



CAMI Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

CVSD Conference Room, Suite 150B (Lower Level)
Wednesday, July 30, 2014, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Stacey Ayers, Kevin Barton, Carol Chervenak, Kirstin Heydel, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Shelly Smith, Wendi Steinbronn

Committee Members via Teleconference: Matt Shirtcliff

CVSD DOJ Staff Present: Jordan James-Largent, Mike Maryanov, Robin Reimer, Shannon Sivell

Committee Members Absent: None

Welcome and Introductions

Robin Reimer welcomed everyone to her first CAMI Advisory Council meeting and all members introduced themselves. Tina Morgan has now changed roles within the committee and is representing the role of a person having experience dealing with child abuse. The council has two new members, Wendi Steinbronn and Tammi Pitzen. Lieutenant Wendi Steinbronn works for Portland Police Bureau and fills the role of an Employee of a Law Enforcement Agency. Tammi Pitzen is Executive Director of Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County in Medford and represents the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers.

CAMI Membership Updates/Appointments

Robin presented to the group that there are vacant positions and asked the group for suggestions. One vacant position is for a representative from public health. Kristin Heydel stated that she may have an individual that could fill the public health vacancy; she will contact them and see if there is any interest.

Robin would also like to see the council move forward with a second medical professional (they could fill one of the "citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interest of abused children" roles. Robin asked Tina if either Kid's FIRST's doctors would have any interest or be available to become an advisory council member. Tina agreed to contact them to see if they would be interested. Update: Dr. Elizabeth Heskett is interested in being a member of the council. Tina forwarded her contact information to Robin Reimer. Carol Chervenak and Tina agreed that they would like to see the council have more statewide representation and outreach to areas like Southern, Central, and Eastern Oregon.

Robin will send out appointment letters to new members and re-appointment letters to those that have switched positions or have been renewed.

Network and RSP Reports

Tammi Pitzen presented the quarterly Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (The Network) report and stated their May meeting was held in Bend and the next meeting will be a special strategic planning meeting on September 11th in Salem.

The Network released the “What You Need to Know About Karly’s Law” training video in May to child abuse intervention centers (CAICs) and multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) throughout Oregon. Since the release, there has been great feedback and almost 800 views. Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) currently supports the video and is promoting it to police agencies across the state, but the group doesn’t believe that they are currently offering credit and Robin will look into possible DPSST credit for law enforcement (LE). (Update: DPSST is giving one half-hour of credit to law enforcement officers who complete the training).

Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training (OCFIT) has completed two of the three scheduled trainings for 2014 (Salem and Eugene). A Train-the-Trainer was also held in collaboration with Portland State University (PSU). PSU has worked with all the OCFIT partners to create a standardized training across the state for all child interviewers. There has been a waiting list for each training this year. The final training for 2014 is scheduled for September 16-18 in Bend. The Children’s Justice Act Task Force Subcommittee of the Child Welfare Advisory Council has approved \$50,000 for further support of OCFIT in 2015.

Tammi shared that The Network continues to administer grants from the National Children’s Alliance (NCA) to accredited CAICs. The grants include semi-annual reporting requirements and reports are currently being collected. . The Network is also preparing its application for reaccreditation to NCA that is due in May 2015. The next Network meeting in September will be dedicated to exploring the capacity and long term sustainability of the Network and its members. Shelly Smith would like one of the goals of the upcoming meeting to be establishing how to move forward with OCFIT. Congratulations to Mike, Shelly, Tina, and Representative Sara Gelser on their presentation of Karly’s Law at the National Children’s Alliance Leadership Conference.

Shelly presented the Regional Service Provider (RSP) report. The RSPs are trying to patch the funding gap for DHS workers who attend OCFIT. DHS employees in some areas have not been supported by local DHS managers to attend OCFIT and DHS will not reimburse these employees for their training expenses. The RSPs would like to see more statewide support from DHS management because this is a mandatory training for DHS workers. All five RSPs now have directors; the two newest directors are Tammi Pitzen at the Children’s Advocacy Center of Jackson County and Kim McDonald at Mt. Emily Safe Center.

Shelly presented that she, Mike Maryanov, Tina Morgan, and Representative Sara Gelser will presenting on Karly’s Law at the Shoulder to Shoulder Conference in October.

Mike Maryanov announced that Kevin Dowling is the newly elected chairman for The Network and Shelly Smith will be stepping down. Thank you to Shelly for all your hard work and success over the past couple of years!

DOJ Updates

Mike Maryanov updated the group that he is now the Victim Response Section manager and Robin Reimer has jumped into her new role as the CAMI Fund Coordinator.

Shelly asked Shannon about any possible upcoming changes to CAMI funding. Shannon responded that the state will likely have some budget issues in the 15-17 biennium, but she does not anticipate any cuts to CAMI funding. RSPs are unlikely to receive any increase in funding for the next biennium. The biggest change that CVSD is likely to see are positions eliminated from each section, but Shannon does not have specific details to share at this time.

CSEC Update

Shannon Sivell presented that Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is planning to open a shelter for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) victims. The shelter will be for victims under the age of 18, with a focus on serving those between the ages of 11 to 15. OHA would like the Department of Justice-Crime Victim Services Division (DOJ-CVSD) to create an advisory committee to direct policy and funding. This committee would work with a PSU researcher and a Multnomah County employee to establish a blueprint that could be adapted and implemented around the state and to create a 5 year plan that would guide the committee.

Kevin Barton stated that there is not one correct way to implement this kind of program; it must meet the specific needs of each county. Washington County's CSEC issues are often very different than their neighbor's, Multnomah County's, issues. The Washington County MDT recognizes CSEC as child abuse and they include CSEC issues/cases in their MDT meetings. Kevin believes that the CAMI AC may be the most appropriate place to address these issues statewide. Shannon agrees and would like the group to know that this project will be very time intensive, possibly up to seven months, and will require a great amount of attention. Shannon also stated that within the next six months Oregon will need to have a plan in place to be able to apply for grants.

Stacey Ayers agreed with Kevin: each county will look different in with regard to the type of the program implemented, resources needed, and local MDT responses. The committee or subcommittee needs to be very diverse so that they can look at the best approaches that can be taken across the state to address the larger issue. Many of the children who become victims of trafficking either have been in or are currently in foster care, an issue that DHS needs to address.

Kirstin Heydel shared that she knows from her research and past experience, many traffickers are moving victims into rural and tribal areas since those areas are often more secluded and not patrolled much by law enforcement. Stacey also believes that there is a problem with counties

and agencies not communicating with each other; there is often confusion regarding roles and responsibilities. Robin would like to see protocols developed that address CSEC and possibly CSEC training can be incorporated within the OCFIT so forensic interviewers are equipped to identify victims of trafficking. Kevin stated that there are adults in prostitution that entered prostitution as minors-so they started as victims of trafficking, but that handling of these cases varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Kirstin offered to share her research on CSEC with anyone who might be interested.

OCFIT Update, Next Steps

Robin presented that the Network requested an additional \$50,000 for 2016 from CJA and that funding decision is pending. She hopes that perhaps an arrangement can be made with the CJA Task Force so that funding might be assured for several years rather than having the Network apply every year, justify the need repeatedly and await a funding decision. This would help those planning the OCFIT know their budget and have more time to plan, instead of worrying about the upcoming year's funding. Robin anticipates having sufficient funds in the CAMI budget to provide some support to OCFIT in 2015 but she and the Network have not yet determined the most effective way to administer the funding and what the needs are. They are looking at possibilities other than tuition/hotel reimbursements as there will likely not be enough for both reimbursements and other support. They would like to provide advanced trainings in the future.

Mike shared that last year was the pilot year for OCFIT and they held five trainings. CVSD recognizes the importance of this training to the state and CAMI plans to continue offering funds in the future when funds permit. When OCFIT was originally designed, the training was intended to reach the around 250 people across the state that needed this specific training and after the Bend training in September, we will be very close to the goal. OCFIT has gotten great reviews and other states have expressed interest in attending the training and possibly implementing similar training.

Tina stated that many organizations rely on DHS and LEA employees to conduct child interviews in the field and at their centers, which creates a high need of interviewers who need the training. The Network's goal is to provide OCFIT to every first responder in Oregon who will be talking with children. In the future, The Network would like to expand the training to other states, but currently it doesn't have the capacity for others to attend. The training is NCA approved and The Network hopes that when they are able to accept out-of-state participants, it will bring in more income. The group would like to see all agencies be more supportive when sending employees to OCFIT and that may help reduce the cost to The Network.

Stacey explained that DHS training funds are now distributed to each branch to spend; each DHS branch has their own budget and they are responsible for deciding how they spend their training money. Robin asked if those branches have any directive from DHS regarding how the money is spent. Stacey responded that they do not have any directives. Stacey also stated that though OCFIT is mandatory for anyone interviewing children in a Center in Oregon, the branches are ultimately responsible for their money. Stacey shared that all district managers

come together in Salem for a monthly meeting and he would like Shannon to attend the September meeting to present on OCFIT. Shannon expressed willingness to do this. Tina would like the Karly's Law video promoted there as well. Jordan will send a reminder email to Shannon.

Minutes

Motion: Tina moved to approve the February minutes as revised. Shelly seconded – the motion passed.

Future AC Work

Stacey told the group about a county that does not have a CAIC and due to past issues between that county and the closest county that does have a CAIC, children are being referred several counties away, to CARES Northwest (CARES NW), for evaluations. CARES NW is often stuck with the bill; they do not have an MOU with the referring county. There may need to be conversation about redistributing the allocations. Also this county is having an issue with LE consistently calling the same DHS worker to do interviews during third party sexual assault calls, which is an issue because the interviews are being done on DHS time and DHS would not normally be involved in these cases. The work isn't being paid for by LE. With regard to having those children seen at Hood River, which is closer, it is difficult to schedule because in Hood River employees are on contract; evaluations would need to be scheduled back to back with evaluations scheduled in Hood River to avoid additional expenses. Kevin Dowling from CARES NW needs to be brought into the conversation about the referrals.

Tina gave a thoughtful introduction detailing Tammi's background. Also Tina presented very exciting new protocol that Kids FIRST and Lane County have implemented to recognize the connection of animal abuse and child abuse. A subcommittee of the MDT was formed to develop protocols and procedures for DHS, LE, and Animal Control Services which is becoming an effective tool. A subcommittee position is held by a local veterinarian that played a big role developing the protocol and Tina will send Robin an article published in Trends Magazine about the link between animal abuse and child abuse and her interest in advocating for veterinarians becoming mandatory reporters. Robin will forward on to the CAMI AC. Update: Tina provided a copy of the article to Robin and it has been distributed to the CAMI Council members.

Carol Chervenak will email Robin "Recognizing When a Child's Injury or Illness is Caused by Abuse" to share with the CAMI AC.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.