



**May 21, 2020**

## **Minutes**

### **Introductions**

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### **Good News**

Leah Arnold: Legal Aid was working with a minor victim who applied for a T-visa. It was denied unjustly in our opinion, it was appealed and that appeal was successful. It is very hard to win administrative appeals off of this type, so they were very happy about that.

Liz Liles: We had a girl that was pretty behind on her rent and she was getting intense pressure from her landlord. We had a donor step up and we were able to go pay two months of her back rent. You could hear the relief in her voice. She is phenomenal. We were able to get one of our seniors a cap and gown for graduation. Today we are doing a baby shower.

Tiffanie Ritenour-Herring: We have four members of our staff trained in QPR training, it's suicide prevention training. We are offering this training, so if anyone on your staff needs to be trained, we will be able to do it.

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## **Rapid Response Team Report**

14 clients in all with 3 males and 11 females. There are 10 sex trafficking and 4 labor trafficking. There are 6 domestic born clients and 8 Latinos. No minors. The next rapid response meeting will likely be in July.

## **Human Trafficking Cases for April**

We did not see any cases in the news in April in NC. This does not mean that human trafficking isn't happening, of course.

In Federal news: Supervisors in an HSI investigation into human trafficking in illicit massage parlors authorized agents to have sex with potential human trafficking victims.

More information here:

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/homeland-secrets/agenttouch/story/investigative-techniques.html>

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/homeland-secrets/agenttouch/story/see-something-say-something.html>

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/homeland-secrets/agenttouch/story/operation-asian-touch.html>

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/homeland-secrets/agenttouch/story/otherwise-illegal-activity.html>

If you would like to sign a petition to protest, [sign here](#).

If you would like to send a letter of protest, please send to these agencies:

<https://www.dhs.gov/compliance-branch>

<https://hotline.oig.dhs.gov/#step-1>

<https://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/file-civil-rights-complaint>

## **Training Opportunities (See attachment)**

**Speaker:** Elizabeth Hunter, Project FIGHT

Are able to serve all human trafficking victims:

Trans

Men

Women

Foreign born and undocumented

Labor and sex trafficking

Minors and adults

Case Management

Awareness and Outreach

Partnership and Advocacy

49% increase from 2018 to 2019

## **Announcements**

**CareNet Counseling:** We continue to take new clients and have the ability to assist those who are un- and under-insured. Call 252-355-2801.

### **Resources for Covid-19 (attached)**

Online tips

Take care of yourself and others

### **Human Trafficking 101 (Virtual)**

Wednesday, June 10, 2-4:30pm

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-human-trafficking-101-june-2020-tickets-106127504222>

### **Human Trafficking Commission**

Thursday, June 25, 10:00am – 1:00pm

[Details](#)

## **Next Meeting**

June 18, 9:30 a.m.

Sheppard Memorial Library, Meeting Room A

## **Adjourn**

## **Next meetings- Mark Your Calendars**

June 18  
July 16  
August 20

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