



Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

August 22, 2025

Council Members Present

Andrew Lorensen, *Council Vice Chair*
Evanne Caviness
Onnastasia Cole
ReJeania Downing
Janet Drake
Christian Gardner-Wood
Judge Shannon Gerhart
Jenelle Goodrich
Yaël Coley-Greene
Amanda Finger
Valerie Hansen
Irma Jaimes-Alonso
Anchal Jain
Jocelyn Jenks

Mona Petrocco Klein
Dominique LaCroix
Meghan LaPorte-Trujillo
Rebekah Layton
Jo-Ann O'Neil
Steven Ramirez
Capt. Kelby Siegfried
Hava Simmons
Katherine "Kat" Stenquist
Caleb Stewart
Dr. Megan Stidd
Dr. Michelle Sunkel
Sheriff Darren Weekly

Council Members Absent (*EXCUSED*)

Chief Jim Baird, *Council Chair (proxy to Janet Drake)*
Diana Goldberg (*Proxy to Janet Drake*)
Molly Stevens (*proxy to Dominique LaCroix*)
Bailey Thiry (*proxy to Evanne Caviness*)

Council Members Absent (*UNEXCUSED*)

Josh Landy
Chris Henderson

Division of Criminal Justice Staff

Camerron Resener, Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Lead
Jill Brogdon, Human Trafficking Program Coordinator
Austin Paul, Human Trafficking Grant Project Coordinator
Berit Evans, Program Assistant



Meeting Convened: 9:06 a.m.

Council Welcome

Vice Chair Andy Lorensen welcomed everyone to the August Colorado Human Trafficking Council “the Council” meeting. J. Brogdon announced several housekeeping items and asked Council members to introduce themselves and their position on the Council. There were two members of the public who attended virtually. The members of the public who attended virtually introduced themselves. No members of the public indicated a desire to provide public comment.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Vice chair A. Lorensen asked members for any edits to the July 2025 minutes. There were none. ***Do you approve of the minutes from the July 25th meeting?*** S. Ramirez moved to accept the minutes, seconded by A. Jain. ***The motion passed 27 Yes, 0 No with 5 abstentions. 4 votes were conducted via proxy vote.***

Forum for Public Comment

No members of the public spoke.

Service Provider Partnership Task Force

A. Jain gave a presentation with J. O’neil on the Service Provider Task Force. The goal of the task force was to strengthen the service provider response to victims of human trafficking. The task force reviewed the guidance for service-based providers, the Meeting Human Traffickers Needs workshop, and the Human Trafficking Vulnerability Assessment. Using a service provider panel conducted by the task force and the previous information gathered, the task force created a survey to present to the service providers who assert they do not serve victims of human trafficking.

J. O’neil briefly read through the survey. A. Jain noted that the overall goal of the survey was to strengthen the trust needed among providers and victims as well as narrow the gaps of service provision. A. Jain requested the Council to review the survey and requested feedback from the Council regarding the survey. R. Layton asked if there are any questions on the survey regarding long-term services such as professional development; A. Jain responded that the task force discussed the possibility of these questions but decided not to include them. A. Finger suggested including the state definition of human trafficking at the beginning of the survey and asked if this survey would then be submitted to the Institutional Review Board “IRB” in which C. Resener confirmed.

A. Lorensen asked for a vote to approve the survey. ***Do you approve of the Service Provider Partnership Task Force survey?*** S. Ramirez moved to approve the survey, seconded by J. Jenks. ***The motion passed 27 Yes, 0 No with 3 abstentions. 4 votes were conducted via proxy vote.***

Prevention Task Force

H. Simmons gave a presentation on the Prevention Task Force “PTF”. The PTF expanded upon the research conducted by the 2023 Education Task Force “ETF” regarding the delivery of human trafficking awareness trainings to middle school teachers and school districts in Colorado. The PTF focused on two main ideas: creating a pitch letter to send to superintendents; and applying to present school focused Introduction to Human Trafficking training at statewide conferences with audiences of school administrators.

H. Simmons explained that J. Brogdon assigned members with region-specific areas familiar to their constituents and community to send pitch letters to the superintendents in that region. The PTF has received 8 responses from school districts for additional information, including 3 scheduled trainings.

The PTF applied to 3 conferences; J. Brogdon received an approval email from two of these conferences, The Colorado School Counselors Conference in October, 2025, and the Colorado Society of School Psychologists in November 2025. The PTF created a spreadsheet on conference application dates for later this year and early next year that J. Brogdon will monitor and apply to as submission dates open.

Connecting Colorado Grant

A. Paul gave an update on the Connecting Colorado Grant Project, including where the project started and where it is expected to go. This project was funded by the Improving Outcomes Grant through OVC. The tangible deliverable of this project was the anti-human trafficking Multi-disciplinary Team “MDT” Toolkit and the Human Trafficking Vulnerability Assessment Tool “HTVA” tool. There were three communities that this toolkit was distributed to: Route, Weld, and Larimer Counties. A Paul and C. Resener provided technical assistance to participating MDT’s to help better utilize the MDT toolkits within their communities. CSU will conduct exit interviews with these communities to understand the gaps and strengths of the MDT toolkit. A. Paul will be writing the final Connecting



Colorado section of the Council's annual report for 2026 in addition to a report that will be submitted to OVC on an overview of the Connecting Colorado Grant Project.

A. Finger asked if OVC will be releasing an RFP. A. Paul responded that the RFP will not be released until January at the earliest. C. Resener also noted that feedback from Boetcher Foundation was received and with that feedback, OVP staff adjusted their letter of intent that will be submitted the following quarter. A. Paul announced that this council meeting will be his last meeting and thanked members for their hard work and collaboration with the Human Trafficking Team.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

A. Lorensen thanked the task forces for all their hard work. He suggested the idea of cancelling September's Council meeting to allow the OVP staff more time to focus on their annual reporting writing. A. Lorensen asked for a motion to vote to cancel the September meeting. **Do you approve to cancel the September Meeting?** J. Goodrich moved to cancel the September meeting, S. Ramirez seconded. ***The motion passed 27 Yes, 0 No with 3 abstentions. 4 votes were conducted via proxy vote.***

A. Lorensen confirmed that the September meeting is cancelled and there is no homework for the Council. The next Council meeting will be October 24, 2025.

J. Brogdon gave the Council an update that all travel reimbursements will now be done online through a travel platform called Concur and members should be reimbursed faster than in the past.

M. Petrocco Klein noted that Colorado Catholic Parishes will be collecting signatures for a petition to support increasing the felony to a class 2 for trafficking of a minor.

M. Stidd shared that the Colorado Division of Youth Services has 2 board vacancies and invited the Council board members to review and apply if interested.

C. Resener gave a brief update on the train the trainer program and shared successes of very qualified applicants as well as an update on her collaboration with the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking on coordinating training.

S. Ramirez motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by J. Jenks.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:19 a.m.