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Minutes

Introductions

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Good News

Pam Strickland: Last week I was able to speak with the region 10 health directors. There were eight different counties represented there. I was able to speak to them about the need of their staff to receive training about Human Trafficking. I have done a training for Pitt County Health Department just a couple of weeks ago and a couple of the other ones have expressed interest as well and I will be following up with them, so that's great news. Also, Pitt County Sheriff's offices now have a full time Human Trafficking investigator, Travis White.

Bonnie Jean Kuras: We have been, as part of the BRACE community, building resilience encourage to excel with our resilience facilitators. We have been hosting and are continuing to host, for Pitt county (People who work and/or live in Pitt County), we are hosting the reconnect for resilience two-day trainings, once a month for free. Will continue to be doing that to help people through COVID-19 develop some resilience skills.

Melinda Sampson: We started school personnel training at NC Stop Human Trafficking, we did the statewide charter school conference on Wednesday (July 15). We also have other charter schools training, but we are also doing module like training, where we record us talking about

human trafficking through the lens of what school personnel really need to know. Having activities and assignments, as if they were students going to school for participation purposes.

Deborah Savage: The Health Department is providing free COVID testing throughout Pitt County.

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Rapid Response Team Report

Julianna Mariani: I have 10 Latino victims that I am currently working with, five of them are labor trafficking and five of them are sex trafficking. Out of those, three are males, then I have five Americans, all are women, and all are sex trafficking. We just got the two new cases, which are for labor trafficking.

Of the two new cases one is from Kinston and the other is from Washington, with the rest all being from Pitt County. All victims are young adults (in their 20's) and the older ones are for labor trafficking, with two of the victims being in their early 30's. One of the victims in labor trafficking is mentally disabled.

Human Trafficking Cases - June 2020

Training Opportunities (See handout)

**National Human Trafficking Hotline - Stats for NC
(See attached presentation)**

Announcements

Stewards of Children Training

July 21 from 2-4pm

To register: email Glossonk15@ecu.edu or kurasb18@ecu.edu

NC Stop Human Trafficking WEBINAR: Labor Trafficking in the US

August 3, 2 p.m.

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Voices of Freedom Survivor Speaker Web Series

Wednesday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Aug. 6, 10 a.m.

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Voices of Freedom Survivor Speaker Web Series

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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NC Stop Human Trafficking WEBINAR: Human Trafficking 101

August 12, 2 p.m.

What is human trafficking? Why is it so prevalent in NC? Join us to learn the answers as well as how to identify red flags and warning signs in a potential victim; and how to report human trafficking.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Voices of Freedom Survivor Speaker Web Series

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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Human Trafficking Commission Meeting

Aug. 27, 10 a.m.

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Next Meeting

August 20, 9:30 a.m.

Virtual or Sheppard Memorial Library, Meeting Room A

Adjourn

Next meetings- Mark Your Calendars

August 20

September 17

October 15

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