



CVSD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Department of Justice, Kulongoski Room
May 11, 2017, 9:00am-12:30pm

Committee Members via Teleconference: Steve Bellshaw, Kris Billhardt, Shirley Didier, Kelsey Keswani, Kim Lane, Kim Larson, Justin Nelson, Rebecca Orf, Barb Palicki, Lauri Stewart, Vanessa Timmons, Merle Weiner, Letitia Wilson

Committee Members Present: Desiree Coyote, Michele Roland-Schwartz

CVSD DOJ Staff Present: Marjorie Doran, Jeanette Ewald, Diana Fleming, Mackenzie Gray, Alisha Goodwin, Mike Maryanov, Cathy Relang

Committee Members Absent: Allison Cleveland, Erin Ellis, Sybil Hebb, Kathryn Kelly, Kelsey Lebrun Keswani, Tawna Sanchez, Chanpone Sinlapasai, Lynne Whiteman

Welcome/Minutes Approval

With 15 AC members present, quorum is reached.

Minutes from September 8, 2016 are approved with edits.

VAWA IP Approval

Diana will be sending the Stop Violence Against Women Act Implementation Plan (VAWA IP) as well as the appendix to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) this week. Seven committee members are on the VAWA IP Sub-committee, the process was intentionally made as inclusive as possible. The draft is posted on the VAWA Website and was released previously for a 60 day public commenting period. All comments, suggestions and questions have been reviewed and edits to the IP have been made.

The VAWA IP is approved by the CVSD AC with one edit.

Diana will send reminders today to those who have not completed their documentation of collaboration forms to submit to OVW by the end of May.



Joint Allocation Review Process

The CVSD and DHS ACs have been very involved in Joint Fund Planning. The first benchmark for funds (16.5 million) is getting closer to being reached (currently at 12 million). Therefore, it is time to take stock of the equity formula and determine if updates are needed. CVSD would like to form a new sub-committee evaluate the allocation formula as we get close to this 16m benchmark. A joint subcommittee with DHS' and CVSD's advisory committee members' will help the formula conversation now that we are so close.

The goal is to determine if updates are needed. The focus would be specifically on the Joint application but could impact other funding streams as it has in the past. **Becky Smith will send out an overview of the committee with a call for volunteers.**

Currently, the allocations set through the equity study are based on each county. As counties get closer to the benchmark, some counties' funds are held steady while other counties catch up. In theory, at \$16.5m, all counties and tribes will have achieved the funding formula benchmark through this process. While the process is not in question, whether the same principle should be applied in counties who have multiple programs has been unclear. This could impact programs who are closer to the benchmarks than others but would create more equity between programs.

After some discussion, the CVSD AC approves the motion to adopt the benchmark formula for individual programs when multiple programs exist within a county.

CVSD will bring this information forward to the DHS AC for a vote.

CVSD Grant Schedule for 2017 and 2018

The joint application is now released in the E-grant system.

On October 1, 2017, the VOCA CFA applications will renew.

The VOCA One Time (OT) applications may be extended. The VOCA increase lead to the OT last year because at the time CVSD did not know if VOCA funds would stay the same or go up or down in the next fiscal year. It now appears that VOCA will be remaining relatively stable. Currently the OT focuses on capital outlay and emergency services (which is outside the norm for most grants, which tend to focus on FTE). The focus of the OTs can shift depending on priorities, needs, and service gaps in the state. This will continue to be an ongoing conversation within CVSD.

The next VOCA Competitive will likely take place in mid-2018 with an October schedule. Discussion is being had on how/if to make VOCA funding available for the 9 federally recognized tribes in Oregon.



Beginning in July the current VAWA-Competitive applications will be extended through the end of the calendar year (2017). The next round of VAWA-Competitives will be obligated on January 1, 2018. The VAWA-Competitive grant will remain a two-year grant which runs with the calendar year (January – December).

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) grant is in the planning stages.

Federal Funding Updates

The US Senate recently passed the Omnibus Appropriations Act 2017, which includes the spending level for VOCA. This bill reduces the VOCA cap from three billion to 2.5 billion. The 2.5 billion will exclude all earmarks, which means approximately a 17% decrease in state victim assistance VOCA dollars. Based on this information the state of Oregon is predicted to receive approximately 22 million. An increase is possible for the Fiscal Year 2018 VOCA dollars because Congress is basing their VOCA Cap recommendations on the average of the last three years of collections. There was just a big settlement with Volkswagen and so 2018 may reflect a large increase in federal fines put into the Crime Victims Fund.

VAWA Federal Funds are still undetermined.

SASP Federal solicitations have been released and are due on June 7, 2017.

The AC will be notified when CVSD receives their grant award amounts.

AC Updates

The next CVSD AC meeting will take place on August 10, 2017. A grant review will likely take place at the November 2017 meeting.