



## **Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 25, 2022; 1:30 to 2:30 pm**

### **Teams Video Meeting**

**Attendees:** Rachel Andrew, Rosemary Brewer, Bridget Budbill, Saydyie DeRosia, Rhea Dumont, Matt English, Jeff Howes, Debbi Martin, Robyn Masella, Sarah Purce, Kimberly Rose, Carrie Walker, Alison Wilkerson

**Absent:** Brad Berry, Alison Bort, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Steve Doell, Meg Garvin, Judge Andrew Lavin, Ian McKay, John Stein

**Guests:** Johanna Costa (DOJ), Autumn Shreve, State Public Defender's Office

**Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) Attendees:** Helen O'Brien, Sherree Rodriguez

**Welcome** – Helen O'Brien welcomed the task force and the group introduced themselves. Helen noted that Bridget Budbill will now represent the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). Sarah Purce will represent Immigrant Crime Victims' rights sub-committee on the Task Force.

**Minutes** – The group approved the minutes from the January 2022 meeting.

#### **Sanctuary Promise Hotline – Johanna Costa**

Oregon Dept. of Justice (DOJ) Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Response Coordinator, Johanna Costa shared that House Bill (HB) 3265, (2021) has renewed the effort for the Sanctuary Promise Law. There are five key features of the law. State public funds may not be spent on investigation, or otherwise assisting immigration enforcement efforts by the federal government. A hotline is now available to report violations. DOJ can investigate complaints, make findings, report to CJC and pursue civil relief. Johanna outlined details of the law and the hotline process. There is [a web portal available](#) for reporting, in several languages. The group is encouraged to reach out to Johanna with any inquiries, at [Johanna.Costa@doj.state.or.us](mailto:Johanna.Costa@doj.state.or.us).

#### **Two New Grant Opportunities through CJC – Bridget Budbill**

The Restorative Justice Grant Program is a new program intended to center the needs of the person harmed while fostering accountability with the responsible party outside the traditional legal system, but it is also very early on (awards will be made May 18th).

Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program - the recently expanded marijuana funds, includes \$6 million specifically for community-based organizations (CBOs) assisting survivors of coercive labor (or other abusive circumstances) related to the illegal marijuana market. CBOs are also eligible to apply for the \$20 million allocated for all eligible applicants (law enforcement + CBOs). This grant application is due May 11<sup>th</sup>. Bridget encouraged people to apply even with a short window as all information will help them allow for changes moving forward

#### **Crime Victims' Rights Week – Helen O'Brien**

CVSSD created a poster for Crime Victims' rights week, highlighting a welcome message, and visuals that reflect the diverse populations in the state of Oregon. Another project is in the works, a Point to Language card, which will be made available to LE and victim services agencies. It will help victims indicate interpreter needs.



### **Victim Voice in Legislature**

The group discussed the importance of having victim voices present during legislative sessions when new bills are being discussed.

Helen submitted a best practice paper created by a national group she participates in, which works on crime victims' rights. The paper provides information to policy makers in this matter.

### **Subcommittee Updates**

#### *Immigrant Subcommittee – Sarah Purce*

The Immigrant Victim Rights Toolkit is in the process of being updated. Work is underway to help minimize the intimidation factor of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement phone tree to victims.

#### *Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Update – Debbi Martin*

Oregon Youth Authority has authorized two victim coordinator positions. This group will create an information sheet with graphics to highlight what information can be released to victims in juvenile cases.

#### *Post-Conviction Advocacy Network (PCAN) Subcommittee – Robyn Masella/ Saydyie DeRosia*

The new victim notification system is still in the works, with the go-live date extended to December 2022. Dept of Corrections is receiving great feedback and ideas for how to best structure the software. There is a new Parole Office training that has received good feedback from staff and students. There is an infographic page available on the DOJ website with a [Quick Reference Guide for Parole Officers](#) on what can be released.

#### *Facilitated Dialogue update – Saydyie*

DOC has received approval to proceed with the Facilitated Dialogue training.

**ACTION:** Task Force members will reach out to Saydyie with input on the new victim notification system.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

**2022 Scheduled Meetings:** July 25, October 24