



MEETING Minutes

CAMI Advisory Council

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Remote meeting

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Council Members: Kevin Barton, Becky Jones, Patty Kenyon, Tammi Pitzen, Marilyn Reilly, Rahela Rehman, Jennifer Wynhausen representing Deena Loughary

CVSSD DOJ Staff: Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil

Council Members Absent: Tina Morgan

Welcome, Introductions

Cassy Miller has taken a position at Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) and Beatriz Lynch from SafeSpace (Hood River) has been recommended as a replacement for the Child Assessment Center (CAC) representative position.

Marilyn Reilly has agreed to continue on the Advisory Council for a second term.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved without corrections.

MDT Grant Application Review Discussion

Robin discussed the process of reviewing the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) applications. Each application should outline the county's needs and response related to child abuse. Outstanding applications were highlighted.

The group discussed suggestions for assisting applicants with improving the quality of their applications. Suggestions included providing model or sample applications, including prompts for each question as to desired content, uploading video explanations of application question expectations, and providing a Directors Day presentation to coach grantees on application preparation.

The group discussed the threshold of an acceptable application for a noncompetitive grant, when an application must be modified, and the relative importance of supporting application writing versus team functioning. Robin suggested establishing a work group focused on supporting MDTs and discussing criteria for site visits, report revision, modification of next grant application, and support for application writing.

***ACTION:** Members will email Robin their interest in participating or recommendations for individuals to include.*

CVSSD has not yet been notified of funding for the upcoming biennium. When the funding is known, the group will discuss allocations based on the statutorily established formula for the determined allocation from Legislature. The group discussed the allocation formula and whether or

not any changes to the formula could be made. With the reduction in VOCA funds this biennium affecting many of the same subgrantees who administer CAMI funds on behalf of the county MDTs, it may be necessary to remind teams that the focus of CAMI funding is to meet the needs of children who may have been abused, and support MDT process, and CAC services.

***ACTION:** Robin will discuss with CVSSD leadership if there are data points than other than crime statistics or child population that can and should be included in the allocation formula.*

***ACTION:** Becky will share resources other states have used to evaluate county growth and needs.*

Robin has reviewed all applications to ensure required information is included. When funding and carryforward is known and allocations made, all applications will need to be returned for budget modifications, and other modification requests may be included based on the review. After modifications are submitted, Robin will bring any applications of concern back to the group. Ultimately applications can be approved, conditionally approved, or denied.

Roundtable

Washington County is developing a combined domestic violence and child assessment center which will be the first of its kind in the nation. Telemedicine will also be a major focus and may also be a resource for rural communities.

OCAS has submitted House Bill 2826 to increase funding to CACs and has been getting increased legislative attention. Some CARES Act funds for child abuse services are being decided at the local level.

RCAC Grant Application Review Discussion

The group discussed the submitted applications. Robin noted the follow up required. As only the existing grantees and OCAS applied and the applications were acceptable, grants will be awarded or conditionally awarded to every applicant. Budget modifications will be required when the CAMI budget is known and allocations are made.

Meeting adjourned: 11:05 AM
Next meeting: August 24, 2021