

NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION Special Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2020, 4:00pm-4:30pm
Meeting Conducted by WebEx* through the NC Judicial Center

Commission Members in Attendance by Video or Phone:

Danielle Carman, Administrative Office of the Courts
Jennifer Haigwood, NC Department of Labor
Jasmine McGhee, NC Department of Justice
Pam Cashwell, NC Department of Public Safety (entered meeting at 4:20 pm)
Caitlin Ryland, Legal Aid of North Carolina
Angelica Wind, NC Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Suzanne Mauney Smith, Gaston County Police
Thomas Bernard, Wake Med
William M. Nichols, Ret. Major NC Highway Patrol

Commission Staff Present by video or phone:

Christine Long, Executive Director
Dr. Nancy Hagan, Training Coordinator

*Members of the public were invited to watch the meeting and access meeting materials through a stream provided on the website.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The Chair called the meeting to order and read the following State Government Ethics Act reminder:

- In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (HTC) member to avoid conflicts of interest. If any HTC member has any known conflict of interest in respect to any matter coming in front of the HTC, they must identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

Approval of the Minutes: August 27th, 2020

Due to new public meeting requirements for virtual meetings during the pandemic, the motion to approve the August 27, 2020 meeting minutes was approved through a roll-call vote. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Ad Hoc Appropriations Committee Update

Chair Haigwood discussed the remaining \$105,193 in unspent grant funds. The Center for Human Trafficking Court Solutions (CHTCS) returned this money to the Commission after their grant project closed on June 30, 2020. The Cumberland County WORTH Court was the main contractor on the original CHTCS grant and submitted a proposal to

the Commission to use the remaining funds to further work on the grant's initial goals. Commission members were asked to vote on whether to reissue the \$105,193 directly to the WORTH Court.

Jasmine McGhee requested that the WORTH Court add a racial equity proponent to their proposal. Chair Haigwood called a for a motion to approve the WORTH Court's request, with the addition of Commissioner McGee's request. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment:

At 4:24 pm the meeting was adjourned by Chair Haigwood. The next meeting will be held on October 22, 2020.

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