



CVSD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

CVSD Conference Room, Suite 150A (Lower Level)
Thursday May 12, 2016, 9:00am-12:00pm

Committee Members in Attendance: Justin Nelson, Kim Larson, Kris Billhardt, Lauri Stewart, Letetia Wilson, Michele Roland-Schwartz, Robin Selig, Shirley Didier, Timothy Moore

Committee Members via Teleconference: Amy Holmes Hehn, Bark Palicki, Desiree Coyote, Kat Kelly, Merle Weiner, Rebecca Orf, Tawna Sanchez, Vanessa Timmons

CVSD DOJ Staff Present: Alisha Goodwin, Becky Smith, Cathy Relang, Diana Fleming, Marjorie Doran, Mike Maryanov

Committee Members Absent: Allison Cleveland, Chanpone Sinlapasai, Cheryl O'Neill, Erin Ellis, Kelsey LeBrun Keswani, Lynne Whiteman, Steve Bellshaw, Sybil Hebb

Welcome/Introductions – Kim Larson

Past Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting was seconded and approved with the provision that Shirley Didier's name is added to attendees list.

Action: Mike Maryanov will confirm attendance list.

VOCA Updates

VOCA has seen an increase in 2016 money over 2015 levels. The consolidation act signed by the president set aside 375 million to VAWA funds, 10 million to inspector general, and 2.6 billion in Federal Funds to VOCA. As a result, Oregon is looking at about a 15% increase in VOCA funding in 2015. In 2017, an appropriation bill is estimated to cause a small decrease in VOCA funding but it is not certain yet.

The VOCA one-time grant opportunity went out at the end of November, and was due by the end of March. There are four topics (emergency services, training, technology/repair maintenance, other). Several agencies did not use their full allocation; some grantees chose not to apply. CVSD will oversee 111 new grants from this process. Reviewing grants has been difficult due to the number of applications and complexity of the budget requests.



The Fund Coordinators are in the process of reviewing the grant applications at this time.

Approximately 5.1 million will go into the One Time grants across Oregon. This goes along with a 2.9 million increase for VAPs and special populations, and 2.0 million in the joint grants. Additionally, CVSD added six new child abuse intervention centers into the noncompetitive mix and is about to release \$10 million with new system expansion opportunities embedded. These include potential new grants to county juvenile programs, CASAs, Human Trafficking, and Intersection of DV and healthcare.

The VOCA competitive grant is likely going to be a three-year grant instead of two. It will start October 1, 2016 and end September 30, 2019. In August, reviews of competitive grants will take place; CVSD asked volunteers to assist with the process.

The next AC meeting scheduled for August 25th has been tentatively rescheduled to, September 8, 2016 .

Action: Cathy Relang will follow up to verify the date.

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Site Visit

CVSD will be having a site visit from OVC the week of May 23rd. In the spring of 2012, the federal grant monitor for Oregon did a desk review with neutral to positive results. The desk review was more fiscal focused while the in-person audit is likely to be more programmatic. OVC will conduct an audit of the entire office and will conduct a site visit with one of CVSD's grantees. In order to prepare, the grant unit sent OVC a wide range of documentation and prepared several more documents per the request of the OVC grant monitor. OVC will be looking at the effectiveness of the Grant and Compensation Sections, fiscal records/use of funds, the site visit process and other areas.

VAWA Discretionary and Joint Funding

In the past, the Advisory Committee had determined the discretionary part of VAWA would go into the joint allocation. This was again confirmed in 2013. With the increase in VOCA funding, changes through the VAWA-Competitive process, and various conversations, CVSD would like to reconsider the amount of VAWA money going into the joint allocation; specifically, moving VAWA money out of the joint and replacing it with VOCA money. While the goal is to grow joint funding, this change would not increase or decrease funding. Reducing VAWA discretionary and replacing it with VOCA gives the state more options in some areas but reduces it in others.



Action: Mike Maryanov will revisit this conversation with the AC after looking more into this option including what this shift would look like and how it could affect programs.

Mental Health and Legal Services

In 2013 a survey was released by CVSD concerning service gaps and the top three gaps noted were housing, mental health (access to services), and legal services. With the VOCA increase, the department has begun to look in these areas. Becky Smith held a conference call with groups around the state who are funding mental health services. Concerning legal services, CVSD is looking at how to increase services for victims in a way that is both meaningful and effective. So far, there has been a conversation with legal service providers regarding the potential of a legal services network. In addition, the creation and release of a legal services survey last week will help give grantees a voice during this process. The survey will be closing on Monday, May 16, 2016.

Though the survey is still open, to date, the results find divorce, custody, restraining orders, and dependency cases as the top needs. The committee discussed the complexities of legal services such as when an ongoing criminal case is intersecting with other cases (e.g. an active case in family court). Differing agencies have differing scopes of services that they provide and often times legal aid services are underfunded.

Action: After the survey closes, Becky Smith will follow up with a statewide teleconference and will provide results to the legal services network.

Joint and VAWA Upcoming Planning

The Stop Violence Against Women (VAWA) Implementation Plan (IP) Subcommittee will be meeting on August 26, 2016. A discussion on funding priorities and goals will take place at the meeting; a list of objectives and completion of writing will be finished by November. In December the IP draft will be released for public comments and edits for submission to the Office on Violence Against Women for April.

Action: Diana Fleming will be emailing out information as well as putting an announcement of the meeting on the VAWA Website.

The joint application is released every 2 years, currently the grant award is in the 2015-17 biennium. The planning for the new application is due to begin. Becky Smith is looking for interested individuals who would like to participate in this process.

Action: Becky will be recruiting for a volunteer to help with the next joint process during the summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50