

Membership Meeting Agenda

April 10, 2025

- Welcome
- Please sign in on chat or sign in sheet Saved in NCCAHT records
- Introduction of Board Members and Officers
 - o Pam (Chair), Nikki, Sarah Michael (Secretary) in Raleigh
 - Nick (Treasurer) in Charlotte
 - Cindy in Greensboro
 - Kara in Asheville
 - Megan Virtual
- Introduction of Members Present (due to technical issues introductions were done in the chat of the meeting- thank you attending members!)
- Report from the Chair
 - Review the article about funds that HTC received:
 <u>https://www.propublica.org/article/north-carolina-human-trafficking-commission-funding-investigation-call</u>
 - HB 595 teaching about IPV in school sex education https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2025/H595
 - Pam's Op-Ed published in The Daily Reflector about it.https://www.reflector.com/opinion/editorial_columnists/pam-str ickland-bill-will-put-kids-at-risk-of-sexual-abuse/article_614fbc3 b-e339-4654-8cc4-a4d86330807c.html

- Committee Reports
 - <u>Community Engagement</u> Board member Cindy King is chairing this committee
 - They had the first meeting in March and it went well with a good number of members attending to voice their ideas for how the Community Engagement Team can grow membership and better engage the broader community.
 - Upcoming meeting on May 20th to narrow down work items for committee
 - Information on May meeting sent out to members via email and is on the events page of the website
 - Fundraising Partially chaired by Kara Griffin with her speciality being fundraising events as well as navigating partnerships with private entities.
 - Examples of private partnerships and events could be grocery stores like Food Lion, or fair trade events through partnering with service organizations that tie closely to NCCAHT's mission/vision.
 - Or looking to partner with churches who are a part of this mission, additionally looking to also have a day of profit from a business, or a raffle. For instance she has examples of cards made by survivors, that can be sold to raise funds
 - Grants and other revenues is chaired in part by Dean
 - Additional efforts made by Treasurer Nick to get NCCAHT involved in State Employees Combined Campaign again.
- NC Human Trafficking Commission Meetings (can attend in person or virtually)
 - o Next HTC meeting April 24, 10am
 - New representative needed Dean Duncan is NCCAHT's nominee in the meantime. He is currently going through the process at the NC Speakers office to finalize his role, we hope he can attend this meeting and we can support him as a board and as membership!

- Ruth Relos Human Trafficking Prevention Grant Report (2 applicants)
 - \$4,600 of available funds
 - Will be reviewing with a team of board members who were barred from applying and hopefully approving soon! - refer back to previous info on dates
- Guest Speaker Freddy Massimi "follow money, fight slavery".com
 - o All materials he shared will be shared on our events page
 - Presentation
 - Report example
 - ATII Intelligence initiative, to disrupt HT with data and technology methods
 - Do this through public records, social media, and digital apps
 - An example is the use of Hashtags to further sextortion, Shell companies - signs that say homes for sale will pay cash, etc.
 - CSAM into intelligence reports (a free report offered, can provide it monthly) - he will be able to share a version of this report for us.
 - He mentioned the service for agencies to sign up to receive further reports on this type of specific information

A question raised that was applicable to us all, "How are buyers using the internet/social media to access vulnerable populations or those persons already involved in some of trafficking?" an example of these websites is skipthegames or operation shamrock.

Discussion Topic: Update from Western NC

• Kara, who was in Asheville, gave a bit of a report on her experience working with catholic ministries given that as a faith based organization they service a variety of community needs. Her biggest reminder was not to simply forget the experience of Appalachians if you aren't directly seeing what is happening. Want to mention the need for sharing the current state of people in that area, good and bad!

- <u>Announcements</u>: If you or your organization are hosting events, please feel free to share that with us so we can post/repost items to our social media in the hopes to access larger audiences.
 - NCCASA conference in May <u>2025 NCCASA Biennial Conference</u> <u>Registration | NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault</u>
 - HT in the Carolinas in Columbia, SC in July <u>Training South Carolina</u> <u>Attorney General</u> not yet posted but will be here most likely
 - the Just conference in Orlando, FL <u>JuST Conference 2025 JuST</u>
 Conference
 - North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys May 6-8 in Beaufort "break the silence" - Elder adults with HT, <u>Break the Silence - North</u> Carolina Conference of District Attorneys
 - NCCIA event May 10th in Pembroke Hardware family resource wellness and fun day! 10-5, diaper drive - Email Nikki at tenley.locklear@do.nc.gov for more details
 - Family Crisis funding Camp starts on mothers day, announcement made at breakfast event - big fundraiser oct 9th as a dinner gala and silent auction - <u>Family Crisis Council of Rowan, Inc. | Violence</u> <u>prevention response non-profit | Rowan County, NC</u>
 - Catholic Charities at St Matthews in Charlotte, bringing in a parishioner who works with FBI may 1st 7 pm - <u>Catholic Charities of</u> <u>the Diocese of Raleigh</u>

Membership meetings for 2025

July 10 Membership 11-12:30 Oct 9 Membership 11-12:30

Adjourn

Mission Statement

We foster connection and collaboration within the anti-human trafficking community.

Vision Statement

A united effort to end human trafficking in North Carolina