



Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement

Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2022; 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Teams Video Meeting

Attendees: Alison Bort, Rosemary Brewer, Bridget Budbill, Dana Vidoni Carelle, Saydyie DeRosia, Matt English, Judge Andrew Lavin, Debbi Martin, Robyn Masella, John Stein, Carrie Walker, Alison Wilkerson

Absent: Brad Berry, Rhea Dumont, Meg Garvin, Jeff Howes, Ian McKay, Sarah Purce, Kimberly Rose
Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) Attendees: Helen O'Brien, Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome – Helen O'Brien welcomed the group.

Minutes – The task force approved the minutes from the April 2022 meeting.

Two New Grant Opportunities through CJC Update – Bridget Budbill

Bridget gave an update on the two Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) grants that are now up and running. The Restorative Justice Grant Program is new and was created by House Bill 2204. There are \$4 million dollars allocated for disbursement. Eight programs have been approved so far. This grant encourages those who have caused harm to take responsibility and make reparations. Private and public entities may apply.

The Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program has been expanded to include \$26 million of one-time funding. This will fund worker abuse response. There have been 10 applications from law enforcement, representing 11 counties; \$20 million will go to this area. The remaining \$6 million have two applications representing eight organizations, providing statewide coverage. Willamette Valley Law Project will receive \$5,610,000. J Bar J Youth "at:project" will receive \$390,000. Additional priority funding has been distributed to Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Deschutes, Polk/Yamhill, Columbia, Douglas, Coos and Washington Counties.

Bridget will provide an update in October.

Prosecutor Cert vs. Victims' Rights Request Form – Helen O'Brien

When a victim submits a Victims' Rights Request Form (VRRF), the prosecutor then submits a Prosecutor Cert form. The prosecutor form asks if the victim asked them to assert their constitutional victims' rights, but that question is not on the VRRF. Helen and Rosemary asked the group to add this question. The group discussed the situation. Helen will solicit further information from those unable to attend the meeting, and from OJD, to see if perhaps the court form question could be removed.

Subcommittee Updates

Immigrant Subcommittee

Has not met since the last meeting.

Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Update – Dana Vidoni Carelle/ Debbi Martin

Beginning in October, Wendy Lang of Curry County will replace Dana on the task force and on the juvenile subcommittee. At the last meeting Alison Wilkinson provided a presentation of services available



from Disability Rights Oregon for crime victims with disabilities. They do not require proof of disability and encourage people to reach out for referrals.

The juvenile group is drafting an info graphic with information that can be released to victims. There is a new Parole Officer training about victims' rights. They reviewed their goals and are working with Oregon Youth Authority to draft them. They clarified that District Attorney's (DA) offices to provide notification for legal processes. In many counties notification is done by the Juvenile Department victim advocates as the DA's office represents Juvenile on criminal matters.

Administrative rule changes are with the Attorney General for review.

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

The victim notification system is moving from the change from VINES to VANS, with all of the positive changes that will give more access to victims for information. The contract for VINES has been extended through the end of the year.

Community Corrections has created a new brochure for professionals; they plan to create a second for the public. Marci Nelson is their liaison to Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors. She presented their new infographic about what information can be provided to victims to the group. They received positive feedback about the infographic. It will be provided to all new PO's as they go through training.

ACTION: The No Bail/Clemency Updates will be addressed at the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Next Meeting: October 24