Recommendations for 2018

1. Increase Input from Persons Impacted by Trafficking

To ensure that the work being done within the Task Force is centered around needs of individuals most impacted by trafficking and their communities, the Task Force realizes the need to better incorporate these voices in the work.

- Ensuring that the Youth Advisory Board is supported, and how to best support young people more broadly, should be central to the work of the Task Force;
- Increase input from adult trafficking survivor/trafficking affected individuals.

2. Human Trafficking Trainings

- Track compliance of San Francisco agencies with AB 1227, which mandates that information regarding human trafficking (both sex and labor) be taught as part of health education classes in middle and high schools.
- Expand trainings at San Francisco City departments and community-based organizations impacted by trafficking to ensure that all individuals are trained to identify and respond when faced with potential and confirmed cases of human trafficking;
  - Have organizations share what they are already doing, then identify gaps by assessing who is not getting the information needed
  - Reporting should include trainer, content, key objectives, and audience in chart

3. Identify, prioritize, and advocate for the most needed housing and placement options for youth who are vulnerable to, or impacted by, trafficking

Data from 2016 reveals that 29% of requests for transitional or permanent Housing and 47% of requests for out of home placement were unable to be fulfilled. Individuals under 25 comprise 74% of the total cases reported, representing a vulnerable population that often lacks access to essential housing or has aged out of many youth services. See page 23 for more on transitional and permanent housing needs identified by agencies.

4. Advocate for a Human Trafficking Specialized Unit at the District Attorney’s Office

5. Examine infrastructure of the Task Force

One of the challenges faced by the Task Force is the limited staffing, which often falls on the volunteer efforts of members or the Department on the Status of Women. The Task Force will assess what can be done to improve the support members have from the Task Force and vice versa.
6. Assess what labor trafficking looks like in massage establishments
By mapping out the impact that labor trafficking has on the massage industry in San Francisco, the Task Force hopes to get more information on prevention and intervention actions that can be addressed through policy.

7. Continue to work on implementation of existing initiatives
The Task Force remains committed to implementing the Healthy Nail Salon Program, the Good Food Purchasing Program, and the Prioritizing Safety for Sex Workers policies.