



# MEETING Minutes

## CAMI Advisory Council

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Remote Zoom meeting

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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*Council Members:* Kevin Barton, Becky Jones, Patty Kenyon, Jennifer Wynhausen (for Deena Loughary) Beatriz Lynch, Tina Morgan, Tammi Pitzen, Rahela Rehman, Marilyn Reilly  
*CVSSD DOJ Staff:* Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil

### **Welcome, Introductions**

Robin welcomed everyone and reviewed the action items from the November meeting.

**Approval of November Meeting Minutes** The meeting minutes were approved as written.

### **OCAS and RCAC Reports**

The group discussed the impact of “Zoom fatigue” on remote meetings and trainings and possible ways to mitigate fatigue for attendees and trainees. Moving online trainings to in person trainings requires several months lead time to reserve locations and navigate other requirements of in person training. In addition, the federal travel ban is still in effect which prevents reimbursement with federal grant funds for travel expenses. Currently training will continue to be remote with a transition back to some in person training planned for the summer.

OCAS update: The first legal summit will be via Zoom in April. The pilot Collaborative Child Abuse Response (CCAR) training will be in April. This training is intended for non-Forensic Interviewers and will last two days rather than a full week. This training will remain a virtual training because trainers are also active forensic interviewers and their schedules will not accommodate the additional time needed to host an in person training.

OCFIT is adding a ‘longitudinal evaluation’ which will be used to determine if participants are retaining key concepts from the training 6 months after completing the training.

Becky introduced the Medical Academy that OCAS has been conducting. This training consists of one hour sessions on different topics as well as four statewide peer reviews per year to which all DMPs are invited. There were two conferences in 2021 on “hot” topics important to the field which are not covered in the monthly meetings. Lectures are recorded and accessible online. The Medical Academy provided 27 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit hours in 2021 from Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). These are credited at the end of each quarter. Additionally, OCAS is launching training for pediatricians who are not employed by Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) because they already do the work, but rather for providers. Currently, the training is in the pilot phase and limited to 15 participants.

### **CAMI Children's Advocacy Center Fund (CACF) review process**

Robin reviewed the CACF history and funding priorities. In the previous legislative session, OCAS lobbied for funding to CACs to support the maintenance and expansion of critical services. The bill did not pass, but in the Christmas Tree bill, the legislature awarded \$6M to CACs for CVSSD to administer. The non-competitive application was released with the purpose to expand services for child abuse victims and non-offending family members. Funded applicants will receive yearly base amount plus an additional amount based on population. This grant will end June 2023. Applicants were CACs and tribal medical assessment centers serving child abuse cases.

**ACTION: Robin will share eligible applicant list to the group.**

Twenty-one agencies have applied and two have requested an application extension. Warm Springs has the only tribal CAC in Oregon and one of the only in the nation. They have not applied but we continue to encourage them to apply.

Applications are currently being reviewed for minimum qualifications (MQs) by CVSSD Fund Coordinators. Fund Coordinators will work with the applicants on modifications. Following the MQ review, application will be forwarded to the Advisory Council to determine if the request is reasonable based on need. Project descriptions and budget summaries will be shared with the Advisory Council.

**ACTION: Robin will provide application summaries in pdf format for review.**

Because these are non-competitive applications, applications will be distributed for review as available, and members will not be excluded based on conflict for reviews. During review, questions and requests for additional information should be sent to Robin/Amanda. Reviews should be completed within 3 days and votes for acceptance will be tracked by CVSSD.

**ACTION: Robin will send written instructions and support links and references with the review materials (teleconference link and Request for Application)**

This is a substantial amount of one-time funding and there are some challenges to expending large amounts of one time funding that are not barriers for ongoing funding.

### **CVSSD and CAMI Updates**

The CVSSD Advisory Council is reviewing its membership in anticipation of recruiting new members. Membership is currently capped at 15 and has significant representation from domestic violence/sexual assault programs due to statutory membership requirements driven by ODSVS. CAMI AC members can contact Kim Kennedy, Grant Section Manager, if interested in participating in the CVSSD AC.

### **Roundtable:**

The group discussed HB 4110 which will establish a Task Force to determine access to law enforcement records. There are concerns about access to child abuse records. It was noted that the Task Force will include representation from DOJ but does not specifically include representation for children. The preference is that child abuse is excluded from the bill entirely due to risks related to granting access to a child victim's records to guardians, parents, caregivers, etc. where those categories of people can include offenders. It will be critical to have representation on the Task Force that will ensure this perspective is represented.

The group discussed SB751 which pertains to discovery and evidence sharing. All evidence, exculpatory or not, in possession of the District Attorney's (DA) office must be shared with the defense. Duplication of interview videos is addressed in 418.794.

The group discussed long wait times for the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline and the impact of the addition of a medical line. Data from ORCAH is showing reduced wait times, but that is not the experience in the field. OR 419.015 requires an oral report to law enforcement or Department of Human Services. The group would like to continue to monitor this issue.

Meeting adjourned: 11:06 am

Next meeting: **Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:AM**