



CVSD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSD
Meeting held at State Library of Oregon, Rm 103
March 22, 9:00am-12:30pm

Committee Members via Teleconference: Allison Cleveland, Desiree Coyote, Debra Dority, Kimberly Lane, Justin Nelson

Committee Members Present: Steve Bellshaw, Sybil Hebb, Kim Larson, Michele Roland-Schwartz, Lauri Stewart, Merle Weiner, Letitia Wilson

CVSD DOJ Staff Present: Jeanette Ewald, Mackenzie Gray, Christine Heyen, Terri Johnson, Mike Maryanov, Cathy Relang, Shannon Sivell, Becky Smith, Diane Wehage

Guests Present: Carli Rohner, Campus Advocate Coordinator - SATF and Cheryl O'Neill, DHS

Committee Members Absent: Amy Benedum, Kat Kelly, Kelsey LeBrun Keswani, Barb Palicki, Tawna Sanchez, Chanpone Sinlapasai, Vanessa Timmons

Welcome/Minutes Approval

The facilitator, Kim Larson, welcomed those in attendance both in person and telephonically. Everyone introduced themselves to the group.

The Advisory Committee approved minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting with one revision request: Kim Larson left the meeting prior to the approval vote for the VAWA Competitive Grant.

Joint Allocation Task Force

Becky reported to the committee that the Joint Allocation Task Force would be meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 to review the allocation formula and its implementation to achieve equitable distribution of funds.



VOCA Funding Initiatives (VOCA FI)

Cathy shared with the group an overview of the VOCA FI grant. This is a focused Competitive/Noncompetitive grant with an award period of April 1, 2018 – September 30, 2020. The primary purpose of the grant is to extend and enhance direct services to victims of crime. The VOCA FI grant is comprised of the following five funding categories:

- Human Trafficking Task Force Projects – Cathy Relang
- Community Based Advocacy and Health Care Partnerships – Christine Heyen
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Projects – Becky Smith
- Campus Outreach and Advocacy Projects – Jeanette Ewald
- Tribal Nations Victim Services – Diana Fleming

All components of the grant are competitive with the exception of the Tribal Nations. The review and scoring process for this grant was approached a little differently than other competitive grants we have done. The Crime Victims' Services Division (CVSD) Fund Coordinators reviewed, scored, and ranked the applications. Each component of the application had its own review team comprised of Subject Matter Experts. Reviewers were given the project descriptions, MOU's, and budget summaries for each application who then met with the Fund Coordinator(s) to give input and discuss rankings.

Human Trafficking:

The purpose of this funding initiative is to support coordinated activities that facilitate direct service delivery, including development and enhancement of multidisciplinary countywide human trafficking task forces. Funding is intended to support FTE and activities for the position of a Human Trafficking Task Force Coordinator/Advocate.

Community Based Advocacy and Health Care Partnerships:

The purpose of the Community-Based Advocacy and Healthcare Partnerships funding initiative is to expand the delivery of community-based advocacy services to survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) through partnerships with local health care providers, clinics and systems. This is an opportunity for nonprofit domestic and sexual violence advocacy organizations to apply for projects that establish partnerships with health care systems including, but not limited to, public health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, primary care clinics, school based health centers, and hospitals. These projects will offer community-based advocacy services for survivors of IPV who are receiving health care services from one or more of the project's established health care partners.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Projects: The purpose of this funding initiative is to expand or enhance direct services provided by CASA advocates to children who are victims of child abuse in the first year following the victimization or the CASA appointment. CVSD will



accept applications from CASA lead programs on behalf of one or more affiliate CASA programs. A lead program is the program that submits a single application on behalf of one or more programs, called affiliate or subrecipient programs in this context. The lead program is responsible for reporting and communication with CVSD. The lead program will provide subaward funds to the affiliate programs. Funding is intended to support FTE and activities for direct case management and advocate supervision and for volunteer advocate recruitment and training.

Campus Outreach and Advocacy Projects: The purpose of the Campus Advocacy and Outreach funding initiative is to support Oregon's eligible two-year, four-year, public, non-profit, and community colleges in enhancing and expanding established qualified victim services programs. Funding is intended to support outreach activities and the expansion of advocacy services to victims of gender based violence on Oregon's campuses. Projects are expected to support activities that develop and strengthen trauma informed victim services and strategies to respond to gender based violence. Applicants are expected to meaningfully increase access to victim services programming for underserved and/or culturally specific populations in a thoughtful and strategic way. Applicants are expected to develop or enhance culturally and linguistically specific outreach and intervention strategies for underserved communities such as students of color; students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning students of limited English proficiency; students with disabilities; students from immigrant communities; non-US citizen or international students; and other campus-specific underserved populations.

Tribal Nations Victims Services: The purpose of this funding initiative is for Oregon's federally recognized tribes to apply for projects that serve a broad range of services for victims including but not limited to child abuse, elder abuse, sex trafficking, domestic and sexual violence, and victim assistance. This may include expanding an existing tribal victim services program, initiating a new victim assistance program, and more as allowable under the VOCA Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Services. This guidance is to give Tribal Nations additional information related to the RFA criteria and eligibility and follows the conversations and meetings CVSD has held with the tribes over the past several months.

There was discussion following the presentation of each component of the VOCA FI grant. Committee members liked the fact that the reviewers were subject matter experts because they were very knowledge specific.

The motion to approve the recommendations of the VOCA FI review teams to the Attorney General passed unanimously.



VOCA Support Services and Training Grant (VOCA SST) Update:

Cathy gave a brief update on the VOCA SST grant. Funding was available in four categories: Training, Emergency Services, Legal Services and Mental Health Services. Not everyone took advantage of the opportunity to request funding. CVSD is finding that as we administer more money and as VOCA rules change, there seems to be a disparity with what is allowable and what programs wanted to do. A suggestion to remedy this was to gather ideas from others at events like Directors Day as to how they are spending their money and what they have determined is allowable or not allowable under VOCA rules. A suggestion was to give advance notice of application release dates. By doing this, it would give more time for programs to develop their projects. When asked how much time was needed, the consensus by the group was that it depended on the project, but 6-8 weeks seemed like a good timeframe. Sybil added that money for emergency services for survivors could use a boost.

Federal Funds Management Training:

CVSD has subcontracted with Kay Sohl, Non-Profit Financial Management Consultant, to provide a series of regional federal financial training events. There will be locations for these trainings: Portland, Salem, Roseburg and Pendleton. The training will encompass Direct Time Keeping, Program Income, Cost Allocation Plans, and Indirect Cost Rates. These are all central elements of compliance with federal funding requirements and things we have seen our sub-recipients struggle to understand or incorporate into their administrative procedures. These trainings will replace Directors Day in 2018.

Open Discussion:

Mike reported that the Senate has passed the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018" and Oregon is looking at an approximate \$18 million dollar increase in VOCA for FY 2018. This is about 78% more than our FY 2017 VOCA assistance grants.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

**The next CVSD Advisory Committee meeting will be Thursday, August 23, 2018. Location TBA.*