



# MEETING Minutes

## CAMI Advisory Council

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Remote meeting

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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*Council Members:* Kevin Barton, Becky Jones, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Marilyn Reilly, Rahela Rehman, Deena Loughary, Cassy Miller  
*CVSSD DOJ Staff:* Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil  
*Council Members Absent:* Patty Kenyon

### Welcome, Introductions

**Approval of November Meeting Minutes** The meeting minutes were approved without corrections.

Becky Jones will serve as chair going forward.

### **Oregon Child Abuse Solutions and Regional Children's Advocacy Center (RCAC) reports**

Tammi updated the group that the RCACs have met virtually and discussed Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT) online and the resulting increased demand on the trainer's time though the process is getting refined. The Designated Medical Professionals (DMPs) are organizing for state-wide peer review, training and connections. The pandemic has pushed the region to be intentional about personal connection. *See attached RCAC report.*

Becky Jones updated the group on staffing changes at Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) across the state and within OCAS. Many CACs have been accredited this past year with three others moving toward accreditation next year. OCFIT had a large wait list; the next training is in May with a similar anticipated wait list. The development of OCFIT Lite continues and will serve as refresher trainings for current forensic interviewers. The move back to in-person trainings is still tentative for 2022 (due to the pandemic) and will most likely include aspects of the new online format. The Oregon Interviewing Guidelines (OIG) draft will be out soon and includes the revised addendum for the Minimum Education Standards for Forensic Interviewing.

The Medical Academy which consists of 12 lectures and 4 statewide peer reviews is being coordinated by CARES Northwest and OCAS. The conference will be held virtually in June or July 2021.

Oregon Health Authority has changed its billing practice related to Karly's Law cases. resulting in a significant decrease in reimbursements to CACs. OHA will reassess this.

The group discussed status of proposed legislation.

### Equity Updates

Washington County DA's office has been focusing on the demographics of the children they are serving and notice that they serve a higher percentage of Latino/x children than are represented in the community.

OCAS is interested in learning more about variations in population of children with disabilities and services to those children versus the population of all children. OCAS staff is working on a DEI training specific to serving children.

CVSSD has a Culturally Specific grant award and is hiring another fund coordinator to focus on these grants. The recipients will be primarily new CVSSD grantees. CVSSD will provide additional supports to orient these new grantees.

### **CVSSD Updates; CAMI MDT and RSP Applications**

The new EGrants update is delayed and therefore the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and RCAC applications will be released in the current EGrants system. The MDT grant will be released on Monday, March 1 and will be due April 12. Application review materials will be shared with the Advisory Council (AC).

The RCAC application will be released March 5, 2021. This is an open competitive grant for qualified applicants. The biggest changes this year are the option for a state-wide applicant and increased flexibility for proposing alternative approaches to delivery of services. Applications will be reviewed by AC members who do not have conflicts precluding them from participating in the review. Outside reviewers may be recruited if necessary. Applications are due April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Member Roundtable**

The group discussed suicide prevention and fatality review teams, as well as the mental health of children during COVID during the school closures. CAMI funds do not fund prevention except when supporting a prevention recommendation made following completion of a fatality review.

Meeting adjourned: 3:50 PM

Next meeting: May 20, 2021

**Regional Service Provider (RSP)  
Collaborative Activities Summary  
October-December 2020**

Due to COVID-19 the Regional Service Providers did not meet in person. Representatives from each of the five Regional Children’s Advocacy Centers (RCACs), Becky Jones (Executive Director, Oregon Child Abuse Solutions), Robin Reimer (CAMI Fund Coordinator, CVSSD) and Amanda VanTil (Grant Specialist, CVSSD) met using a virtual platform on December 2, 2020.

*Our values and goals:*

- *Equal access for all children in all counties;*
- *Standardization of resources and information (including E-Learning); and*
- *Fostering relationships (both among RSPs as well as between RSPs and the MDTs and CAICs served by the RSP).*

**UPDATES**

**OCAS Updates (OCFIT, DMP & Other)**

- OCAS facilitated OCFIT online training for 30 participants
- OCAS continued work on the OIGs, anticipated to be distributed in Q1 of 2021
- OCAS transitioned the Project Ability curricula to a new slide deck and identified areas to be updated with new data/information/online activities

<b>RSP Individual Center Highlights</b>	
KIDS Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided three medical peer review sessions during the quarter</li> <li>• Participated in one statewide and two national medical peer reviews during the quarter</li> <li>• Provided one forensic interview peer review during the quarter with participation from Sherman County</li> <li>• Provided training on drug endangered children to DHS during the quarter</li> <li>• Sent out a newsletter to 156 regional contacts in all counties served. The newsletter included updates regarding an upcoming OCFIT training, an AAP news article spotlight, a TED Talk with Kristin Jones, as well as information on the availability of virtual KIDS Center trainings.</li> <li>• Sent individual email outreach to Harney, Sherman, and Wheeler Counties regarding upcoming training opportunities such as OCFIT</li> </ul>
Kids’ FIRST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided a New MDT Member Orientation, including CAC/MDT overview, Karly’s Law, Forensic Interviewing vs Field Interviewing, the purpose of the CAC Medical Exam and more to 25 MDT members.</li> <li>• Provided a “From Exploring to Exploiting: Understanding Children’s Sexual Behaviors” Training to 69 therapists and MDT members. Training was led by S. Kelly Crane, LSCW and received rave reviews.</li> <li>• Provided five FI Peer Reviews and three Medical Assessment Peer Reviews during the quarter, with participation from all three counties.</li> </ul>

<p>CARES Northwest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARES Northwest Mental Health Quarterly Peer review resumed in a virtual setting, Kim Jacobowitz hosted 10 mental health providers within our region and significant cases were reviewed. Our team continues to establish a support network for mental health professionals that promote evidence-based treatment practices.</li> <li>• Onsite training continued during COVID-19 and 16 providers within the CARES Northwest service region shadowed our Evaluation teams, resulting in 130 hours of onsite medical evaluation training.</li> <li>• CARES Northwest regional team provided 58 complex case consults on medical child abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse and medical second opinions to community partners within the State of Oregon, 14 consults involved children outside of our 14-county service region.</li> </ul>
<p>Children’s Advocacy Center of Jackson County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Quarterly Peer Review was held virtually and attended by all counties in the region</li> <li>• Virtual training was held for Josephine County DHS on field interviews for children with Disabilities.</li> <li>• Medical Peer Review occurred with Jackson and Josephine County</li> </ul>
<p>Mt. Emily Safe Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended (virtually) Wallowa Co, Baker Co, &amp; Gilliam Co MDT meetings</li> <li>• Medical peer review was held via Zoom and attended by Union and Baker Counties</li> <li>• Forensic Interview peer review was held via Zoom and attended by Union and Wallowa Counties</li> <li>• Karly’s Law Training for Grant County MDT</li> <li>• Regional FI on training team for December virtual OCFIT</li> <li>• Provided scholarships/registered Union &amp; Wallowa County MDT members for Virtual San Diego International Conference on Child Abuse and Family Maltreatment</li> </ul>