svjetlana Delic, Chandra Coomaraswamy, Doaa Elislambouly

Chair: Sandra Rupnarain

Regrets: Dr. Susan Bartels, Joy Brown

Absent:

Agenda	Discussion	Decision/Action	Responsible
Greetings & Introduction New Members	Alma Arguello, Executive Director of SAVIS from Holton was welcomed to the Committee.		Sandra
Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes	Last meeting's minutes were approved by Dr. Firdosi Mehta and seconded by Svjetlana Delic		Sandra
Update on the Presentation to the Justice and Human Rights Committee in Ottawa and Peel Reginal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra briefed on the Presentation to the Justice and Human rights Committee in Ottawa • Sandra informed that she would be doing a presentation on the work being implemented on human trafficking to the Peel Regional Council on June 14, 2018, and the Region of Peel is initiating a plan to address human trafficking in Peel. She also mentioned that the Region had earlier invited Family Services of Peel to submit a proposal. 		Sandra
Project Work Plan year 2 & 3 Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica presented the HT Project Work Plan for year 2 and year 3. She informed that the literature review and data analysis were sent to members for feedback and thanked everyone for sending their comments. She said that she would incorporate all the feedback and have the needs assessment report ready by September. 	Needs Assessment report to be prepared by September	Monica

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 will be concentrated on knowledge transfer and a Symposium planned for 2019. Monica suggested having a Canada, US and Brazil joint Symposium and Dr. Hanni (US/HEAL network) agreed to collaborate with the committee and coordinate to find speakers. • University of Toronto Mississauga Campus was suggested as the Venue for the Symposium. However, Sandra suggested having a further discussion about the venue internally due to the feedback she received about parking and food issues at the last symposium in the same venue. It was agreed to discuss and finalize the venue within two weeks. So that it will give us enough time to plan the event. • A small advisory committee will be appointed to call for Abstracts, review abstracts and select the articles. • The format of the symposium will be discussed once the date and venue is finalized. • It was suggested that the symposium will be bridging Academia, the community and service providers • Monica requested Rising Angels to assist in having four more interviews with Survivors if possible, since the project interviewed only four survivors. • Alma informed that SAVIS has two survivors in the Holton collaborative table who would be willing to do an interview. • Sandra informed that Family Services of Peel counsellors are much more comfortable to identify and support survivors now. As a result, a survivor who came for regular services was identified and now receiving support for trauma. 		Sandra, Monica, Hanni,
<p>Discussion on the Qualitative Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica presented the major findings from the qualitative analysis of the survivor interviews and focus group with the mothers of survivors/victims. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica stated that having a focus group with the Mothers is a unique feature of this study where no one has thought about the family before. The family, especially the mother is the person who looks for services to support her daughter. Hence, the focus group provided information on services available in Peel, gaps that exist and the challenges to obtain services for survivors of human trafficking. • In general, survivors do not look for services, they are not aware of it, and most of the time their mothers that look for services to support their daughters. • Katarina informed that Rising Angels is running a support group for mothers. • Major issues that needs to be addressed in order to identify and support survivors: Health care services, social services, long term support, safe housing, education and awareness to health care and social workers • Mothers of survivors are interested to form an organization similar to MADD to fight for their daughters • Alma presented the SAVIS collaborate Harm Reduction Approach to address HT in Holton. However, this approach needs more resources to be successful to help more than one woman at a time. This is a unique approach in Canada. • Alma requested the support of PIVP-FSP to have a Harm Reduction tool/Assessment. • Dr. Firdosi suggested that it would be good to invest in the social media to bring all this information to the public in the year 2 instead of waiting for the Symposium in year 3. 		<p>Monica, Sandra, Alma</p> <p>Monica, Sandra</p>
<p>Next Meeting and Adjournment</p>	<p>Next meeting will be on 20th September, Thursday from 11 am -12 noon</p>		

Sandra briefed on the Ottawa Presentation and informed that she would be doing a presentation on the work done on human trafficking to the Peel Regional Council on June 14, 2018.

Sandra informed that the Region of Peel is initiating a plan to address human trafficking in Peel. Region invited Family Services of Peel to submit a proposal.

Sandra

Project Work Plan year 2 & 3 Discussion

Monica presented the Project Work Plan for year 2 and year 3.

She informed that the literature review and data analysis are sent to members for feedback and comments. She thanked everyone for their comments and said that she would incorporate all the feedback and have the needs assessment report ready by September.

Year 3 will concentrate on knowledge transfer, and a Symposium will be organized in 2019. Monica suggested having a Canada and US joint Symposium. Dr. Hanni (US/HEAL network) agreed to collaborate with the committee and coordinate to find speakers. It was suggested to have the Symposium at the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus. However, Sandra suggested having a further discussion about the venue internally due to the feedback she received about parking and food issues at the last symposium. It was agreed to finalize the place within two weeks to have enough time to plan the event.

A small review committee will be appointed to call for Abstracts, review abstracts and select the articles.

The format of the symposium will be discussed once the date and venue are finalized.

It was suggested that the symposium would bridge Academia, the community and service providers

Monica requested Rising Angels to assist in having four more interviews with Survivors if possible since the project interviewed only four survivors.

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Needs Assessment report ready in September

Monica

Sandra, Monica, Hanni,

Discussion on the Qualitative Analysis

Monica presented the key findings from the qualitative analysis of the survivor interviews and focus group with the mothers of survivors/victims.

Monica stated that having a focus group with the Mothers is a unique feature of this study where no one has thought about the family before. The family, especially the mother is the person who looks for services to support her daughter. Hence, the focus group provided information on services available in Peel, gaps that exist and the challenges to obtain services for survivors of human trafficking.

In general, survivors do not look for services, they are not aware of it, and most of the time their mothers that look for services to support their daughters.

Katarina informed that Rising Angels is running a support group for mothers.

Significant issues that need to be addressed to identify and support survivors: Healthcare services, social services, long-term support, safe housing, education and awareness to health care and social workers

Mothers of survivors are interested in forming an organization similar to MADD to fight for their daughters

Alma presented the SAVIS collaborate Harm Reduction Approach to address HT in Holton. However, this approach needs more resources to be successful to help more than one woman at a time. Harm reduction approach is a unique approach in Canada.

Alma requested the support of PIVP-FSP to have a Harm Reduction tool/Assessment.

Dr. Firdosi suggested that it would be good to invest in the social media to bring all this information to the public in the year two instead of waiting for the Symposium in year 3.

