

## Task Force to Assist the OPD

Minutes - Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – Thursday September 26, 2019

Wakeman, OH

Attending: Mathis (Chair), Scanlon (Vice-Chair), Ambrogi (Secretary), Grant (Chaplain), Bates, Hitt, Hollingsworth, Jacobs, Johnson, Knudsen, Ousley, Seage, Smith, Thomason, Yeiser, Chambers (via phone Tues PM and Weds PM)

Absent: none

The meeting commenced on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:04 AM with a welcome from the chair and a prayer from the chaplain.

The task force discussed goals for the meeting, emphasizing a need to get clarity on the work that we are going to accomplish.

Bishop Ousley provided an update from the Office of Pastoral Development.

Through the remainder of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning, both as a whole and in working groups, the task force discussed a number of topics including:

- Transition consultants
  - o The role of consultants in the transition process
  - o Consultant training, including revision of training and timing of such
  - o Assistance to the Office of Pastoral Development with consultant screening
- Behavioral health screening
  - o Sharing of behavioral health screening results
  - o Revision of screening materials / questionnaires
- Transition education and training resources
  - o Existing materials related to transition
  - o Website needs for communicating transition resources
- Transition process
  - o The authority and role of the Office of Pastoral Development in the search and transition process
  - o Transition process – details, typical timelines, and opportunities to shorten
  - o Consideration of alternate transition processes to the traditional profile/search/election process
  - o Typical timelines for episcopates
  - o Possible canonical changes related to transitions
- Substance use disorder
  - o Existing training resources on SUD
  - o Screening of candidates with a history of SUD
- Diocesan missional reviews
  - o Role of the task force regarding missional review
  - o Existing practices for missional review
  - o Missional review's role in transition process
- Diversity in the episcopate
  - o Potential resources for encouraging diversity
  - o Website for encouraging diversity

- Committee operations
  - o Blue book report
  - o Outside consultants & services and associated budget

The next meeting of the task force is scheduled for Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at Bellwether Farm in Wakeman, OH.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM on Thursday.

Benge Ambrogi, Secretary