

**299A.7955 HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation and duties.** By September 1, 2006, the commissioner shall appoint a 22-member task force on human trafficking to advise the commissioner on the commissioner's duties in sections 299A.78 to 299A.795. The task force shall also serve as a liaison between the commissioner and agencies and nongovernmental organizations that provide services to trafficking victims. The members must receive expense reimbursement as specified in section 15.059.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** To the extent possible, the human trafficking task force consists of the following individuals, or their designees, who are knowledgeable in trafficking, crime victims' rights, or violence protection:

- (1) a representative of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
- (2) a representative of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension;
- (3) a representative of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- (4) a peace officer who works and resides in the metropolitan area, composed of Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, Scott, Washington, and Carver Counties;
- (5) a peace officer who works and resides in the nonmetropolitan area;
- (6) a county attorney who works in Hennepin County;
- (7) a county attorney who works in Ramsey County;
- (8) a representative of the attorney general's office;
- (9) a representative of the Department of Public Safety's office of justice program;
- (10) a representative of the federal Homeland Security Department;
- (11) a representative of the Department of Health;
- (12) the chair or executive director of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans;
- (13) the chair or executive director of the Minnesota Chicano-Latino Affairs Council;
- (14) a representative of the United States Attorney's Office; and
- (15) eight representatives from nongovernmental organizations, which may include representatives of:
  - (i) the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women;
  - (ii) the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault;
  - (iii) a statewide or local organization that provides civil legal services to women and children;

(iv) a statewide or local organization that provides mental health services to women and children;

(v) a statewide or local human rights and social justice advocacy organization;

(vi) a statewide or local organization that provides services to victims of torture, trauma, or human trafficking;

(vii) a statewide or local organization that serves the needs of immigrants and refugee women and children from diverse ethnic communities; and

(viii) a statewide or local organization that provides legal services to low-income immigrants.

Subd. 3. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The task force shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members, and may elect other officers as necessary. The task force shall meet at least quarterly, or upon the call of its chair. The task force shall meet sufficiently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in this section.

(b) The task force shall seek out and enlist the cooperation and assistance of nongovernmental organizations and academic researchers, especially those specializing in trafficking, representing diverse communities disproportionately affected by trafficking, or focusing on child services and runaway services.

Subd. 4. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, the task force expires June 30, 2011, or once it has implemented and evaluated the programs and policies in sections 299A.78 to 299A.795 to the satisfaction of the commissioner, whichever occurs first.

**History:** 2006 c 282 art 13 s 11