



Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2020; 1:30 to 2:40 pm
Virtual Meeting

Committee:	<u>Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement</u>
Attendees:	Rosemary Brewer, Marc Brown, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Kimberly Dailey, Hon. David Delsman, Saydyie DeRosia, Rhea DuMont, Jeff Howes, Matthew Lawson, Debbi Martin, Robyn Masella, Steve Payne
Absent:	Ashley Anstett, Cliff Bacigalupi, Brad Berry, Debra Bridges, Alison Bort, Steve Doell, Matt English, Meg Garvin, Amy Guyer, Chanpone Sinlapasai, John Stein, Stephanie Stocks
Guests:	Jeremiah Stromberg
CVSSD Staff Attendees:	Helen O'Brien, Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome – Helen O'Brien welcomed the task force.

Minutes – The group approved the minutes from the October meeting.

Update on Collection of Inmate Funds – Jeremiah Stromberg

Jeremiah Stromberg, Assistant Director of Community Corrections for the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC), provided an update on a new process allowing the collection of inmate funds for court costs and other financial obligations. The new program requires 5% of all inmate income to go to a savings fund to provide for post-release transitional needs. In addition, DOC is permitted to set aside 10% of income for money owed to the courts, including child support and restitution. Once the savings fund reaches \$500, the court allotment increases to 15%. The project has been delayed due to COVID-19 and is projected to begin fund collection on September 1st. Funds are collected and distributed in partnership with Oregon Judicial Department.

Completed Items – Helen O'Brien

Projects completed in the last several months include:

- * Updated Victims' Rights Guides and Pocket Cards and posted them on the Department of Justice (DOJ) website.
- * Updated VRRF, the right to obtain information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, criminal history and future release from physical custody of the criminal defendant or convicted criminal was added to the Victims' Rights Request Form (VRRF) and the new form was distributed.
- * Two new Best Practice documents, "Honoring a Victim's Right to be Informed, Ability to seek a Grand Jury Recordation Protective Order" and "Honoring a Victim's Right to Information About Defendants and Youth Offenders" were completed and distributed.

Pocket Card Distribution update

~ Sgt. Troy Clausen, the newly hired training coordinator for Oregon Sheriff's Association has begun the work of actively promoting the use of Victims' Rights Pocket Cards in law enforcement interactions with



victims of crime. This has increased the number of cards being shipped. The newly updated pocket cards will be available for distribution upon completion of printing around September 1st.

~ Troy Clausen has begun working with Rosemary Brewer and CVSSD to develop an updated roll call video for law enforcement use in promoting victims' rights and pocket cards.

Updates and Goals: *Task Force and Subcommittees*

Immigrant Crime Victims' Rights Subcommittee – Helen O'Brien

~ Faye Stetz-Waters, DOJ Director of Civil Rights, and Johanna Costa, DOJ Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Response Coordinator shared with the group about their work.

~ The DOJ Trafficking Response and Intervention Program staff presented about a training for county human trafficking task force coordinators.

~ Washington County has updated their U-Visa certification policy and shared this change. The policy was updated as statistics related to certification requests will soon be entered through the Criminal Justice Commission website.

Juvenile Justice Subcommittee – Debi Martin/Dana Vidoni Carelle

~ The subcommittee has started sending their minutes out to juvenile contacts statewide for information and feedback purposes. The subcommittee is developing a survey through Google drive to get feedback from victims. They will work with victim advocates to determine the best modality.

~ Oregon Youth Authority has a new position in the works that will be a dedicated staff person to serve as a victim advocate and to coordinate facilitated dialogue. Budget cuts due to COVID-19 may impact these plans.

~ The impact of Senate Bill 1008 on victims and the community is being considered. Juvenile records are highly confidential, but it would be very helpful for victims to have a general summary of the youth's progress. OYA is working toward getting the ability to share limited information with crime victims written into statute.

Post-Conviction Advocacy Network (PCAN) Subcommittee - Saydyie DeRosia

The group recently received a presentation on the collection of inmate funds. They have shared their work with Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors recently and received good feedback.

Development of a brochure to help a victim understand and navigate the post-conviction process is in the works.

Bench Card update – Kimberly Dailey

Oregon Judicial Department, (OJD) is undertaking efforts to improve the processing of criminal cases, partly in response to current state and national conversations around criminal justice. OJD will include crime victims in these conversations. Some of the issues that will be addressed are pretrial release, race and ethnicity data, equity issues, and fines and fees. Sharing the bench card that was created by this task force remains part of the effort.

Best Practice updates – Helen O'Brien

The juvenile waiver will be the next Best Practice project.

ACTIONS:

- Kimberly Dailey will provide the group with information on how/if funds are collected and/or repaid to an inmate when there is an appeal.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm; *next scheduled meeting: October 26*