



January Meeting Minutes

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Good News

It's Human Trafficking Awareness Month!!

Melinda Sampson: The Mellow Mushroom group raise event went very well.

Desha Lane: She is celebrating 15 years serving with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office

PCCAHT Vision, Mission ([Handout](#))

Rapid Response Team Report (Juliana Mariani was not there to give the report)

Human Trafficking Cases for December ([Handout](#))

Pam Strickland: Discusses the case with the Havelock city commissioner charged with child pornography.

Training Opportunities ([Handout](#))

Pam Strickland: The Stewards of Children training will be Jan. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m.; NC Stop Human Trafficking's Human Trafficking 101 will be on the same day at 6 p.m. in the same room at the library. There is also a webinar on Jan. 29 presented by Futures Without Violence.

The "Blind Eyes Opened" documentary premiere is also Jan. 23 7 p.m. A table could not be set up at event because the materials that would be handed out were "not appropriate" for children under the age of 13, according to the theater's corporate office.

We could find other businesses around the theatre that would allow for table setup.

Human Trafficking Awareness Month Report ([Presentation](#))

Melinda Sampson: PCCAHT was able to get all the municipalities to sign the proclamation declaring January as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. (See photos from presentation). The social media campaign went very well on NC Stop Human Trafficking's platforms, however, PCCAHT does not have a strong social media following so the actual coalition's campaign was good but we need to increase our social media following.

Survivor Story

Maria Teresa Jiminez told her story about being recruited under false promises and then being sexually exploited in Eastern North Carolina. She is struggling to get access to the victim relief that she is entitled to and is using the services of Legal Aid of NC to help her.

Overview of the North Carolina in the Anti-Human Trafficking Movement ([Presentation](#))

Pam Strickland: 2020 makes the 10th anniversary for NC Stop Human Trafficking. NC Stop Human Trafficking's action items include education, collaboration, legislation and fair trade.

There is a grant team working to increase capacity to serve victims in underserved areas. Those areas are Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson, Northampton, Hertford, Gates, and Bertie counties.

There has been anti-human trafficking legislation in North Carolina, including the recent law requiring school personnel to receive sex trafficking training as well as child sexual abuse training.

There were 14 active cases in 2018 and 0 labor trafficking cases.

(See [Presentation](#) for More information about organizations and their work in N.C.)

Follow-up from Gaps in Services ([Updated Handout](#))

Pam Strickland: Juliana and Pam met with Janie Taylor, the Director of CareNet Counseling. They offer counseling to people who are able to pay and not pay. Those counseling services are also offered in Spanish.

Announcements

Check out the BRACE podcast that PCCAHT members Melinda Sampson (NC Stop Human Trafficking) and Bonnie Jean Kuras (TEDI BEAR) facilitate.

Stewards of Children Training

Thursday, January 23, 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans Street, Greenville

Register: <https://tedibear.ecu.edu/stewards-of-children/>

Human Trafficking 101

Thursday, January 23, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans St., Greenville

Light supper served.

Register at: <https://humantrafficking101january.eventbrite.com>

“Blind Eyes Opened” (Documentary about Human Trafficking)

Thursday, January 23, 7pm

750 SW Greenville Boulevard

Greenville, NC 27834

[Trailer and more info: https://blindeyesopened.com/](https://blindeyesopened.com/)

[Tickets](#)

Eve Ensler’s The Vagina Monologues

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Wright Auditorium

Directed by Ashley Cleland and Rose Bogue

Sponsored by the Women and Gender Office and Dr. Jesse R Peel LGBTQ Center

Proceeds go to support the Center for Family Violence Prevention

*Contains strong language and mature content

Valentine Dinner

Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Holiday Inn, 203 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville

Cost: \$45 in advance, no tickets at the door

Fundraiser to benefit youth programs in Pitt County

For more information, call Minerva Freeman at 252-258-3522

Cash App: \$MinervaDFreeman

Circle of Security Parenting Classes

Location: TEDI BEAR Children’s Advocacy Center

2303 Executive Dr., Greenville, N.C.

Next session begins in January

See flyer for details to register.

Next Meeting

February 20, 9:30 a.m.

Sheppard Memorial Library, Meeting Room A

Adjourn

Next meetings- Mark Your Calendars

February 20

March 19

April 16

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Email melinda@ncstophumantrafficking.org to add your organization.