



National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States Summary of Meeting January 9, 2019

Wednesday January 9, 2019 | 1–3 p.m.

The National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States (the Committee) convened virtually for its third meeting on January 9, 2019. The National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) ensured there were no technical difficulties and advised public participants observing the meeting through Adobe Connect about technical support. Committee Chair Glen (J.R.) Ujifusa, Senior Deputy District Attorney of Multnomah County, Oregon, opened the meeting, held a roll call, and established that a quorum was met.

Committee Members

Present Virtually

- Rebecca Bender, Rebecca Bender Initiative
- Justice Bobbe Bridge (Ret.), Center for Children & Youth Justice
- Marissa Castellanos, Catholic Charities of Louisville
- Kimberly Chang, M.D., M.P.H., Asian Health Services
- Governor Doug Ducey (Substitute: Tim Roemer), Arizona
- Captain Pi Downsborough, Massachusetts State Police
- Jordan Greenbaum, M.D., International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children
- Stacey Katz, Psy.D. WestCoast Children’s Clinic
- Christine Raino, Esq., Shared Hope International
- Judge John J. Romero, Jr., Second Judicial District Court, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Children’s Court Division
- Kathy Sauve, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota–Brainerd
- Staca Shehan, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
- Carol Smolenski, ECPAT-USA
- David Strauss, Prevent Child Abuse America, North Dakota chapter
- Glen (J.R.) Ujifusa, Jr., Senior Deputy District Attorney of Multnomah County, Oregon (Committee Chair)
- Erin Williamson, L.C.S.W., M.P.A., Love146

Present In Person

None

Not Present

- Robert Lung, 18th Judicial District, Arapahoe County & Douglas County Justice Centers, Colorado
- Yasmin Vafa, Rights4Girls
- John Vanek, San Jose Police Department (ret.)

Other Attendees

Lists based on registration; attendance not taken at meeting

Federal Participants

- Katherine Chon, Director, Office on Trafficking in Persons, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Committee Designated Federal Officer)
- Ana Cody, Family and Youth Services Bureau
- Kate Cooper, Office on Trafficking in Persons
- Rosie Gomez, Children's Bureau

Public Participants

- Ava Donald, National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center
- Liliana Hernandez, National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center
- Jodie Langs, WestCoast Children's Clinic
- Annabelle Thomson, National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center
- Stephanie Vega, National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center

Opening Remarks

Committee Designated Federal Officer Katherine Chon welcomed everyone to the third meeting.

Welcome and Committee Business

Committee Chair J.R. Ujifusa welcomed Committee members and reviewed the agenda for the virtual meeting. Mr. Ujifusa reminded the Committee that the outline for their workplan is due to Congress on January 18, 2019, and explained the importance of each member's input into the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations. Mr. Ujifusa reminded the Committee that the focus of the meeting was final approval of the outline for Congress. The Committee could add/edit content within the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations until the night of January 8, 2019.

Mr. Ujifusa explained that once Committee approval of the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations is received, the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) would edit and format the document, and the document would undergo a final review by the Committee Chair and Designated Federal Officer before it is submitted to Congress.

Old Business

Preliminary Outline of Recommendations

Ms. Chon informed the Committee that OTIP will add the appropriate headers and addresses to the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations, as they receive the most updated information. OTIP performed an initial review of the Committee members' additions to the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations

and removed duplicative information and all citations, as these will be saved for the Committee's comprehensive document; Ms. Chon noted that any acts or legal references required to supplement the outline (i.e., the Federal statute that created the NAC) are cited. Ms. Chon and Mr. Ujifusa asked which attachments the Committee may want to include with the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations submission. The Committee members discussed including the glossary of terms but reached consensus that the glossary was not complete.

The Committee agreed the glossary of terms would not be included as an attachment to the outline and that any additional information would be included in the product submitted in January 2020. The Committee agreed to include three attachments with their outline of preliminary recommendations in the January 2019 submission: (1) Committee's responsibilities; (2) Members of the Committee; (3) Letter to Congress from November 2018. The Committee also discussed the importance of referencing legal and research citations in the January 2020 submission, as well as having equal attention for both children and youth in all relevant sections of the January 2020 submission.

Committee members continued to review the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations, and all stated they were comfortable with the introduction. The Committee reached consensus that while they acknowledge human trafficking is both sex and labor trafficking and happens to individuals of all ages, they are charged with a focus on the sex trafficking of children and youth in the United States. The outline lists 11 principles, each of which has been determined by the Committee to be an important aspect of the work they have been tasked with. Each subcommittee was asked to take on individual principles to further develop each for the outline and agreed that each will be more fully expanded in the full report to Congress in January 2020. The Committee discussed the language and terminology of the 11 principles and how they can be inclusive and supportive of all populations. The Committee agreed to include all the terms in the glossary, so the reader can understand why certain terms were used in the 2020 and 2021 documents. The Committee continued to ensure key members of a multidisciplinary team were included in the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations.

Following the review, Mr. Ujifusa motioned to accept the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations as ready for NHHTAC's copy edit. Judge Lung made the motion, Judge Romero seconded the motion. The motion was accepted and the review was deemed complete.

Requests for Information

John Vanek had previously volunteered to draft official language to be shared in public engagement letters or requests for information and present it to the Committee. Mr. Vanek was unable to participate in the virtual meeting, so the Committee did not review the draft. The Committee noted the review will occur at the next meeting.

Request to Congress

The Committee discussed the letter they sent to Congress requesting that the start date for the Committee reflect when the Committee first met, rather than when it was formed. The extension would allow the Committee to continue working on the state evaluations and recommendations until 2021. The Committee has not received a response from Congress to this request as of January 24, 2019.

New Business

Public Dissemination Efforts

The Committee discussed who the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations would be disseminated to other than Congress. The Committee agreed to share the report with the National Governor's Association, the Department of Health and Human Services' 10 regional offices, the Department of Justice, and the

National Association of Attorneys General. Each Committee member will also share the report with their individual networks. Ms. Chon noted the work of the Committee is public information and will be shared on the Committee's webpage.

The Committee discussed what actions need to be taken if a Committee member receives a media request regarding the National Advisory Committee's Preliminary Outline of Recommendations. Any media requests should be fielded to Ms. Chon and Mr. Ujifusa, as the media response requires Committee consensus.

Next Steps

The next National Advisory Committee meeting will be an in-person meeting in Arizona, potentially in May 2019. The subcommittees will hold meetings between now and the fourth public meeting. Members will begin to work on the detailed information to be added to the Preliminary Outline of Recommendations as well as add terms to the glossary. The Committee will also review John Vanek's draft for official committee language to be used when any requests for information by a Committee member are sent to non-Committee members. OTIP will share the copyedited Preliminary Outline of Recommendations to Committee members as well as the glossary draft for members to add terminology.

Public Comments

The full Committee listened to all public comments received. Kate Cooper read aloud all public comments received via the webinar chat box and provided time for the Committee to respond.

Caroline Palmer: "The Governor's office of Minnesota will have some public comments—I can add them:

The statistic and analysis on lack of mandatory restitution comes from Martina Vandenberg at the Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center." She provided [the United States Federal Courts' Continuing Failure to Order Mandatory Criminal Restitution for Human Trafficking Victims](#).

"Thank you everyone for all of the hard work! Much appreciated. I think it's important to add the language about the scope of the mandate being focused on sex trafficking. I'm wondering if the Committee can be even stronger about saying that the scope needs to be broadened in future efforts. Otherwise, it seems like the default always goes back to sex trafficking. I think this Committee is in a good position to push for that change.

Also, my colleague, Sarah Ladd, is going to address the point I raised in the email about focus of the report and including a section directing child welfare more specifically.

And finally, I'm wondering if any reference needs to be made to full faith and credit principles with regard to jurisdiction—that comes up a lot in protective order discussions. I don't know the extent it comes up in this context but thought I'd put it out there."

Sarah Ladd: "Thank you for accepting our Minnesota comments in the outline. My broader comment on the outline is to suggest the inclusion of a separate child protection/child welfare response section within the outline. Rather than interspersing the child protection response throughout many of the other sections, it may be preferable and add clarity if it could have a separate section. The section could include each of the areas outlined in all the other sections (training, policies and procedures, implementation, data and evaluation, and funding and sustainability). I am available to provide additional input on my comments related to the child protection sector at sarah.ladd@state.mn.us."

Kimberly Murphy: “You may want to consider how to address the concerns child welfare agencies may immediately have about unfunded mandates that may result from this.”

Adjournment

The official meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m. (eastern).