

# Children's Justice Act Task Force

## Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2020

Remote Zoom meeting

12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

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*Task Force Members present:* John Casalino, Shawna Clowser, Hon. Andrew Erwin, Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn, Damon Holland, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Marilyn Reilly, Rahela Rehman, Sherree Rodriguez, Patty Terzian, Shelly Smith, Jennifer Wynhausen

*CVSSD DOJ Staff:* Caroline Olfert, Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil

*Task Force Members absent:* Patti Kenyon

### **Welcome**

Caroline Olfert opened the meeting with roll call and introductions.

### **Member reports:**

Each member briefly shared their reports highlighting key needs. Overall, reports from members demonstrated a broad need for developing training in all CJA categories; increasing accessibility of, and ongoing support for, existing trainings; improving collaboration across agencies; judicial prioritization of child abuse cases; and general lack of resources for service delivery in all areas.

Members completed a survey which ranked the identified needs by priority. In reviewing the final rankings, the group had the following priorities: improved access to existing, quality online training; increasing attendance at trainings; and prioritizing criminal and dependency child abuse proceedings on court dockets.

The group decided to recommend supporting Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training & the Child Abuse Summit as existing trainings, and develop new trainings for law enforcement, investigators, and prosecutors.

***Next steps: These recommendations will be presented to a broader audience via existing listservs for feedback.*** The summary of the findings and the draft survey will be shared with the Task Force. Surveys will be available on December 1 and closed on December 14, 2020 at which time the results will be brought to the group at the February 2021 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:22PM

Next meeting: February 25, 2021 via video conferencing platform beginning at 12 noon