



Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

DOJ - Portland Office, Tilikum Room
Thursday, May 16, 2019 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Council Members Present: Kevin Barton, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Tami Kane-Suleiman, Marilyn Reilly, Matt Shirtcliff (phone), Rahela Rehman, Shelly Smith

Department of Justice (DOJ) and Crime Victim and Survivor Services Department (CVSSD) Staff Present: Mike Maryanov, Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil

Council Members Absent: Patty Kenyon, Carol Chervenak

Welcome, Introductions Robin Reimer welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

November Meeting Minutes

The CAMI Advisory Council (AC) approved the minutes from November 2018. The February AC meeting was cancelled.

Network Update

Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (ONCAIC) is working on a convening and training of the Designated Medical Professionals (DMP) and is planning a conference for all DMPs in September in Portland. The Network will begin hosting monthly phone/video calls starting in June for all DMPs to discuss emerging issues in the field, identify resources, share new research, discuss National Children's Alliance (NCA) standards, and potentially conduct brief case reviews. The Network continues to partner with Department of Human Services (DHS) and Portland State University on the Essential Elements Training. A workgroup has been convened to define common needs and issues specific to rural Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAIC). The group title is "Rural and Developing Centers."

Regional Service Provider (RSP) Update

House Bill 2464 passed. The bill removed references to naturopaths from the CAMI statutes. RSPs continue to update their websites to use standard language to describe RSPs and the services they provide. RSPs are continuing discussions about expanding peer reviews across regions in the state.

DOJ and CAMI Updates

CVSSD released the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Competitive application on May 15, 2019. With the 2018 increase, Oregon's VOCA allocation is now \$42 million. CVSSD is focusing on



expanding victim services to culturally specific programs. Listening tours will be conducted to understand the scope of cultures, resources, and needs in Oregon. CVSSD anticipates a reduction in the 2019 VOCA allocation to about \$30 million in 2019.

CAICs will receive a \$3 million increase through the 2019-2021 VOCA non-competitive applications. The CVSSD Advisory Committee will meet May 23, 2019 to discuss added funding and bolstering the member roles on the committee. The Network expressed interest in joining this committee and encouraged CVSSD to include children's advocacy center representatives from both rural and urban communities as well. Shelly Smith suggested a contact (Candy Solovjovs) who was formerly with Liberty House and Meyer Memorial Trust who helped launch much of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work with statewide foundations. She will connect Mike and Candy.

The VOCA handbook has been updated and is available online; the CAMI handbook will also be updated soon. Robin asked the CAMI AC with help reviewing the draft handbook when it is ready. Work on the model protocols continues; CAIC representatives recently reviewed and the updated document which will be redistributed to a few District Attorneys next. Children's Justice Act (CJA) Advisory Committee recruitments have begun. Robin thanked the AC for providing feedback on the draft. CJA bylaws. They are being shared with CJA task force recruits along with other information about the CJA. The task force will be asked to adopt the bylaws at its first meeting.

Legislative Update

The group discussed relevant legislative activity. House Bill 2849 redefines the threshold for removal of a child with and without court order. Senate Bill 490 tightens the requirements for background checks for child care providers. Senate Bill 155 amends the statutes around abuse by school employees, contractors, agents and volunteers.

CAMI Multidisciplinary Team Grant Application

The application process was streamlined for grant recipients in good standing. The group discussed which statistics should be in the formula used to allocate CAMI MDT funds including child abuse prevalence rates, crime rates, and agency referral statistics. The group agreed that population alone seemed most logical, but was interested in learning more about factors included in prevalence rate determinations. Funding for the MDT non-competitive grants is expected to remain stable. All grant applications adequately prioritize funding to their center. Concerns within particular applications were addressed. Robin Reimer will contact the grantees to request amendments.

Goal Setting for AC

The AC set goals for the upcoming year as follows:

1. MDT accountability to the protocols and policies of CAMI and Fatality Review: how will the CAMI AC function in supporting these practices? The group agreed that requiring training on best practice at the MDT Day Conference and site visits for those not able to attend this training at Conference will enhance these practices.



2. Bolster the CAMI Advisory Council's support of CVSSD's Advisory Committee through CAIC and MDT representation from both large and small counties.
3. Focused assistance to CVSSD with culturally specific priorities.
4. Support and disseminate legislative information. Add legislative updates to each agenda.
5. Update the CAMI handbook.
6. Increase training opportunities for child abuse prosecutors.
7. Add law enforcement, citizen with interest, and school officials to the CAMI AC.

Next meeting August 13, 2019, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Adjourned 2:54 pm