**Attorney General’s Task Force on Victims’ Rights Enforcement
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2020; 1:30 to 2:30 pm
Video Meeting**

**Attendees:** Cliff Bacigalupi, Brad Berry, Debra Bridges, Rosemary Brewer, Marc Brown, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Hon. David Delsman, Saydyie DeRosia, Rhea Dumont, Matt English, Jeff Howes, Matthew Lawson, Debbi Martin, Chanpone Sinlapasai

**Absent:** Ashley Anstett, Alison Bort, Kimberly Dailey, Steve Doell, Meg Garvin, Amy Guyer, Robyn Masella, John Stein

**CVSSD Attendees:** Helen O’Brien, Sherree Rodriguez, Shannon Sivell, Stephanie Stocks

**Welcome –** Helen O’Brien welcomed the task force.

 **Minutes** – The group approved the minutes from the July meeting.

**Discussion**

~ Pocket card distribution is up from previous years due to promotion and updates.

~ The new best practice document draft, “Honoring a Victim’s Right to Participation in Juvenile Waiver Hearings” will be submitted to the group for review in the near future.

***Community Conversations – Shannon Sivell***In 2019, Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD), in partnership with the Attorney General’s (AG) Office commenced a series of community conversations with populations impacted by inequity. The first phase of the project was recently completed, with the final portion of meetings having taken place by video conference due to COVID-19. The next phase of community conversations will be scheduled in Spring 2021.

CVSSD also opened a new competitive grant for culturally specific and culturally responsive victim service providers. CVSSD hopes to announce the recipients of these new funds by the end of November.

**2021 Goals – Helen O’Brien**

* Continue to create and market best practice documents
* Market bench card

**Updates and Goals: *Task Force and Subcommittees***

*Immigrant Crime Victims’ Rights Subcommittee – Chanpone Sinlapasai*

~ In working to assist immigrants with the U visa process, the subcommittee has become aware that US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has been rejecting requests if there any blanks spaces on the form. The group is working to stop the rejections; in the meantime, they are advising attorneys and law enforcement to ensure every space is filled in.

~ U visa stats will be tracked by the Criminal Justice Commission, beginning June 2020.

~ Labor trafficking training work will begin next year.

*Juvenile Justice Subcommittee – Debi Martin/Dana Vidoni Carelle*~ The group has been working on the [Juvenile Department Community Justice Toolkit](https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/for-grantees/juvenile-department-community-justice-toolkit/), and have added the [Registration Determination Hearing Advocate Checklist](https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Registration_Determination_Hearing_Advocate_Checklist.pdf) to the toolkit.

*~* The group has discussed at length circumstances impacting diversity and inclusion, including a presentation on Senate Bill (SB) 577 Hate Crime modifications and information available at [StandAgainstHateOregon.gov](https://www.doj.state.or.us/oregon-department-of-justice/bias-crimes/about-the-law/).

~ The group also discussed SB 1008 and the need to disclose more information to victims regarding details related to their cases and methods for improving those communications.

*Post-Conviction Advocacy Network (PCAN) Subcommittee - Saydyie DeRosia*
~ PCAN recently received a presentation on the Court Ordered Financial Obligation (COFO) System created by DOC, related to SB 844. The effective date was October 1, 2020 for adults in custody (AIC) COFO contributions.

~ The group received updates about the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICAOS) related to new rules that will take effect April 1, 2021. The sending state will now be responsible for all victim notifications.

~ DOC has instituted a new program called the Responsibility Letter Bank, allowing an AIC to write a letter taking responsibility for their crimes if a victim has asked for one. The letter is screened for appropriate content. Workshops are planned for adults in custody about the program.

~ PCAN is developing a community corrections brochure, working on a best practice paper and working to diversify county representation on the committee. They have sent many goals for completion in 2021.

*Bench Card update – Kimberly Dailey (via email)*

~ Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) has confirmed that inmate trust accounts are not included in collection efforts when there is an ongoing appeal.

~ OJD is building an internal SharePoint site that includes numerous reference and educational materials for courts on all case types. There will be a section on criminal cases, which will include the Victims’ Rights Bench Card.

**Other updates**

~ Marc Brown noted that he has intermittently seen personal victim information disclosed in court papers. The group discussed related areas of concern and the lack of consistency in county practices across the state. There may be a best practice paper created on the subject.

**ACTIONS:**

* Helen will investigate the problem of victim personal information in court papers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

**2021 Scheduled Meetings**: January 25, April 26, July 26, October 25