



CAMI Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

CVSD Conference Room, Suite 150A (Lower Level)
Monday August 1, 2016 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Kevin Barton, Dr. Carol Chervenak, Kirstin Heydel, Dr. Elizabeth Heskett (phone), Tina Morgan, Tammy Pitzen, Matt Shirtcliff, Shelly Smith.

CVSD DOJ Staff Present: Alisha Goodwin, Mike Maryanov, Robin Reimer

Committee Members Absent: Wendi Steinbronn, Stacy Ayers, Stacy Yutzie

Welcome/Minutes Approval

Robin welcomed the AC members in attendance.

The AC approved the May 23, 2016 meeting minutes..

Network and RSP Reports

As discussed at the last AC meeting, Network and Regional Service Provider (RSP) reports are now consent agenda items.

The AC discussed how RSP reports are written and what information RSPs report and why. Shelly requested feedback regarding how the RSP reports are done and what is placed on the reports. Statistical information about RSP regional service delivery is available through Robin.

Shelly presented the Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT) participant survey with information from OCFIT participants who completed training between 2013 and 2016. The report gave a historical picture of how OCFIT was developed, piloted, expanded and funded. Topics included the Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC), Children's Justice Alliance (CJA), RSP centers, and tuition payments. The survey report breaks down trainees by discipline, region, and counties, as well as training gaps and continual use of skills learned from OCFIT trainings.

Four trainings are scheduled for next year and future plans for OCFIT events include advanced trainings, OCFIT for non-interviewers, and Oregon interviewing guideline updates (these topics are based upon survey results).



One concern regarding OCFIT trainings is the need to continue to send children to centers regardless of who takes the OCFIT training. There has been confusion over this in the past and perhaps needs to be made more clear. The Network is working on how to prioritize those who need the training while not overstepping into MDT protocol. Matt will clarify if information regarding best practice and protocol confusion is a problematic issue for District Attorneys, when he attends the Oregon District Attorney Association Conference in August. The AC discussed the benefit and need of peer reviews for MDTs and what may be needed to support completing peer reviews.

VOCA Regulation Changes

Updates to the VOCA regulations came out recently. There are many questions regarding the changes. Substantively, the regulations are not different from past regulations and many of the changes, Crime Victims Services Division (CVSD) anticipated. Primarily, there is a new and expanded definition of child abuse (specifically, witness to Domestic Violence).

OVC Site Visit

Recently CVSD had a visit from an Office for Victims of Crime grant monitor. DOJ began and ended the audit as a low risk division; however, there are some areas for improvement.

2016 Funding

A VOCA increase will occur this year. The increase received in 2015 was put toward a one-time grant, which allowed grantees to work on projects, which are not typical operating costs. It is unlikely another one-time will be released next year. Other potential areas CVSD is looking into include adding mental health services and some system enhancement opportunities.

CVSD also received training monies from VOCA recently, which will likely allow more access to training opportunities.

Director's Day

The dates are set for October 4, 5, and 6.

State Victim Assistance Academy (SVAA)

The next SVAA basic training will take place in March. They are working on changes in curriculum. Currently the SVAA training has a focus on basic advocate education. There are concerns regarding those who are new to victim advocacy but come into a department between trainings. Currently there is Victim Advocacy Training (VAT) online which can serve as a stop gap for new victim assistants.



Staff Changes/Office Moves

The CAMI office is now officially based in Portland. Robin is now working mostly out of Portland. The CAMI AC now has the option of hosting some meetings in Portland. CVSD has a new grant monitor who has been working with CVSD since March. With the promotion of the current Grant Specialist for CAMI into another role, the CAMI Grant Specialist position recruitment is open.

CAMI Site Visits

Robin has recently been engaging in “go see” visits (not full site reviews) with MDTs. She went to Linn County MDT, Hood River County, Baker County MDT and CAIC, Malheur County Start Center, Union County MDT and CAIC, Wallowa County (to visit their center space), and Umatilla CAIC. Next, she will be traveling to Sherman, Clatsop, and Benton counties.

Children’s Justice Alliance (CJA)

A CJA will meet soon at the Department of Human Services (DHS) to allow CJA to provide recommendations to the CJA Task Force to CWAC regarding administration of CJA funds, prioritization of funding, and distribution. The AC will send a letter to the CWAC chair and may include support for the two letters sent to CWAC by ONCAIC representatives regarding recommendations for the future of CJA funds. Robin will send the letters to the AC for review.

RSP Services

There has been talk in various circles about RSP services, including some confusion and some questions about what is needed and how services are delivered. It appears that it may be time to revisit RSP services to review how RSP services are delivered, organized, their operations under the statues, to see if adjustments should be made to RSP services and if so, what changes are needed and how they should be made. Recently, the National Children’s Alliance (NCA) conducted a needs assessment of state chapters and RSPs, and that process might help inform this process. Robin asked the AC about a work group. The AC suggested Robin create a list of possible participants and invite them. This group could be comprised of both AC members and others and input from the existing RSPs will be sought through representation from that group.

Prioritizing Funding to a Center

Robin crafted a draft letter to send to counties who have written regarding concerns with prioritizing funding to a center. The committee approved the letter. Robin will sign and send the letter on their behalf.

Next Meeting

November 9, 2016, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon