

# APPENDIX I



## Interview Guide For Street Sex Trade Workers

As I mentioned before I would like to speak to you about your life and your work in the sex trade on the street, the support and resources available and what sorts of support would help you most both in your job and in your life more generally.

### Daily Life

1. Describe your typical day
2. Do you combine street sex work with other income generating activities ?
  - have you in the past?
  - describe/discuss
3. What do you do for fun, enjoyment, leisure ?
4. Describe your current housing arrangements
  - is housing a problem for you now? If yes, explain
  - has housing been a problem for you in the past? If yes, explain
5. How do you do to meet your basic needs such as food, clothes and toiletries?
6. Do you go to the stores, food banks, or drop in centers, friends or family?
7. How about emotional support, how are they met and by who?
8. Who or what do you turn to when you are in trouble or having problems? Describe, discuss.

### Reconciling work and social life

9. Describe or discuss your perception of the about the street sex trade?
  - what do you think about what you do?
  - how do you feel about the trade more generally?
  - how would you define it?
  - are there any general problems with the trade? If yes, discuss.
  - is it problematic for you personally? If yes discuss how, when, why?
10. Does your work affect your relationships with:
  - partners?
  - family members?
  - children?
  - friends?

- community members?
  - landlords?
  - social services?
- If yes, discuss/describe.

11. Is balancing work and other responsibilities (i.e. child care, aging parents) ever difficult? If yes, describe/discuss.
12. Does your work affect your experience of sexuality?
  - if so how?
  - if so how do you deal with this?

### **Entry**

13. What other types of work outside of the sex trade have you done?
14. If you have changed the type of work you do, why?
15. What other types of sex work have you engaged in?
16. How did you get involved in this type of work?
  - what was going on in your life?
  - how did you enter?
  - what made you decide to start sex work?
17. Why did you select street sex work?
18. How long have you been working in the street sex trade?
19. Why do you continue to work in the street sex trade?  
(Or if applicable) Why did you leave the street sex trade?

### **Work Life**

20. Describe your work.
21. Describe your typical workday.
  - when do you work?
  - where do you work?
  - how do you manage your business?
  - what do you do to make money?
22. What kinds of skills do you need to work in the street sex trade?

23. Describe your relationships and interaction with:

- police?
- other workers?
- customers?
- members of the community?

### **Negative and Positive Aspects of the Work**

24. Describe/discuss negative experiences have you had as a result of your work, or in the course of your work, with:

- police?
- other workers?
- customers?
- members of the community?

25. Describe/discuss positive experiences have you had as a result of your work, or in the course of your work, with

- police?
- other workers?
- customers?
- members of the community?

26. Describe/discuss things about the work you like

27. Describe/discuss things about the work you do not like

- how do you cope with them?
- what would help you here?

28. Describe/discuss any physical dangers you face (i.e. violence)

- how do you cope with these dangers?
- what would help you here?

29. Do you ever feel unsafe?

- if yes, when do you feel unsafe?
- what strategies do you use to avoid these situations?
- how do you cope with feeling unsafe?

30. When do you feel safe?

- what would make you feel safer?

31. Describe/discuss any health concerns that emerge from you work

- how do they affect your work?
- how do you cope with them?
- what would help you here?

32. How does the job make you feel emotionally  
- how do you cope with any negative feelings?  
- could you be specific and identify what resources might assist you in coping with these emotions
33. Are there parts of the job that are stressful?  
- if yes, describe/discuss  
- if no, do you take steps to avoid stress?
34. Have you ever had legal problems as a result of your work?  
- if yes, describe/discuss  
• how did you deal with them?  
• what would have helped you in this/these situations?  
- if no, do you take steps to avoid legal problems?
35. Do you believe that decriminalization or legalization would benefit street sex workers?  
- why, how?  
- what is your vision?
36. What do you like about working in the street sex trade?  
- what are the benefits  
- what does it give you (i.e. financial, social, emotional, personal)

### **Knowledge about, and accessing of, resources/services**

37. Do you know of any counseling services (i.e. for violence, drug use) that might be of use to you?  
- if yes, describe/discuss them  
• how did you hear about them?  
• have you accessed them?  
- if yes, which, why, how frequently?  
- if no, why not?
38. Do you know about any programs specifically to help sex workers?  
- if yes, describe/discuss them  
• how did you hear about them?  
• have you accessed them?  
- if yes, which, why, how frequently?  
- if no, why not?
39. Do you know about any health support (i.e. healthy sexuality, information on disease, etc) services that might be of use to you?  
- if yes, describe/discuss them

- how did you hear about them?
  - have you accessed them?
    - if yes, which, why, how frequently?
    - if no, why not?
40. Do you know about any help that is available for things like accommodation, groceries, clothes, meals, toiletries?
- if yes, describe/discuss them
    - how did you hear about them?
    - have you accessed them?
      - if yes, which, why, how frequently?
      - if no, why not?
41. Do you know about any legal support or advice services?
- if yes, describe/discuss them
    - how did you hear about them?
    - have you accessed them?
      - if yes, which, why, how frequently?
      - if no, why not?
42. Do you know about any social support services,(i.e. drop ins) that might be of use to you?
- if yes, describe/discuss them
    - how did you hear about them?
    - have you accessed them?
      - if yes, which, why, how frequently?
      - if no, why not?
43. What resources or services from the community to you use the most?
- describe/discuss
  - do they benefit you in your daily life?
    - if yes, discuss
  - do they benefit you in your work life?
    - If yes, discuss
44. Have you had any negative experiences in accessing resources?
- if yes, discuss
45. Have you faced obstacles in trying to access services?
- if yes, discuss/describe
46. How could the resources be improved (i.e. additional services, easier access, attitude of service providers)?

47. Do you access informal resources for support/assistance (i.e. friends, other workers, family)?
- if yes, describe/discuss
  - do they benefit you in your daily life?
    - if yes, discuss
  - do they benefit you in your work life?
    - if yes, discuss

### **Needs**

48. What services would be the most helpful for you in your personal and work life?
- why?
  - how/ what would this help?
  - describe/discuss
49. If you could develop the ideal service, resource or measures for you and your co-workers what would it be?
- explain
  - how would you let workers know about the service
50. If you wanted to leave the trade, what resources/support would you need
- how do you envision that

### **Information about the Interview and Research**

51. Why did you decide to participate in this research project?
52. What are your thoughts about this research?
53. Under what pseudonym would you like to be identified in this research project?
54. Would you like to review the transcript of this interview?
- if yes, please write down the e-mail or mailing address where we could send the transcripts.

# Interview Guide For Professionals

## Street Sex Trade Worker Needs

1. According to you, what are the different needs of street sex workers?
  - for mental health, educational, health, work safety, housing needs, other social services, etc.

## Information and Access to Ressources / Services

2. What services are currently available in the area to respond to the needs of street sex trade workers?
  - in the area of mental health, educational, health, work safety, housing needs, other social services, etc.
3. Do sex trade workers encounter obstacles when they attempt to access services?
  - what measures should be taken to overcome these obstacles?

## Services Needed

4. If you could develop the ideal service, resource or measures for street sex trade workers
  - explain
  - how would you let workers know about the service?
5. If a street sex worker's organization existed in Ottawa
  - would you participate?
  - what form or structure would you suggest for such an organization?



## APPENDIX II



# INFORMED CONSENT FORM

## 1. Sex workers

Project: Assessing Needs and Facilitating Services for Francophone and Anglophone Street Sex Workers in Ottawa

### Researchers

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I \_\_\_\_\_, agree to participate in the research on the needs of street sex trade workers and the services required to respond to those needs conducted by Colette Parent and Chris Bruckert of the Department of Criminology, Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ottawa in collaboration with Sophie=s Hope a community-based organization in Ottawa. The project will examine the experiences, needs and access to service of Francophone and Anglophone street sex trade workers in Ottawa.

My participation will consist of taking part in one semi-structured in-depth interview lasting approximately two hours. During the interview I will be asked a series of questions regarding my work including questions about my daily life, how I reconcile my work and social life, entry into the street sex trade, work activities, and negative and positive aspects of my work. I will also be asked a series of questions regarding my needs as well as knowledge about, and use of, social, food and housing, health, and legal services. The sessions will be scheduled at my convenience.

I have been asked if I am comfortable having the interview recorded on an audio tape. If I agree the interview will be recorded and the interview tapes will be transcribed. Upon request the full transcript will be forwarded to me. If I agree to participate but do not wish for the interview to be recorded on an audio tape, detailed notes will be taken throughout the interview. In this case the processed notes will be made available to me as soon as possible. In either case I reserve the right to delete any information which I consider to, in any way, endanger myself, co-workers, employer or any friends, family or associates. I am entitled to a follow-up interview should I feel that clarification or additional information is required.

I understand that the contents will be used to inform community organizations responsible for service delivery; inform the summary of findings in a report to be presented to the Status

of Women Canada; academic articles, thesis and/or book chapters by Colette Parent, Chris Bruckert and Danielle Pouliot. I understand that my confidentiality will be respected and that during the process of collection and analysis the interview data will be in the sole possession of Colette Parent, Chris Bruckert and Danielle Pouliot. During transcription the typist will have access to the data but not my name or any personal information that may identify me.

I understand that since this research deals with some personal experiences it may cause me some emotional discomfort which may, at times, be difficult. I have received assurance from the researchers that every effort will be made to minimize these occurrences. The interview will immediately be interrupted or stopped if I am uncomfortable and, if I wish counselling will be arranged by the researchers through a community agency.

I am free to withdraw from the project at any time, before, during or after the interview, refuse to participate and refuse to answer questions. Should I withdraw from the research project the data from my interview will be destroyed

I will not be paid for my participation in the research however I will be offered an honorarium of fifty dollars to cover any expenses incurred. This honorarium will be given before the interview starts. Should I wish to withdraw from the project I am not required to pay back the honorarium.

I have received assurance from the researchers that the information I will share will remain strictly confidential. Anonymity will be assured by keeping the personal information collected to a minimum; immediately upon transcription changing any personal or potentially identifiable information including names, agencies, towns/cities, or geographic area and events/stories; and altering any atypical (and therefore potentially identifiable) speech patterns or idiosyncratic use of words/phrases.

Tape recordings, interview notes, transcripts and any other data collected will be kept in a secure manner. Throughout the research process tapes as well as back-up computer disks will be stored in a locked and secure location. Data that is stored on the researchers' computer will be accessible only through an undisclosed password. The tapes and original notes will be destroyed five years after the project is completed. Transcripts will be retained for five additional years.

The research is supported through funding from the Status of Women Canada and the University of Ottawa Research Partnerships in the Humanities program.

Any information about my rights as a research participant may be addressed to:

Protocol Officer for Ethics in Research  
Research Grants and Ethics  
Tabaret Hall  
550 Cumberland, room 159A  
University of Ottawa  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Telephone: 613-562-5841  
email : ethics@uottawa.ca

There are two copies of the consent form, one of which I may keep.

If I have any questions about the conduct of the research project I may contact Colette Parent or Chris Bruckert at the addresses that appear at the beginning of this document.

The goals of the research have been explained to me, this consent form has been reviewed orally and I have had the opportunity to ask questions and receive clarification regarding research goals, methods, researcher=s obligations and the rights of the participants or any other concerns.

I agree to have the interview tape recorded: Yes

No

Date:

Participant:

Signature:

Researcher:

Signature:

## 2. Focus Group Participants

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My participation will consist of taking part in one focus group which will last approximately two hours. The focus group will explore the needs and services of street sex trade workers including reflecting on such things as educational, psychological, health, material and social needs as well as the availability of services to respond to those needs.

I understand that the focus group results will be used to inform community organizations responsible for service delivery; inform the summary of findings in a report to be presented to the Status of Women Canada; and academic articles and/or book chapters by Colette Parent and Chris Bruckert.

I am free to withdraw from the project at any time, before, during or after the focus group, refuse to participate and refuse to answer questions.

I have the option of remaining anonymous. If I choose to remain anonymous, the information I share will remain strictly confidential and neither my name nor that of my agency will appear anywhere in the notes or in the final report.

Interview notes will be kept in a secure manner. Data that is stored on the researchers' computer will be accessible only through an undisclosed password.





## APPENDIX III



# RECRUITMENT FORM

Research Project: **Assessing Needs and Facilitating Services for Francophone and Anglophone Street Sex Workers in Ottawa**

Sophie's Hope Centre in collaboration with the University of Ottawa is undertaking a research to identify the needs and services currently in place for Francophone and Anglophone street sex trade workers in Ottawa. The research is under the direction of two University of Ottawa professors, Colette Parent and Chris Bruckert from the Department of Criminology.

We are seeking research participants who are, or have in the recent past, worked in the street sex trade in the Ottawa area. The research, is examining the experiences, needs and availability of services for Anglophone and Francophone street sex trade workers in the National Capital region. Participation in the research would involve an in-depth semi-structured interview lasting approximately two hours. The interview will focus on work including questions about daily life, how workers reconcile their work and social life, entry into the street sex trade, work activities, and negative and positive aspects of the work. Informants will also be asked a series of questions regarding their needs as well as their knowledge about, and use of, social, material, health, and legal services in the community. Upon request the research proposal and informed consent forms will be forwarded to interested individuals.

Confidentiality and anonymity will be respected at all times throughout the research process and all identifying names, places and events will be changed in the transcripts and in any subsequent documents. Women who are interviewed will have the opportunity to edit or delete any information from the interview transcripts which could, in any way, endanger themselves or any friends, family, agency or associates. In addition, participants are entitled to a follow-up interview should they feel that clarification or additional information is required. Participants will be free to withdraw from the project at any time. In the advent that a participant changes her mind the interview will be destroyed.

Participants will not be paid for their interviews however their expenses will be covered with a \$50 honorarium. If you are interested, please contact the research assistant Daniele Pouliot.

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