



MEETING Minutes

CAMI Advisory Council

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Remote meeting

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Council Members: Kevin Barton, Becky Jones, Patty Kenyon, Beatriz Lynch, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Rahela Rehman, Marilyn Reilly

CVSSD DOJ Staff: Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil

Council Members Absent: Deena Loughary

Welcome, Introductions

Robin welcomed everyone and introduced Beatriz Lynch of SafeSpace to the group.

Approval of the May 2021 meeting minutes

The meeting minutes were approved without changes.

Update on Old Business

The work group to support processes of Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Teams (MDTs) is currently paused.

The CAMI Program expects to receive its budget soon and as soon as it does, we can create and share proposed grantee allocations with this AC via email. The 2021 CAMI grant modification requests are prepared and will be sent to grantees with the allocations.

The group discussed allocation processes for distribution to grantees as well as the history of legislative funding requests. The group discussed the possibility of advocating for additional funding from the legislature.

Becky updated the group on anticipated changes to the accreditation standards of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) for Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs). The NCA is in the final stages of finishing the accreditation standards that will take effect Jan 2023. Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) new member orientation and expectations for provision of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) trainings are new additions to the accreditation standards. June 1, 2022 is the deadline to apply under the current 2020 standards. Any CAC accredited or reaccredited after that date will be under the new standards.

CVSSD and CAMI Updates

See written attachment for CVSSD Updates regarding Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (DEAI) work.

The Crime Victims Compensation Program is considering revising the Oregon Administrative Rules to allow for payments for center employed forensic interviewers who do not fit the criteria for reimbursement set out in the workman's compensation fee schedule.

The legislature allocated \$6 million for CACs across the state through the budget bill. Allocations to the CACs will be per the allocation formula. Consistent with Oregon Child Abuse Solutions' (OCAS) original legislative ask, CVSSD will use a base of \$80,000 per year, per CAC, which is the same as the VOCA base. This application process will be conducted as a non-competitive grant but applications will be reviewed by the CAMI Advisory Council for reasonableness of the stated need and the corresponding proposed budget.

Children's Justice Act Task Force (CJATF) Update (no meeting since last CAMI AC meeting)
Tina Morgan updated the group of CJATF new members Beatriz Lynch of SafeSpace and Amy Ford from Oregon State Police.

The needs assessment and report was submitted and accepted and is available on CJA web page: <https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CJA-Annual-Report-and-Application-May-1-2020-through-April-30-2021.docx.pdf>

Next meeting is August 26, 2021.

OCAS and Regional Service Provider Reports

Materials: written reports are attached

Robin presented the document and opened the discussion for questions and comments.

Tammi reported on behalf of the regional providers that though travel has been limited due to the pandemic, the work is continuing creatively and efficiently.

Becky reviewed OCAS' work with Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT) online and medical trainings which includes statewide peer reviews.

Roundtable

Kevin highlighted Bailey's Bill. Bailey's Bill increases penalties for criminal sexual contact with an underage victim if the offender was the victim's teacher. Previously, the increased penalty applied only to coaches; the new law closes this gap. Kevin updated the group on the \$6.65 million to Washington County from the legislature to establish the Peace Center in Washington County. There is still a need for additional fundraising to cover costs associated with the physical space.

The group discussed CAC programming complications regarding staff compliance with the vaccine mandate.

Tina Morgan provided an additional update to the group that the NCA's standards for accredited centers are currently being reviewed by the federal Department of Justice.

Meeting adjourned: 3:05 PM

Next meeting: November 16, 2021, at 1:00 PM

**Regional Service Provider (RSP)
Collaborative Activities Summary
April-June 2021**

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 June 2, 2021.

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)

- The Network is onboarding a new staff member, Cassy Miller as Statewide Programs Manager.
- Online OCFIT was hosted in May and trained 24 professionals.
- OCAS along with the Statewide Trainers began the process of developing a new training in June.
- The Medical Academy has had 6 sessions, including a half-day conference on staying resilient, sentinel injuries, and pediatric strangulations. (Not funded by CAMI but still relevant)

RSP Individual Center Highlights

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KIDS Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIDS Center’s Medical Examiners participated in six peer reviews during the past quarter (two national, one state, and 3 onsite). • Medical Examiner Carla Grinuck-Wood, NP-C, provided a training called “What We Don't Know May Hurt Them: Parental Substance Abuse” to Sherman County MDT. • Medical Director Guitar Hanna, DO, provided an “Intro to KIDS Center” and “Karly’s Law” trainings to medical professionals in Deschutes County. • KIDS Center’s Forensic Interviewers conducted FI Peer Review with 11 participants from Deschutes, Harney, and Sherman Counties. • 6Staff Member Julia Lafferty sent out a newsletter to 180 regional contacts. The newsletter included an update from KIDS Center's DEI team and a link to the DEI Task Force's newest blog post; two upcoming training opportunities, an article spotlight regarding a study on abusive head trauma cases during the pandemic, a TED Talk with Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, a link to the Karly's Law training, information about Karly's Law exams at KIDS Center and a download link for a Karly's Law flyer; information on KIDS Center's RSP trainings offerings; and links to other online resources.

<p>Kids FIRST</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-hosted a training with Lane County’s Domestic Violence Council on Non-Fatal Strangulation Investigations; there were 82 attendees from all three counties. A recording was sent out to MDT members as well. Dr. Deanna St. Germain was a presenter. • Provided two FI Peer Reviews and three Medical Assessment Peer Reviews during the quarter, with participation from all three counties. • Provided new MDT member training to over 40 attendees. • Provided Karly’s Law Training to over 80 medical providers (from PeaceHealth, NOVA Urgent Care and more) • Visited Douglas CARES for a tour/check in
<p>CARES Northwest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARES NW training teams provided virtual quarterly peer review services for 63 professionals, to include Medical providers, Forensic Interviewers, and Mental Health providers. Kim Jacobowitz continues to offer Mental Health peer review support to the region, resulting in 22 professionals meeting quarterly to review cases and explore best practices. • CARES NW staff provided 64 hours of complex consultations - on average, most consultations were one hour and involved community partners within our 14 county service region. • Dr. Leonhardt provided training and expertise to 95 new ODHS caseworkers and ODHS hotline workers, community partners that will be assessing and triaging for concerns of potential abuse, neglect, and child safety within our communities.
<p>Children’s Advocacy Center of Jackson County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a virtual Southern Oregon Child Abuse Symposium on Human Trafficking. We had 100 sign up and 89 attend. • Hosted Curry County DMP and Director for a walk through of our Medical Clinic and process • Outreach to Josephine, Curry and Klamath CAC’s • Regional FI Peer Review held • PSANE Peer Review held • OCFIT training and participated in curriculum review
<p>Mt. Emily Safe Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly medical and forensic interview peer reviews were held via Zoom • In-person Karly’s Law training for new Urgent Care Clinic in Union Co. with 20 attendees • Provided scholarships the virtual Crimes Against Children Conference • for MDT members from Wallowa, Gilliam, Morrow, Grant, Baker, and Malheur

DOJ CVSSD Updates for CAMI AC August 24, 2021

1. DEI Updates

- a. **DEI Subcommittee of the AC*:** The subcommittee held its first meeting. It currently has ten members and is facilitated by Ben Bradshaw and Susana Escobedo with CVSSD. Alexxis Robinson-Woods is the Chair of the group. We will continue to recruit members from communities not represented at the table. At this first meeting they provided feedback regarding questions contained in the joint grant application. These questions specifically speak to service accessibility and the subcommittee provided insight into what CVSSD should be looking for in response to those questions to indicate meaningful work by the program.
- b. **Summer Training series: *Changing Systems to Change Lives*:** We contracted with SoValTi to provide a training series for grantee leadership focused on victim services provision using an equity lens. The course consists of two asynchronous (on your own) learning activities and three synchronous (group) events/discussions. This course will provide a roadmap for understanding bias and its impacts, evaluating barriers inherent in our programs, and meaningfully engaging with tribal nations and communities impacted by inequity. We have completed one asynchronous activity and one synchronous session. We will provide one more asynchronous activity in July then finish with synchronous sessions in August and September. This is intended to be a first step for CVSSD and programs as we move forward in our efforts to increase access.
- c. **Community Conversations:** Our community conversations continue. The goal is to provide a forum for people within communities impacted by inequity to voice concerns or provide perspective about their experiences with systems. We have nine remaining sessions, with the last session scheduled for July 30th. You can find information about these sessions and how to access them at <https://www.doj.state.or.us/oregon-department-of-justice/bias-crimes/community-conversations/>.
- d. **Measuring Performance and Change Management:** The contract with consultant, SoValTi, includes them providing recommendations for CVSSD in performance measurement and change management with regard to programs using an equity lens in their structure and services. CVSSD will use the recommendations generated to inform our work with grantees in supporting equitable and accessible services.

2. Funding Updates

- a. **Joint Grant application:** The Joint grant application was due June 11th. Fund coordinators are in the process of reviewing applications and requesting modifications if needed. In this funding cycle, grantees were allowed to retain all of their unspent ODSVS funds from the previous grant cycle. These unspent funds are usually used to offset their next year's award.
- b. **VOCA/CFA application:** The VOCA/CFA grant application was released June 21, 2021 and is due August 6th. In this funding cycle, grantees are allowed to carry over all of their unspent CFA funds from the previous grant cycle. Under usual circumstances, grantees are only allowed to carryover 5% of unspent CFA funds.
- c. **CVSSD waived 50% of the VOCA match requirement on non-competitive VOCA awards** (This waiver does not apply to grantees from Tribal Nations as they are not required to provide a match.)
- d. **HB 5006 (2021 session):** Allocates \$6 million general funds to Child Advocacy Centers. CVSSD will establish an application and grant to distribute these funds.
- e. **HB 5006 (2021 session):** Allocates \$5 mil general funds to DVSA programs for housing support. CVSSD will establish an application and grant to distribute these funds.
- f. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)(2021 session):** All legislators were allotted a portion of these federal funds to spend as they chose. Senator Taylor designated \$1.25 mil ARPA funds go to DVSA programs for housing navigators. CVSSD will establish an application and grant to distribute these funds.
- g. **HB 2575 (2021 session)** - Allocates funding to DOJ to develop model law enforcement training program regarding trauma-informed responses, develop best practices, and implement a grant program to fund training. Grants must be awarded no later than July 1, 2023

Next scheduled CVSSD AC meeting: October 19th, 2021

*Susana Escobedo will present information to the CJA Task Force on August 26, 2021 regarding the work of the subcommittee.