

Children's Justice Act Task Force

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2020
Portland DOJ Office, Sauvie Island Room
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Task Force Members present: John Casalino, Shawna Clowser, Debra Gilmore, Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn (phone), Patti Kenyon, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen (phone), Marilyn Reilly, Rahela Rehman, Sherree Rodriguez, Patty Terzian, Shelly Smith

Guest: Becky Jones

CVSSD DOJ Staff: Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil, Kim Larson

Task Force Members absent: Aaron Brenneman, Carol Chervenak, Hon. Andrew Erwin, Tami Kane-Suleiman

Welcome

Materials: reimbursement form, sign in sheet

Introductions

Members introduced themselves with their name, their agency or organization, and a description of their role in child abuse intervention/response.

Grants Updates

- The proposal from Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (ONCAIC) was submitted to the task force by email. The grant will fund several projects including Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT), Project Ability, and a training on talking to children for those not conducting forensic interviews. Robin thanked the task force members for their input. The contract process is moving forward and the award should be made soon.
- The Clackamas County Sheriff's office is revising its outcome measures per the request of the Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task force and Robin is working with them to execute a contract.
- Robin reached out to the organizers of the Shoulder to Shoulder and Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conferences but does not yet have applications or confirmation that they will seek funding from CJA.
- John Casalino and Kevin Barton are working together on the proposal for the prosecutor training.

Grant Application Forms

After this round of awards, grant applications and reports will be offered through the EGrants system. The CJA grant financial and progress reports will be modeled on existing reports used by CVSSD for other federal and state grants. The task force agreed that project budgets as opposed to organization budgets are appropriate for most grants. However, standards should be established to guide when a grant applicant must submit an agency

budget as well as, or in lieu of, a project budget, such as when FTE are included in the request, or when the total grant request exceeds a certain threshold.

Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) and ONCAIC

Patty Terzian from Western Regional CAC and Becky Jones from ONCAIC presented to the task force overviews of their organization's current priorities and training offerings. The group agreed that the presentations were very helpful and discussed continuing to schedule presentations, both from task force and non-task force members, to learn more about the efforts and challenges of child abuse intervention for different disciplines.

ACTION: Rahela and Robin will reach out to Kristen Khamnohack about presenting on the DHS hotline at the June CJA meeting.

Annual Report, Application, and Three-Year Assessment

The annual federal report and application from Oregon is due in May 2020, and in 2021 the three year assessment is due in addition to the annual report and application.

The three-year assessment is a comprehensive evaluation of the state's systems related to the investigation, administration and judicial handling of child abuse, neglect and exploitation cases. Based on the assessment the task force must make recommendations that drive the funding priorities for the next three years. The task force was asked if each member could commit to query three constituents (from the profession or group they represent) about child abuse intervention needs across the state. This information will be collected by CVSSD and used along with other sources of information for the three-year assessment. A web-based survey will also be shared widely so that all who may be interested in contributing to the assessment will have an opportunity to provide input.

CJA Recruitment Updates

- Judge Holmes-Hehn suggested representation from a parent's attorney, perhaps from a rural area.
- **ACTION:** John and Rahela will forward suggestions to Robin.
- Currently the task force has vacancies in law enforcement and mental health. Robin reached out to the individuals recommended for the law enforcement role and is looking for additional recommendations. There is someone interested from tribal victim assistance and Robin will continue to follow up with them. Robin has been in contact with a mental health worker in rural Oregon recommended by Shelly and is awaiting the required application materials.

ACTION: Shelly will reach out to the contact in Central Oregon. Rahela will reach out to a tribal law enforcement contact.

Meeting adjourned: 4:34 PM