

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



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Date: Monday, October 30, 2017

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

Attendees: Cliff Bacigalupi, Brad Berry, Rosemary Brewer, Juliet Britton, Marc Brown, Mark Cotter, Meg Garvin, Christine Herrman, Jeff Howes, Kim Larson, Debbi Martin, Denise Pena, John Stein, Michael Wu

**Guests:** Ross Caldwell, Saydyie DeRosia, Melissa Franz, Ted Smietana, Jeremiah Stromberg

Phone Attendees: Juliet Britton, Matt English, Michele Roland-Schwartz

CVSD Staff Attendees: Stephanie Hoskins, Helen O'Brien, Sherree Rodriguez, Shannon Sivell

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**Introductions, Appointment Updates and Welcome – Helen O'Brien**

Michael Wu is leaving his position on the parole board. Christine Herrman now represents the Board of Parole and Post-prison Supervision on the Task Force. Michele Roland-Schwartz has appointed Suzanne Gray as her replacement. Jeff Kosmicki is no longer able to continue as a taskforce member.

**Minutes** - The group reviewed and adopted the April 24, 2017 minutes.

**OSP Victim ID – Mark Cotter**

Oregon State Police has updated the Victim Identification Number Form, which now has more victim options, and the 1-800 number is now fully functional. The new form and information about the purpose and process will be distributed to DA Victim Assistance Programs after today's meeting.

**Multnomah County/Code for America "Case Companion" – Denise Pena**

The Code for America contract work with Multnomah County was completed last week with the completion of the Case Companion web-based tool. The application assists victims in locating pertinent case and contact information in a user-friendly format. The tool is designed for updates with new features over time. A sustainability team is in formation and they will discuss future funding and expansion for Case Companion. The Case Companion website: <http://casecompanion.org>

**Criminal Justice Commission Pretrial Work Group – Ross Caldwell, Ted Smietana**

The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) has convened a Pretrial Work Group to look at the best ways of assessing offenders to determine appropriate custody decisions. Release decisions are key to victim safety and better resource management. Because there is no standardized process of tracking county jail inmates, gathering data of inmate numbers and offenses is problematic.

**Bench Guides – Kim Larson, Melissa Franz**

Two bench guides have been created and shared with the group; one focused on restitution and one on general victims' rights. The sub-committee will continue to work with OJD to approve and market the guides.

### **Inmate Accountability Work Group Update – Jeremiah Stromberg**

Legislation was introduced during the 2015 legislature session that would have resulted in changes in Oregon law regarding the collection of inmate funds. As a result of further conversation related to this legislation DOC committed to pulling stakeholders together to address this topic. The stakeholders made recommendations including the following: DOC would collect 10 percent of court-ordered obligation from inmate accounts to pay toward owed restitution and 5 percent to create a re-entry savings for the offender. The workgroup's recommendations have been supported by recent legislation and DOC is moving forward to begin implementation.

Marc Brown, of the Office of Public Defense Services, voiced concerns that DOC has no mechanism in place to return funds that have been collected, should a judgment be vacated or the conviction reversed.

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

#### ***Immigrant Crime Victims' Rights – Helen O'Brien/ Shannon Sivell***

The last meeting had a good exchange of information. Immigration Control Agents regularly participate in the meeting. It would be beneficial for group members to attend if there are any questions in this area.

#### ***Juvenile Justice – Debbi Martin***

The group is fine-tuning their survey around victim satisfaction and planning strategies for training.

#### ***Best Practice – Rosemary Brewer***

Right to Refuse Discovery – the group has not yet met on this topic.

#### ***Post-Conviction – Saydyie DeRosia***

Several Task Force representatives were asked to attend the yearly NIC meeting in Colorado and provide information on Oregon's post-conviction advocacy efforts.

Upcoming topic - Amending victim rights statutes

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm

### **2018 Task Force Meeting Schedule**

- January 29
- April 30
- July 30
- October 29