



# Children's Justice Act Task Force

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Remote MS Teams meeting

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

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*Task Force Members:* Jenna App, John Casalino, Shawna Clowser, Hon. Andrew Erwin, Damon Holland, Patti Kenyon, Cassy Miller, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Marilyn Reilly, Sherree Rodriguez, Patty Terzian, Shelly Smith, Deena Loughary, Rahela Rehman

*Members absent:* Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn

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

### Welcome, Introductions

**Approval of November Minutes** Rehela moved to approve the minutes, Sherree seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

### Discussion of Needs Assessment Survey Results

Robin and Caroline led the group through a discussion of the results of the survey. Members shared feedback on what was included and interpretation and presentation of the results.

***ACTION:*** Caroline will circulate the documents with specific field responses to the members.

Robin reviewed the program instructions of the federal requirements for the three-year assessment and how the current funding process is fulfilling the requirements.

Robin presented the proposed topic areas & recommendations to the group for feedback. Additional components for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as well as trauma informed trainings were discussed and tabled for another meeting.

Robin presented the proposed overlay with recommendations and possible projects which also identified how each fulfilled the federal funding requirement.

***ACTION:*** Robin will share this by email for suggestions for edits over a few weeks.

### Business Updates

Robin provided updates on current grants, member recruitments, and news from the federal partner. The national CJA meeting will be virtual this year. Tina and Robin will be attending the two-day conference May 5-6.

Federal CJA report and application is due May 28.

The funding to the Trafficking program was for the production of a vignette training project. The team doing this work will submit a midway report/summary.

Eighteen Child Abuse Centers received an additional \$10,000 for COVID related expenses. These grants will close the beginning of October which will demonstrate if all \$180,000 is used.

The contract with OCAS for OCFIT online capacity building closed at the end of September but was extended to the end of March.

The Task Force is still in need of a District Attorney and Law Enforcement representation.



### **Future Meetings**

Members shared ideas for future CJA Task Force meetings, subcommittees, presentation topics, and speakers.

### **Member Updates**

Rehela updated the group on SB386 and the concerns of its impact on child safety, investigation and prosecution.

Five Centers have received National Children's Alliance (NCA) accreditation and several others are working toward being accredited. With each new Center accredited, Oregon Child Abuse Solutions receives additional funding. (Becky Jones)

Patti Terzian reminded the group of several new open trainings: *Core Concepts for Team Facilitation* and *Building Resilient Teams* (<http://www.westernregionalcac.org/training-and-events/>).

Meeting adjourned 11:29AM

Next meeting: May 18, 2021 from 1:00pm – 4:00 pm via MS Teams