



MEETING Minutes CAMI Advisory Council

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Remote Zoom meeting

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Council Members:

x	Representative of Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) Cassy Miller, Interim Chair	x	Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Patricia K. Kenyon
x	Representative from a local Child Advocacy Center recommended by Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) Beatriz Lynch	x	Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Rahela Rehman
x	Employee of the State Office for Services to Children and Families Child Welfare Deena Loughary	x	Representative from an Operating Regional Children’s Advocacy Center Tammi Pitzen
x	District Attorney Kevin Barton		Person having experience dealing with child abuse Tina Morgan
x	Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Marilyn Reilly		Law Enforcement Vacant

CVSSD DOJ Staff:

x	Robin Reimer, CAMI Fund Lead		Shannon Sivell, Director
x	Amanda VanTil, Grant Specialist	x	Maria Ruiz Ceja, Grant Specialist
	Kim Kennedy, Grant Unity Manager		

Welcome and Introductions

Robin welcomed everyone and conducted introductions.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes The meeting minutes were approved with a spelling correction.

OCAS and Regional Child Advocacy Center (RCAC) Reports

With the departure of Becky Jones, the Executive Director of OCAS, oversight will temporarily be provided by the Board Chair Paul Schrader of Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center until an interim director is hired. The OCAS grants administered by CVSSD will be closely monitored for deliverables and timely expenditure of the awards.

RCAC report attached.

Children’s Advocacy Center Fund (CACF) Update

The majority of the grants are awarded and initial payments to recipients. Fund Coordinators are working with the handful of grantees who do not have grants awarded.



CVSSD and Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Fund Updates

The CVSSD Advisory Committee met in April. Updates included Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEAI) efforts at CVSSD. Progress reports for many of our federal subawards have new narrative questions to assess the DEAI efforts across the state by grant recipients. Currently the CAMI grant reports do not include narrative questions addressing DEAI efforts of the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) though CVSSD is exploring adding this. Tammi shared that the National Children's Alliance (NCA) new Standards for Accredited Members will include DEAI requirements within all standards beginning in 2023).

The Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) Civil Rights Unit has now joined CVSSD.

The legislature earmarked funding for development of a program for trauma-informed response to be administered by CVSSD. Ashley Ansett has joined CVSSD to develop this program and affiliated grants. Trauma Informed trainings and related grants will support law enforcement and community programs.

Awards supported with the state Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) Funds will no longer include a 10% limitation on administrative costs on funded applications.

Regional Child Advocacy Center (RCAC) update

Regional CACs met yesterday and discussed statutorily required trainings, in person meetings, and visiting MDTs. The absence of the Clackamas County Summit has created a void in in-state training.

Prosecutors lack training and experience in prosecuting child abuse cases. Kevin recommended a Child Abuse Resource Prosecutor position be created at ODOJ to provide support, expertise, and trainings. Robin suggested a work group be established to pursue this.

Equity Updates

Kevin shared the collaborative work ([Building Bridges of Understanding](#)) in his region/county between government and community partners resulting in open communication and improved services. They are also making good progress with the Family Peace Center.

Roundtable

Tammi shared that Josephine County is very close to opening their own CAC.

Deena: Child Welfare Director Rebecca Jones-Gaston is moving to her federal position as Commissioner for the Administration of Children and Families, and Aprille Flint-Gerner will step in as the Interim Director. Family Preservation/Family First programs are being piloted in Alberta Office-Multnomah County, Douglas County, and Klamath-Lake Counties. This will provide wrap-around services, and child trauma reduction trainings for their workforce. These are coordinated efforts between Child Welfare and Self-Sufficiency as served populations often overlap. This will become a statewide effort by mid-2023.



Robin sought volunteers for the position of Chair on the Council with Becky Jones' departure. Cassy Miller will step into the role temporarily.

Robin mentioned to the group the possibility of the August meeting being a hybrid meeting with those who wish to attend in person and those who prefer to meet remotely on the phone.

Meeting adjourned: 11:06 am

Next meeting: **Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 9:00 AM**

Action Items:		
Item	Assigned to	Status
Meet with Kevin and Rahela to determine next steps before convening a work group for requesting a new position of Resource Prosecutor for Child Abuse.	Robin	
Share more information about whether or not an in person meeting option will be available as soon as possible	Amanda	

Regional Child Advocacy Center (RCAC) Collaborative Activities Summary January-March 2022

Representatives from each of the five Regional Children’s Advocacy Centers (RCACs, Cassy Miller (Oregon Child Abuse Solutions), Robin Reimer (CAMI Fund Coordinator, CVSSD) and Amanda VanTil (Grant Specialist, CVSSD) met using a virtual platform on March 16th, 2022.

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 RCACs as well as between RCACs and the MDTs and CACs served by the RCAC).*

RSP Individual Center	
KIDS Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/15/22: emailed regional counties to let them know of an upcoming May of 2022. • 3/2/22: emailed regional counties to let them know of an upcoming Abuse Response pilot training being offered thru OCAS. • 3/31/22: sent out a newsletter to 178 regional contacts. The <i>Blue Ribbon</i> Campaign & National Child Abuse Prevention Month. two upcoming training opportunities, Safe & Sound child abuse prevention program, information on KIDS Center's trainings including a link to the full training menu, updated prevention • Safety Net Training to the following (per request) throughout the 1st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Warm Springs K-8 Academy-6th graders ○ Condon School District - staff ○ Dufur School District - HS students ○ Condon School District - all grades ○ Condon School District - parents ○ Arlington School District - parents
Kids FIRST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted three medical and three forensic interviewer peer reviews, with participation from all three regions. • Hosted extra monthly FI peer reviews specifically for Coos County • Provided Mandatory Reporting Training for CAHOOTS Crisis County. • In person visit to Coos County (Kids HOPE Center) in January Director). • Offered training scholarships to Lane, Coos and Douglas.

<p>CARES Northwest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARES Northwest facilitated a quarterly Treatment Provider’s Meeting for our 14-county service area. 12 participants collaborated on trauma-focused therapy treatment plans. In addition, Therapy Supervisor Kim Jacobowitz provided 12 hours of expertise to mental health providers that ranged from best clinical practice, feedback, and policy development. • Dr. Dan Leonhardt provided ongoing support for the State of Oregon and the training of new ODHS caseworkers. CARES Northwest provided 14 ODHS workers. Topics included medical neglect, bruising, and the Child Advocacy Center model. • CARES Northwest Forensic Interviewers, Jen Wheeler and Rachel Petke, provided another round of “CARES NW Learning Series for Forensic Interviewers.” The forum focused on the latest research and best practice on the use of media aids within the forensic interview including free drawing, writing, and mapping.
<p>Children’s Advocacy Center of Jackson County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Forensic Peer Review was held • Quarterly Medical Peer Review was held • Our PSANE Medical Director is working with JO County to extend PSANE their County for acute pediatric sexual assault evaluations for children who present to the emergency department at Three Rivers • Cari facilitated at the pilot of the CCAR training
<p>Mt. Emily Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 FI peer review was held remotely with participants from Wallowa, Union, County, 2 in-person FI peer reviews were held, 1 for Wallowa County FI’s, Baker County FI • Medical peer review held remotely with participants from Baker & Grant • Provided quarterly newsletter to MDT members in region • Provided on-site training to Guardian Care Center FI • Provided 13 scholarships for MDT members from Wallowa, Malheur, Gilliam, Morrow, Baker, Union, and Grant County to attend: Virtual NCAC Child Abuse, OCFIT, and CCAR training