

## Human Trafficking Project Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 20, 2018: 11.00 – 12.00 PM

**Family Services of Peel - Board Room**

5<sup>th</sup> floor, 151 City Centre Drive, Mississauga

**Attendees:** Dr. Firdosi Mehta, Alma Arguello, Sandra Rupnarain, Monica Riutort, Angela Carter, Jennifer Martins, Svjetlana Delic, Chandra Coomaraswamy, Doaa Elislambouly, Nikki Clarke

**Chair:** Sandra Rupnarain

**Regrets:** Dr. Susan Bartels, Dr. Hanni Stoklosa, Katarina MacLeod

**Absent:**

Agenda	Discussion	Decision/Action	Responsible
<b>Greetings &amp; Introduction of New Members</b>	Sandra welcomed the new members to the advisory committee. Three new members joined the committee. They are Angela Carter, Jennifer Martins, and Nikki Clarke.		Sandra
<b>Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes</b>	Last meeting's minutes were approved by Dr. Firdosi Mehta and seconded by Svjetlana Delic		Sandra
<b>HT Conference Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandra updated on the global conference in June 2019.</li> <li>• Monica presented the call for abstracts for discussion. Suggestions were made to have clear objectives of the conference in the abstract.</li> <li>• Sandra stated that a flyer would be developed to advertise the conference to the public which will be different from the call for abstracts</li> <li>• The committee discussed the name for the conference; suggestions were made to give equal place to HT and Trauma</li> <li>• Monica informed that the scientific committee for the conference would have five members including Dr. Firdosi Metha since he represents the Governance and HT advisory committee. The other members will be</li> </ul>		<p>Monica</p> <p>Sandra</p> <p>Monica, Sandra</p>

	<p>Professor John Simalchik of UFT, Professor Elisabeth Jensen of York University, and Dr, Hanni Stoklosa of Harvard University and HEAL Trafficking of US.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was stated that the conference is a platform for the project to display the research and other work completed in two years and to provide an opportunity for other players to present their work on trauma and human trafficking.</li> </ul>		
<b>Project Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monica informed that the needs assessment is complete and the final report is being compiled.</li> <li>• It was informed that Monica produced an article on human trafficking and was published in the Tough Times Newspaper</li> <li>• It was informed that the project is in discussion with SAVIS on how they can conduct a study on HT of women with disabilities. The project may bring networking opportunities in Peel and Halton regions.</li> <li>• It was stated that HT and Trauma are complexed. HT includes labour and sex trafficking, and Govt of Ontario has separated them. PIVP takes a human rights approach, different from the GOVT of Canada’s justice and police approach</li> <li>• It was stated that it is also important to understand the harm reduction approaches and the abolitionists’ movements approach concerning human trafficking.</li> </ul>		<p>Monica</p> <p>Monica, Alma</p>
<b>Next Meeting and Adjournment</b>	<p>Next meeting will be on November 22, Thursday from 11 am – 12 pm</p> <p>Meeting adjourned</p>		



