

# CAMI Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

# CVSD Conference Room, Suite 150A (Lower Level) Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 1:00p.m-4:00 p.m.

*Committee Members present:* Stacey Ayers, Kevin Barton, Elizabeth Heskett, Staci Heintzman-Yutzie, Kirstin Heydel, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Wendi Steinbronn (by phone), and Shelly Smith.

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

Committee Members absent: Carol Chervenak and Matt Shirtcliff

# **Welcome and Introductions:**

Robin introduced Alisha Goodwin the new grant specialist for the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Program, and present members introduced themselves.

# Minutes:

The committee approved the minutes for the July 2015 meeting.

# **Regional Service Provider and Network Update:**

Shelly presented the Oregon Network report. There will be a new board in January comprised of stakeholders aside from just Center directors. The board will continue to work on leadership, development, and fundraising for child abuse intervention centers (CAICs) across Oregon.

The Network just finished hosting clinics across the state, offered by the Nonprofit Finance Fund, which included information on organizational development and how to use financial reports in external relations. In November, there will be an Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT) in Wilsonville. This is the fourth OCFIT training this year.

The Network is also working with a contracted lobbyiston House Bill (HB) 2234 implementation including working to develop appropriate billing codes while staying in line with grant funding. The lobbyist is working on other legislative issues as directed by the ONCAIC.

Shelly also submitted the RSP report in writing. Please see attachment for details.

# **DOJ and CAMI Update:**

Mike discussed current and upcoming staff changes for Crime Victims' Services Division (CVSD) including two new grant specialists and one more grant specialist who will be starting next month, leading to a total increase in staffing of 2.5 FTE. The grants section is also



considering other staffing needs for future hires including the potential for an in-house tech person and a new fund coordinator.

A recent increase in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds has led to discussion on how to allocate the extra funds over a three-year period. It is unknown at this time if the VOCA increase will be long-term or temporary. CVSD will release a non-competitive VOCA solicitation for 1 time funding (categories to include training, technology, infrastructure, emergency services and other) within the next few weeks. Any funds left will likely go towards a competitive process next spring.

#### **Network Contract:**

The 2014-2015 contract between CAMI and the Network has been extended through the end of November so that the Network will have the opportunity to sponsor a fourth training. These will likely happen in December. The 2015-16 contract has been executed.

#### **OCFIT Update:**

At least 3 OCFIT trainings, curriculum review, and a training of trainers will occur during the 15-16 fiscal year. Advanced training for those who have completed OCFIT but are interested in additional training, is currently being considered.

#### **DOJ CSEC Training:**

The Oregon Network and DOJ applied for a training grant through the Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center (WRCAC) to provide Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Intervention (CSEC) training for CAICs and their Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Intervention partners. This training will be taking place on November 4<sup>th</sup> and they are expecting approximately 20 people to attend.

# CSEC:

The AC had a conversation around interactions between CSEC MDTs and CAMI Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT)s. There was general agreement that the lines of communication between the two groups should be open to avoid duplication of services or service gaps. The AC discussed adding questions to the CAMI semi-annual narrative report to learn if and how MDTs are incorporating CSEC response. Another suggestion was that MDTs and CAICs could direct some of their training funding toward trainings about CSEC. The AC asked Robin to invite Amanda Swanson to an upcoming AC meeting to discuss her work and the state's CSEC response.

Some conversation was had regarding SAGE, a residential facility in Portland for youth who have been victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The underutilization of this facility may be partially due to the age limit of 15. Many of the youth needing services are over the age of 15 and therefore cannot access this facility. Although youth tend fall into trafficking around age 12 or 13, they are not often located or recovered until they are 15 or older.



# **Prioritizing Funding to a Center:**

The two main issues are, one: Is what the MDT refers to as a Center really a Center? and two: Is the MDT prioritizing funding to a Center? The AC reviewed the statutory guidance on what

constitutes a Center and determined that the statute does not require a Center be a stand-alone non-profit or that it be NCA accredited, the county's response just needs to meet the elements outlined in statute. Because Centers developed out of at least two different models (hospital and advocacy based), Centers look different from community to community. Medical

services can be provided in a separate location from the interviews as long as they are available for all types of abuse cases when needed (not just Karly's Law). The AC discussed what work by an individual funded with CAMI funds can be considered Center-related work and what constitutes funding towards a Center. Time spent by DHS and LEA employees providing forensic interviews at a space considered by the MDT as part of their Center can be included as "prioritizing funding to a center" but interviews conducted outside of that space cannot be considered part of that response because they do not support the center based response. MDT Coordinator time spent scheduling interviews at a Center or arranging other Center related services can be considered supporting a Center, but time spent coordinating the MDT cannot. Investigator work would not be considered supporting a Center.

The Advisory Council agreed that those who are funded by CAMI should track their time spent on Center related versus other work. The AC is also interested in getting information on interviews conducted at a Center versus in the field.

# **Discussion/Review of Letter to Grantees:**

Per discussion at the last AC meeting, prior to this meeting, Robin circulated a draft of a letter to grantees clarifying "prioritizing funding to a center." AC members provided suggestions for changes.

ACTION: Robin will make changes and re-circulate the letter to the AC via email.

#### Misc:

Kevin Barton noted a free MDT day on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Washington County District Attorney's Office is conducting the training. Registration is now open to any MDT member in Oregon.

**ACTION:** Alisha will distribute this announcement to MDTs in the weekly CAMI MDT email<sup>1</sup>.

# Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The announcement was included in the October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Weekly MDT Email