



# Children's Justice Act Task Force

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Remote meeting

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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*Task Force Members:* Jenna App, John Casalino, Hon. Andrew Erwin, Amy Ford, Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn, Patti Kenyon, Deena Loughary, Beatriz Lynch, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Marilyn Reilly, Rahela Rehman, Sherree Rodriguez, Shelly Smith, Patty Terzian

*Guests:* Susana Escobedo, CVSSD

*CVSSD DOJ Staff:* Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil

*Task Force members absent:* Shawna Clowser, Damon Holland

### **Introductions**

Robin welcomed members and introduced Susana Escobedo, Fund Coordinator from Crime Victim & Survivor Services Division (CVSSD). Chair Tina Morgan also provided a special welcome to new CJA members Amy Ford and Beatriz Lynch.

**Approval of Past Minutes:** February 2021 minutes were approved by email. Robin recognized that there was an error in the minutes in that the vacant position is a Defense Attorney not District Attorney. The group discussed if a candidate from Multnomah County would be considered given the number of current county representatives already on the team. If current additional leads are not fruitful, Robin will seek recommendation from Multnomah County.

The Children's Justice Act (CJA) three year assessment and one year report and application was approved and is posted on the Oregon Department of Justice CJA web page.

### **Topical Presentation**

CVSSD Fund Coordinator Susana Escobedo shared information about CVSSD's work related to Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion (DEAI). Members of the group shared current DEAI work in their area or agency. Robin highlighted that the CVSSD Advisory Council DEAI subcommittee has informed the way CVSSD administers grants including the grant application and review process. The group was asked to consider how the DEAI subcommittee could help inform the CJA Task Force work.

### **CJA Updates**

Robin shared the list of suggested future presentation topics and presenters. Members contributed additional topics. A survey will be circulated to the group to help prioritize topics for future meetings.

Robin updated the group on the status of current CJA grants. The human trafficking vignettes training curriculum which is partially funded with CJA dollars will be complete in December. The CJA \$10,000 mini grants to help reduce the impact of COVID-19 on Children's Advocacy



Centers are closing the end of September. CVSSD VOCA fund coordinators are working with grantees to ensure as much of the funding is expended by the close date as possible.

The Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) application is in process and Director Becky Jones is available to give a presentation at a future CJA task force meeting regarding currently funded projects.

### **Member Roundtable**

Tina shared that the National Children's Alliance (NCA) new standards for accreditation are currently under review by the national Department of Justice. CACs wishing to apply for accreditation under the 2017 standards must do so before June 2022.

Meeting adjourned: 2:52PM

Next meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021, 9:00 AM