**Successes of Mayor’s Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking**

Since 2013, the Mayor’s Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking, staffed by the Department on the Status of Women, has achieved several notable successes. Some of the achievements listed below were direct results of Task Force advocacy, and in others, the Task Force laid the ground work that helped members of the Task Force ultimately achieve the outcome.

**New Funding/New Programs to Address Gaps in Services**

* 24 Hour Response to Commercially, Sexually Exploited Youth: Identified as a need by Task Force in 2014; funded as a pilot in 2015; fully funded at Huckleberry Youth Programs in 2016, with program launched in March 2016.
* Bilingual health workers at Department of Public Health to do outreach to workers vulnerable to labor exploitation in massage parlors and restaurants. Task Force identified needs for better outreach to workers in 2014 and funding approved in 2015 and staff hired in 2016.
* In 2014 and 2015, the Department on the Status of Women expanded its Violence Against Women Intervention & Prevention grants funding to include services for various categories of trafficking survivors or persons vulnerable to trafficking. The Department’s participation in the Task Force resulted in new focus areas, including LGBT youth in the sex trades; vocational programming for trafficking survivors; the Bad Date Line for sex workers who are victimized; and case management for women leaving prostitution.

**Prevention**

* Supervisor Tang carried a local ordinance in 2015 that strengthened licensing and enforcement at massage establishments in an effort to minimize trafficking at these businesses. The ordinance restricted penalties to business owners and not those working there, in an effort to avoid penalizing possible trafficking victims, a provision suggested by certain members of the Task Force.
* With input from community-based organizations, the San Francisco Unified School District developed a segment of its Healthy Relationship Curriculum to include information for students on human trafficking.

**Improve Response**

* Family and Children’s Services opted into the state Department of Social Services program for Commercially, Sexually Exploited Children, and led a local steering committee to develop an Interagency Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Protocol, signed by 11 agencies. The protocol prioritizes the Child Welfare System as the primary system for responding to commercially, sexually exploited children, and involves the peer advocates at Huckleberry Youth Programs in immediate response to identified youth.
* The Sex Work and Policy Impact Committee worked with the Police Department and District Attorney’s Office to develop a Prioritizing Safety for Sex Worker Policy, which should be finalized in 2017.
* The Task Force created guidelines for City Departments to follow on exposing human trafficking victims to the media. The City stopped allowing live video filming of massage inspections, which had led to exposure of persons in massage establishments without their permission.
* In 2014, the Task Force mapped out services for survivors of trafficking and created a handout on services in San Francisco.
* In 2016, the Task Force created a feedback document on the video used by POST to train law enforcement offices in California on human trafficking, and shared the document with staff at POST and other human trafficking organizations that train law enforcement officers.

**Better Identify/ Training**

* Family and Children’s Services implemented screening for human trafficking for all foster care children over 10.
* In 2014-2016, the San Francisco Unified School District trained all its wellness staff in child sex trafficking, and updated its child abuse reporting training for all staff to include information on trafficking as a form of child abuse.
* All Environmental Health Inspectors at the Department of Public Health, who inspect massage establishments and restaurants, received training in human trafficking.
* Family and Children’s Services and Juvenile Probation Department trained all its staff on child sex trafficking.
* In advance of Super Bowl 50, Task Force members participated in a training for hotel and hospitality staff in fall of 2015.
* The Department on the Status of Women commissioned an on-line human trafficking training with modules for staff of hotels, restaurants and the general public, and collaborated with Stanford University to host the training for free on its on-line educational platform. The training went live in January 2017.
* Begin collaboration with Department of the Environment to expand Healthy Nail Salon presentation given to nail technicians to include information on labor rights and trafficking.

**Data Collection**

* In 2015, the Task Force published the first ever report on Human Trafficking in San Francisco to include numbers of trafficking cases identified by San Francisco agencies. A full year’s worth of data was collected for 2015 and published in 2016.

**Public Awareness**

* In 2014, the Task Force collaborated with San Mateo and Alameda County to design a Human Trafficking Notice to comply with SB 1193, and led a day of outreach to businesses covered by the law. Department of Public Health inspectors now check for the presence of the poster in massage establishments and find that most businesses display the notice.
* The Task Force collaborated with the No Traffick Ahead regional effort, in advance of Super Bowl 50, to develop and post an effective human trafficking awareness ad campaign. The campaign avoided stereotypical images of trafficking victims and focused more on labor trafficking than sex trafficking. It ran on San Francisco busses, bus shelters, street furniture and on-line, and generated over 20 million impressions.
* The Task Force drafted the No Traffick Ahead Local Government resolution, which San Francisco was the first jurisdiction to pass in 2015. Over 25 cities/counties adopted the resolution.

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