Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council TRAINING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE CHARGE

- Coordinate training on human trafficking prevention and victim services for state and local employees who may have recurring contact with victims or perpetrators and “to assist in planning, policy, goal and priority recommendations and developing implementation plans to achieve the purposes of the Council.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The DHA Human Trafficking Committee continues to work toward implementation of its recommended human trafficking protocol, adopted by the committee in 2019, for all general acute care and pediatric hospitals across the state. This year, the committee worked to update the protocol’s assessment questions to include labor trafficking-specific questions and assessment questions for juveniles ages 12 and up.

- While Covid restrictions did not allow law enforcement training to expand to new agencies, law enforcement trainers continued to provide instruction on human trafficking awareness for recruits attending the state police training academy.

- The Salvation Army and Meet Me at the Well transitioned to online trainings for community partners and providers.

NEXT STEPS

- Identify public and community members with existing trainings and identify possible gaps.

- Build a resource database of available trainings on human trafficking, generally and for specific employee groups.

- Identify 2 to 3 key agencies where there is opportunity for early identification and prevention and assess for training opportunities.

- Collaborate with Victim Services and Juvenile Committees to ensure training on victim services is up to date and address specialized training needs.

- Develop protocols for initial and on-going trainings on human trafficking awareness and victim services for state and local employees.