

**TACOMA (WA) LINKS  
NATIONAL TRENDS AND SERVICES  
COMMITTEE REPORT COVERING  
February 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Links Gina Hatcher (Chair), Connie Lassiter (Co-Chair), Sharon Freeman, Pamela Jones Hadley, Helen Henderson, Roz Woodhouse, Kirsten Watts, LaTonja Hunter and Barbara Wesley

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

- [Kerri Pedrick, Washington Trafficking Prevention Executive Director](#)

Link Connie spoke with Ms Pedrick who indicated she is willing to schedule a 1.5 to 3 hour training for our group or do a seminar. There is training scheduled for March and April (dates TBD). It was also suggested that a brochure could be designed on awareness and information that can be distributed to churches and other service organizations, schools, etc. Link Connie wants to also reach out to PEACE community group of students from Jason Lee Middle School to include in our efforts. Their school is currently using some of the iEmpathize curriculum.

- [Other possible collaborations](#)

Link suggested that we could collaborate with the PanHel Council since many of the Sharon sororities and fraternities are also addressing the issue of Human Trafficking

**ACTION ITEM:** Link Sharon and Helen will contact points of contact within Pan-Hel council to propose venues of collaboration.

It was also suggested to meet talk to the STY facet to include in some of their activities since our target audience is for young adults to be aware that the focus of Human Trafficking is to recruit YOUNG boys and girls into this trade starting with Middle School aged children.

**ACTION ITEM:** Links Gina will get in contact with Alyce, the Chair for STY facet

- [Creation of a brochure of awareness and information](#)

Everyone really liked this idea. It is something that can be done within the timeframe we have left in this action year and it accomplishes our goal to create awareness and inform. The first thing we have to do is to decide more specifically what area of information and awareness to focus on since Human Trafficking is a very broad subject matter.

**EVENTS**

- [2019 STRAPWA National Sex Trafficking Conference scheduled for 20 August 2019 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center](#)

**CURRICULUM**

- [iEmpathize Curriculum](#)

There is a video available that provides a demonstration of how the curriculum is implemented and phased in.

**ACTION ITEM:** Link Gina will look into getting that video for the group to view to get a closer look at the program

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The committee agreed to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Gina Hatcher, National Trends and Services Chair, on February 20, 2019