

CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICES DIVISION \* CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS SECTION  
TASK FORCE ON VICTIMS' RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT  
MEETING MINUTES



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Date: Monday, July 25, 2016

Committee: **Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement**

Attendees: Cliff Bacigalupi, Brad Berry, Debra Bridges, Steve Doell, Seantel Heisel, Dennis Holmes, Steve Payne (for Mark Cotter), Denise Pena, Michele Roland-Schultz, John Stein, Terry Thompson, and Robyn Varner (for Michael Wu)

Phone Attendees: Marc Brown, Johanna Costa, and Kimberly Dailey

Staff Attendees: Shannon Sivell, Helen O'Brien, and Sherree Rodriguez

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**Introductions and welcome – Helen O'Brien**

**Minutes** - The group reviewed and adopted the April 25, 2016 minutes.

**Victim Input for Post Sentence Report (PSR) – Dennis Holmes**

Oregon statutes require the Department of Corrections (DOC) to include a statement from the victim's family/friends, if they want to provide one in post-sentence reports. The letters offering this opportunity to crime victims have previously been sent out closer to the parole hearings. They are now gathered closer to the time of sentencing. The PSR is accessible by the offender and the legal defense team.

**NAVAC Conference, Gap Analysis Report and Code for America – Denise Pena**

Denise, Helen, Steve Berger and Annette Chrisemer presented at the National Association of Victim Service Professionals in Corrections Conference on June 17. They provided a victims' rights overview presentation, which received a positive response.

Multnomah County has applied for and received a grant from Code for America. They will be using the funds to create a Victim Portal, which they hope to expand throughout the state. Code for America will provide a fellow to assist in building the portal system. The hope is that the portal will be a central place for victim registration, allowing the victim to determine what agencies have access to information. This system will not do notifications. Planning for future funding is under way.

**Juvenile Sex Offender Registration – Seantel Heisel**

Oregon House Bills 2320 and 4074 changed requirements for Juvenile Sex Offender registration. Sex offender registration requirements of youth adjudicated of a sexual offense will now be made within six months prior to termination of their adjudication. There is some concern that victim notification may not be possible due to out-of-date contact information since hearings may happen years after original offense and adjudication. There are no guidelines for notifying victims concerning the law changes and that juvenile sex offenders may not have to register for life. In some cases, victims were advised the juvenile would always have to register.

## Miscellaneous - Helen

- **New Bench Guide Update Sub-group**

Kimberly Daily, Kim Larson and Judge David Delsman have agreed to update a bench guide for adult offenders through the formation of a subgroup. The previous version date is 2008. Seantel and Terry have suggested they could modify the finished product for use in the juvenile system.

- **Status of Sex Offender Information provided by Oregon State Police**

*“The State Police shall establish a toll-free telephone number to give victims of sex offenses updates on prison release information, parole status, and any other information authorized for release about the person who committed the crime against the victim.” ORS 181.843*

The phone number referenced above is in the process of update.

- **Victim Rights Request form (VRRF) upgrade via email or group**

The group has started on this work. Communication and work on this will be through email for a more efficient use of time.

## Updates and Goals: Task Force and Subcommittees

### ***Immigrant Crime Victims’ Rights Subcommittee –Helen O’Brien***

At the most recent meeting an FBI analyst attended, expressing interest in anecdotal information regarding trafficking and explained the assistance they may be able to offer. Yamhill County conducted an immigrant rights outreach that was a great success. They hope to do them annually.

### ***Juvenile Justice Subcommittee – Terry Thompson***

The Juvenile Justice Subcommittee is working on preparations for the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association Conference, held October 16-18 in Sunriver. They will give presentations on Victims Rights and the use of Juvenile Justice Information System Registration is not limited to Juvenile Justice staff.

### ***Best Practice – Johanna Costa, Helen O’Brien***

The group has not met since the last meeting; there were no updates.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**Next meeting:** Monday, October 24, 2016, 1:30 to 4:00 pm