



Attorney Generals' Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement
Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2018; 1:30 to 3:05 pm
Tilikum Conference Room, 100 Market Street

Committee:	<u>Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement</u>
Attendees:	Cliff Bacigalupi, Rosemary Brewer, Marc Brown, Saydyie DeRosia, Jeff Howes, Debbi Martin, Sid Moore, Denise Pena Guests: Michael Hsu, Robyn Masella, Staci Heinzman-Yutzie
Phone Attendees:	Dana Vidoni Carelle, Mark Cotter, Kimberly Dailey, Hon. David Delsman, Kim Larson, Chanpone Sinlapasai
CVSSD Staff Attendees:	Helen O'Brien, Sherree Rodriguez, Shannon Sivell

Introductions, Appointment Updates and Welcome – Helen O'Brien

Minutes - The group reviewed and adopted the October 30, 2017 minutes.

DPSST Basic Training Revision – Staci Heinzman-Yutzie

Staci Yutzie, Program Development Coordinator for Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) shared changes to the basic training for police cadets that include an hour dedicated to victims' rights and supporting victims of crime. This first component of the revision sets the groundwork for the incorporation of victim sensitivity instruction throughout the basic training process. In addition the cadets are provided samples of Crime Victims' Rights pocket cards and instructed in their use.

The training has adopted a facilitated learning format with an emphasis on developing problem-solving skills. Improvements are being seen already, seven months after the program was implemented. Helen O'Brien and Kim Larson observed the "Supporting Victims of Crime" class and found it very good. Staci invited AC members to visit the training.

Crime Victims' Rights Cards – Rosemary Brewer, Officers

A statewide effort is under way to encourage law enforcement to distribute the Crime Victims' Rights cards as they encounter victims. The purpose is to inform them of their legal rights early in the process. The group discussed the importance of incorporating the Chiefs of Police and County Sheriffs in order to gain wider compliance across the state. Cliff Bacigalupi and Staci Yutzie will work together to make those connections.

Sex Offender Re-class and Relief Update – Robyn Masella and Michael Hsu

The Oregon Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (BOPPPS) will begin accepting petitions from offenders for relief from the Sex Offender Registry requirement. BOPPPS plans to review these petitions in similar fashion to parole hearings in the way victims are notified and invited to speak. They are currently looking for a non-prison location for the hearings. An intern will assist with records.



New VRRF – Rosemary Brewer, Kim Larson and Helen O’Brien

The Victims’ Rights Request Form for Adult Cases has been updated to communicate to victims more clearly. While usage is not consistent for this form statewide, the goal is to move in this direction. Helen requested the group to review the draft and forward their thoughts to her by email.

Legislative Clean-up Ideas – Shannon Sivell

The 2019 Legislative session will be a good time to request modification to bills related to victim rights. Shannon requested input from the group following the meeting. Ideas discussed include:

- Make more rights automatic
- Require an explanation to victims about potential early release options
- Share victim requests for rights with partner agencies to better serve victims
- Use of pseudonyms for minors

Updates and Goals: *Task Force and Subcommittees*

Immigrant Crime Victims’ Rights – Helen O’Brien/ Shannon Sivell

The group met on April 19th in Portland. During the meeting Portland Police provided an update on their U Visa process and a guest presenter discussed what might trigger denials at the Vermont Service Center.

Other topics discussed included:

J-1 Visa’s; DACA updates; and plans for the next meeting where we expect to have an immigration judge as a guest.

Juvenile Justice – Dana Vidoni Carelle

The Juvenile Justice Subcommittee met on April 17th in Yamhill County and discussed a variety of topics including:

- Members of the group will provide a presentation on victims’ rights with a focus on sex abuse cases at the next Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association (OJDDA) conference
- Recent law change related to when a juvenile is required to register as a Sex Offender.
- Victim impact statements and guides
- A strategic planning meeting is scheduled for July in Medford.

Post-Conviction – Denise Pena

At the most recent Post-Conviction meeting, the group discussed the Interstate Compact process focusing on two relevant rules related to victims’ rights: the right to be heard in the application process and to notification once the offender is in the other state. This discussion again highlighted the fact that since the majority of counties do not have staff dedicated to victim services, victims don’t always get notified of rights in a timely manner. The group is working on ways to improve statewide consistency of practice.

Bench Guides – Kim Larson, Kimberly Dailey

Efforts continue on the Bench Guide. The group has solicited feedback from several judges and is working on compiling feedback.

Other – Sex Offender HIV Test Results

Helen was recently contacted by Department of Corrections (DOC) regarding offenders getting HIV tests. It seems that HIV tests are being ordered independently of a victim request causing confusion about where the results should be sent. This situation is also occurring at the county level.



ACTION: Jeff Howes will look into the situation and see where the problem originates. He will report back to the group at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm

2018 Task Force Meeting Schedule

- July 30
- October 29