



CVSD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

CVSD Conference Room, Suite 150A (Lower Level)
November 5, 2015, 9:00am-10:30am

Committee Members in Attendance: Kim Larson, Lynne Whiteman, Michele Roland-Schwartz, Shirley Didier, Steve Bellshaw, Sybil Hebb.

Committee Members via Teleconference: Allison Cleveland, Rob Robinson, Chanpone Sinlapasai, Desiree Coyote, Kris Billhardt, Robin Selig, Vanessa Timmons, Yelena Hansen.

CVSD DOJ Staff Present: Alisha Goodwin, Barbara Clapper, Becky Smith, Cathy Relang, Jeanette Ewald, Mackenzie Gray, Mike Maryanov, Shannon Sivell

Committee Members Absent: Amy Holmes Hehn, Barb Palicki, Erin Ellis, Jenna Harper, Justin Nelson, Kat Kelley, Kelsey LeBrun Keswani, Lauri Stewart, Letetia Wilson, Merle Weiner, Rebecca Orf, Shirley Didier, Tawana Sanchez.

Welcome and Introductions:

Kim welcomed the committee and Crime Victims' Services Division (CVSD) staff in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves to the group.

Minutes Approval:

The June 25, 2015 meeting minutes were approved with the name of the facilitator changed to Robin.

Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Competitive:

Jeanette gave background information on SASP, which is currently finishing an 18-month competitive cycle and is now at the end of the application process for a new 24-month grant cycle. There is an estimated funding of \$600,000 dollars and CVSD expects to fund 5-6 programs. This round, all the applicants are non-profit organizations.

Funding priorities are primarily the same as last year with a few new exceptions. Applicants are expected to provide victim services without regard to the age of those being served. Applicants



must demonstrate that they provide services to population-specific groups and are currently, or are becoming, a population-specific organization. Equitable distribution between

Rural and urban organizations are also a funding priority. Frontier counties (serving rural populations) receive 10 additional points and counties who are partial frontier (serving rural and urban), receive 5 additional points.

SASP Application Review:

Nine applications were submitted this year (roughly half as many as last year) and one applicant did not pass minimum qualifications. Therefore, eight applications went to the SASP review team.

The SASP review team consisted of 4 members.

Jeanette described each applicant to the AC including the populations they serve, subcommittee contracts, Full Time Employees (FTE), any disallowed costs, and any outside contracts.

Michele discussed what happened at the review team meeting and gave the rankings and recommendations of the reviewers to the AC members.

Motion:

The AC approved the reviewer's recommendations.

AC members had concerns regarding de-obligated funds from the last 18 month SASP grant process. It is unknown how much, if any, money will be de-obligated from last cycle's grantees.

Motion:

The AC decided to put any de-obligated funds towards fully funding Handicap Awareness and Support League, who are currently awarded partial funding.

VOCA UPDATE - VOCA Assistance and VOCA Training:

Cathy sent out an email last week regarding federal fund removal of 1.5 billion from Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funds. The new information regarding federal decisions puts things on hold. In addition, the Grant Unit is still awaiting information with the new VOCA guidelines.

The Grant Unit is working on a one-time VOCA grant based on the current money increase. There is a proposed date of November 16th to open the grant to grantees and a closing date of March 31st. Grantees will have the ability to apply for part of the grant now and part of the grant later in order to give everyone an opportunity to take advantage of the new guidelines, which are supposed to be released in December 2015.



Jeanette updated the AC on the VOCA training grant that should be available soon. The Grant Unit is looking to have a three-year time period of training which will include Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) (including rural), exam, and expert witness trainings and other types of courses.

State Victims Assistance Academy training will be occurring in May.

Open Forum:

The AC and CVSD staff congratulated Yelena on her approaching retirement; Yelena has served on the CVSD AC since 2001.

Mike requests that AC members look at the proposed dates and times for next year's meetings. As of December first, it will be difficult to hold meetings at the CVSD office and therefore, new spaces will be utilized.

Actions:

Mike will send out information on meeting location reminders as the next meeting approaches.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.