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TASK FORCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
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The Task Force on Human Trafficking met Thursday, October 20, 2016 for a teleconference at 9:30 AM in the conference room of the Crime commission, 5th floor of the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was published October 6, 2016 in the Lincoln Journal Star.

As amended by LB 898, 2005 Legislature, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for public review.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chairman Stan Clouse. The following members were **in attendance**: Lynn Ayers, Jasel Cantu, Stan Clouse, Darrell Fisher, and Doug Peterson; Member present via phone: Mary Ann Borgeson, Pat Condon, Weysan Dun, Tim Dunning, Robert Lausten, Deborah Frison, Jason Cry, Al Riskowski (joined via telephone 9:50 AM), and Carol Russell; **Members Excused**: Jeff Bliemeister, Nicole Brundo, Linda Burkle, Brad Hansen, Brian Seck and Anna Shavers; **Staff Present**: Ann Bauers and Laurie Holman.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

A motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Russell to approve the minutes of the Task Force meeting of April 21, 2016; and June 2, 201. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grant Committee Report

There was no Grant Committee Report

B. Education and Awareness Committee Report

There was no Education and Awareness Committee Report.

C. Research/Data/Report Committee

There was no Education and Awareness Committee Report

D. Future of the Task Force on Human Trafficking

There was a discussion regarding the future of this committee. Clouse stated that he met with the Governor and the Governor feels that if this committee is a duplication of the Attorney Generals' committee then it's not necessary for this committee to continue. Fisher stated that many members no longer attend because the committee is no longer viable and it's been difficult to obtain a quorum for 2016 and he would like to see a sunset on this committee.

There was a short discussion regarding the mandates that the committee has met and that there are no longer any goals, versus keeping the committee going just in case it's needed in the future. Fisher further noted that there is nothing in the statute that mandates meetings, although there is a requirement for a report due on July 1st and December 1st of each year which implies 2 meetings a year to vote on the submission of those reports.

There was a discussion regarding whether to suspend the committee or have a sunset date and disband the committee and the consequences of each. Fisher stated that deciding to have a sunset date is fulfilling the mandate to bring a report before the legislature, in that the committee is reporting that it has done its due diligence and the mandated work is done.

Fisher brought up the questions regarding the two reports that are mandated to be turned into the Legislature and how to do these reports if the committee is going to be ending. Holman stated if the committee is suspended, then a bill can be submitted to strike any of the requirements of the current statute; or a bill can be introduced to transfer the mandate from this committee to the Attorney General's committee; or a bill can be introduced to simply disband the committee and simply strike this entire statute.

There was a short discussion regarding drafting a letter to the Legislature and use the letter as the December 1, 2016 report to the Legislature as well. Discussion also continued on when or if to have another meeting.

Motion

A motion was made by Ayers and seconded by Cantu to approve drafting a letter to the Legislature stating that the mandate has been met; recommending a sunset date to this committee; that many of the members of this committee already serve on the Nebraska Human Trafficking Committee; and moving all duties and responsibilities to the Attorney General's office and the Nebraska Human Trafficking Committee. This letter will also be the December 1, 2016 report. Voting in favor: Ayers, Borgeson, Cantu, Condon, Dun, Dunning, Fisher, Lausten, Frison, Peterson, Cry, Riskowski and Russell Motion carried

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

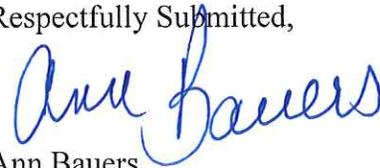
There was no public comment

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee to be decided.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ann Bauers
Administrative Assistant