



Children's Justice Act Task Force

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022
Remote Zoom meeting
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Guest: Becky Jones, Oregon Child Abuse Solutions, Director

CVSSD DOJ Staff: Robin Reimer, Amanda VanTil

Task Force members absent: Damon Holland, Shelly Smith, Deena Loughary

Welcome and Introductions

Tina Morgan welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Review of CJA Purpose, Goals, and Priorities and Current Allocations

Robin reviewed the current purpose and priorities for the CJA funds and current allocations. \$140k is allocated to Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) and \$50k earmarked for the child abuse summit and the prosecutor training on prosecuting child sexual abuse cases needs to be redirected. There is currently just under \$90k of 2019 funds that must be obligated and expended by the end of this year. 2020 and 2021 funds are also available.

Defense Attorney position is vacant and efforts to recruit for this role continue, including outreach to the Office of Public Defense Services without success. It is important to have both representation from the defense and prosecution for judges to participate in this group. Members will continue to reach out to their contacts to attempt to find a suitable and willing representative.

Future Meetings Topics

The group discussed the future meeting topic survey results. Some of the higher ranking topics have been covered in recent meetings or the presenters would be the same, so Robin will move down the list for now. Robin shared that Damon Holland who was not able to attend the meeting offered to present information on trauma informed care at a future meeting and she will follow up with him as well as Oregon Judicial Department staff whom she spoke to recently regarding specialty courts and Community Based Child Abuse Prevention program staff as that program related to the topic of Department of Human Services work with families experiencing isolation. Patty Terzian also expressed willingness to present again at a future meeting.

OCAS Funded Projects Status

Becky Jones, executive director of OCAS presented information on current CJA funded projects as well as projects that might be a good fit for the next funding cycle. OCAS is developing a longitudinal program evaluation for OCFIT and possibly Collaborative Child Abuse Response (CCAR) training, which is a new training focused on providing some of the information from



OCFIT to non-interviewers. Becky shared the new learning management system adapted by OCAS to deliver and store training. OCAS may expand use of the platform to other areas/MDT professionals. The group was impressed by the work that OCAS is doing. OCAS has been asked to increase the proposed budget for the next application and include two years' worth of projects to move toward multi-year funding.

Member Updates

Hood River is exploring a pilot "safe baby court".

Statewide Child Fatality Review is looking at ways to support child death scene investigation including doll reenactment training and is looking at the types of trainings available and possible funding sources.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm via Zoom