

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



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Date: Monday, April 25, 2016

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

Attendees: Brad Berry, Mark Cotter, David Delsman, Suzanne Gray, Seantel Heisel, Dennis Holmes, Jeff Howes, Kim Larson, Denise Pena, Terry Thompson, and Michael Wu  
*Guests:* Elizabeth Godfrey, Corey Heaton, Lonnie Miller, Sarah Purce, and Karen Roddy

Phone Attendees: Cliff Bacigalupi, Rosemary Brewer, Juliet Britton, Johanna Costa, Steve Doell, and Meg Garvin

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

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

Helen made two introductions. Suzanne Gray is Criminal Justice Coordinator at Sexual Assault Task Force, serving the group as alternate for Michelle Roland-Schwartz. Sarah Purce, Immigration Attorney for Catholic Charities, is the new co-chair for the Immigrant Crime Victims' Rights Subcommittee.

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

**Department of Corrections Services Unit Presentation – Dennis Holmes, Karen Roddy**

The Department of Corrections has sponsored the Facilitated Dialogue Program since 2004. This allows voluntary opportunities for victims and the incarcerated offenders to have dialogue related to the crimes in question. Between 2004 and 2015, there have been 125 requests for the program. Twenty-four have moved forward to dialogue. The purpose of the program is to promote justice and healing for the victims and to aid offenders in the process of their rehabilitation.

**Changes in Homeland Security Policies and Priority Enforcement Program – Elizabeth Godfrey, Corey Heaton, Lonnie Miller**

Representatives of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) presented an explanation of policy changes for apprehension, detention and removal of aliens in this country. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed the Priority Enforcement Program (PEP) for this process. ICE will generally only seek the transfer of a convicted criminal alien when categorized as a Priority 1 or 2, or if they present a threat to national security. A memorandum from DHS, outlining the civil immigration enforcement priorities, is located here:

[http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/14\\_1120\\_memo\\_prosecutorial\\_discretion.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/14_1120_memo_prosecutorial_discretion.pdf).

Information regarding PEP is located here: <https://www.ice.gov/pep>.

**NAVAC Conference Gap Analysis Report – Denise Pena**

Helen, Denise, Steve Berger (Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors) and Annette Chrisemer, (Victims Services Coordinator with the Marion County Parole & Probation) will present an overview of victims' rights and the gap analysis that was conducted in Oregon, at the National Association of Victim Service Professionals in Corrections Conference. Denise provided a summary of

the gap analysis of victim services to date. There have been two site visits attended by Denise, Rod Underhill and Karen Roddy, one in Washington DC and one in Minnesota. In Minnesota the group saw a Cloud-based system; they are now developing a plan to move toward a similar victim management system in Multnomah County with an eye toward a possible statewide application. The Code for America Grant will consider this project for a grant of \$500,000. To qualify, the applicant must commit to contributing \$250,000 to the process.

### **Updates and Goals: Task Force and Subcommittees**

#### ***Immigrant Crime Victims' Rights Subcommittee –Sarah Purce***

- Sarah, Helen and Chanpone have been asked to create a webinar for Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV) as an overview of crime victims' rights specific to immigrant victims.
- On June 12, Yamhill County will host an immigrant outreach event similar to the one in Hood River last fall.

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

Seantel has created a flowchart used for outlining victims' progress through the system. Best Practice documents for use by practitioners in the Juvenile Justice System are under development. Preparations are under way for the training at the October Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association conference.

#### ***Best Practice – Rosemary Brewer, Johanna Costa, Helen O'Brien***

The group has completed the best practice document, "Honoring a Victim's Right to be Heard at Time of Sentencing". It will be available on the Crime Victims' Services Division website, where all best practice papers will be accessible. Two other papers are in the works: Restitution, and Victims' Right to Refuse Discovery Request.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.