



CVSSD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD
Meeting held at State Library of Oregon, Rm 103
November 15, 2018 - 9:00am-12:30pm

Committee Members via Teleconference: Desiree Coyote, Sybil Hebb, Justin Nelson, Barb Palicki

Committee Members Present: Steve Bellshaw, Amy Benedum, Debra Dority, Sybil Hebb, Kelsey LeBrun Keswani, Kimberly Lane, Michele Roland-Schwartz, Lauri Stewart, Merle Weiner, Letitia Wilson

CVSSD DOJ Staff Present: Jeanette Ewald, Diana Fleming, Alisha Goodwin, Mackenzie Gray, Diane Harvey, Christine Heyen, Terri Johnson, Kim Larson, Mike Maryanov, Shannon Sivell (via teleconference), Becky Smith, Amanda VanTil

Guests Present: Cheryl O'Neill, DHS

Committee Members Absent: Allison Cleveland, Tawna Sanchez, Chanpone Sinlapasai, Vanessa Timmons, Lynne Whiteman

Welcome/Minutes Approval

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

The Crime Victim and Survivor Services (CVSSD) Advisory Committee (AC) approved minutes from the March 22, 2018 meeting.

SASP (Sexual Assault Services Formula Program) Competitive Grant Review

Jeanette reported to the committee that there were eight applications for the 2019 SASP Competitive Grant. All five of the current grantees from the 2016 SASP Competitive Grant applied. There is a total of \$650,000 available for this grant. The SASP subcommittee, which is comprised of five members, reviewed and scored the applications. Handouts were provided to committee members showing funding requested, scores, ranks, and funding amounts recommended by the review team. Bonus points were given to applicants who provided population specific services for members of underserved communities as well as frontier



communities. Michelle Roland-Schwartz, a SASP subcommittee member, presented that the final recommendation is to fund four of the eight applicants.

The motion to approve the recommendations of the SASP review team to the Attorney General passed unanimously.

Joint Allocation Subcommittee Update:

In 2006, Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Human Services (DHS) entered into a joint allocation process for domestic violence and sexual assault (DVSA) intervention funding to nonprofit organizations from seven federal and state grant streams. A study was funded – ‘The Equity Study’ – to determine an equitable noncompetitive distribution formula. The first benchmark resulting from the process was approximately \$16.3 million. In 2012, Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribal Nations were added, and the funding benchmark was adjusted to \$16.46 million. As ongoing allocations approach this benchmark, the subcommittee is reviewing the formula and its implementation. Some of the recommendations are minor adjustments or confirmation of the funding structure, and some are more fundamental in an effort to ensure meaningful access to services for all DVSA victim-survivors across Oregon.

Becky shared an overview of the recommendations to-date regarding the following:

- Update the current base plus population formula for the four formula elements, which include population, prevalence rates, advocate cost (salary & benefits) and advocate/survivor service ratio.
- Increase the base amount for Tribal Nations and the smallest programs.
- Progress to goal temporary caps:
 - Apply the formula to programs in the same way it is applied to service areas: re-run the formula each biennium, keep the hold-steady provision, determine progress-to-goal and apply temporary caps at 100% until equity across programs in the service area is reached.
- Base and population portions:
 - A grantee program may receive a base portion from more than one county/service area, but their total base allocation should not exceed the percentage of base allocated to other programs or programs in the county/service area.
 - Confirm use of zip codes as the default population allocation method.
 - Advise current programs about how the split is currently calculated and revisit service area splits.
- Confirm threshold provisions and services that must be provided in order to be eligible for Joint non-competitive funding.
- Confirm required core services and provisions that should be adopted and maintained by grantees.
- Shelter Services:
 - Replace “DV Shelter” with “shelter”
 - The list of requirements for shelters remains as it is in the DHS grant agreement, with the clarification that everything above the shelter section is also required, to define the “as necessary or appropriate” language, and to add language around “survivor focused/led”.



- Accountability and complaints:
 - Create a poster for those seeking services with information on how to file complaints that would be required to be posted at all funded programs.
 - Create a process for filing complaints with CVSSD and DHS.
 - Decisions about accountability, consequences, and the process should be well documented and defined.
- The formation of future workgroups

Becky also presented information on the following “pending” recommendations, which will be discussed at a Joint Committee meeting on November 27, 2018:

- Confirm that an equitable distribution between frontier, rural, mixed urban-rural, and urban service areas is used.
- Include a distribution element that would recognize the increased costs of serving culturally specific/population specific survivors.
- Include a distribution element that would recognize the cost of providing shelter facilities.
- Entry into the Joint:
 - Joint funders should keep the two current routes that exist for entry into the Joint but should:
 - Communicate and clarify details of each route.
 - Outreach to programs
 - Include marketing
 - Capacity building funding
 - The process of identifying what is missing in terms of services within a community should be done with or by local communities.
 - With local programs, identify the pool of programs who may want to get into the Joint and identify the service gaps in each area
- Culturally Specific (CS) Programs:
 - Continue to develop specific criteria for CS programs
 - Include more CS organizations

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Update:

Mike announced that we have accepted the 2018 VOCA Victim Assistance award from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for just over \$42 million dollars, an increase of approximately 27% from last year. CVSSD is considering different options of getting money out the door such as some kind of wide-open competitive application as well as some smaller focused competitive applications. CVSSD plans to give increases in non-competitive money. There is also a need to do more work with culturally specific programs.

A suggestion to provide a document to grantees spelling out where the funds go might be helpful. Based on current conversations at the Federal level, there is the possibility of a reduction of funds received in 2019.



Legislative Updates:

Sybil and Michele, representing the Oregon Alliance to End Violence Against Women, gave an update on the 2019 Legislative Priorities. Priorities are based on input from survivors, advocates, and service providers from across the state. Survey feedback was assessed at several statewide meetings according to the priority-setting criteria. Expert input was sought prior to final approval of Alliance priorities.

- Funding for Emergency Services for Survivors:
 - A \$10 million increase in Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) Fund in the DOJ budget.
- Tenant Protections:
 - For-Cause Eviction: prohibit eviction for no reason, but allow eviction if the tenant violates the lease or the landlord has a specific business purpose.
 - Rent Stabilization: limit rent increases to one time per year.
- Sexual Violence Prevention:
 - A dedicated funding source for \$3 million to ensure greater capacity of community-based non-profits, culturally specific, and tribal programs to implement K-12 and/or community level violence prevention work.
- Law Enforcement Trauma-Informed Training
- Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS) and Co-Located Advocates
- U-Visa Protections and protections for Immigrant Victims

Open Discussion:

There is a need for a new CVSSD chairperson since Kim Larson has joined CVSSD staff. The group will also be looking at adding more CVSSD committee members, as there has been a decline in membership. CVSSD will create a doodle poll for upcoming dates that work for the majority of the members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.