



Children’s Justice Act (CJA) Task Force Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Remote Zoom meeting 1:00pm – 4:00 pm

Task Force Members:

x	CASA Representation Jenna App	x	CAMI AC Member Tammi Pitzen
x	Prosecuting Attorney John Casalino	x	CAMI AC Member Marilyn Reilly
	Person with Experience Working with Children with Disabilities Shawna Clowser	x	Attorney for Children Rahela Rehman
	Criminal Court Judge Hon Andrew Erwin	x	Lived Experience Expert Sherree Rodriguez
x	Law Enforcement Amy Ford	x	Parent Patty Terzian
x	Mental Health Professional Damon Holland	x	Person with Experience Working with Homeless Children and Youth Shelly Smith
x	Civil Court Judge Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn		Child Protective Services Deena Loughary
x	Health Professional Patty Kenyon		Defense Attorney Vacant
	CAMI AC Member Tina Morgan	x	CAMI AC Member Beatriz Lynch

CVSSD DOJ Staff:

x	Robin Reimer, CAMI Fund Coordinator	Kim Kennedy, GMS Section Manager
x	Amanda VanTil, Grant Specialist	Shannon Sivell, CVSSD Director

Welcome and Introductions

Robin welcomed everyone to the meeting and members introduced themselves via chat function.

The February minutes were approved without changes.

Status of Current Grants

Robin shared that Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) experienced an unexpected change in leadership May 3rd and provided an update on the status of current grants from the Task Force to OCAS. Final reports for the May 2021-April 2022 grant have not yet been submitted but it is expected that the Executive Director’s departure did not impact the current grant expenditures and deliverables given that the departure was after the end of the grant period. The May 2022-April 2024 award may be impacted as some funding was included for the Director’s position and deliverables tied to the position.

Robin and the OCAS Board Chair and staff will have weekly meetings. Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) will require quarterly reporting (more frequent than is currently typical for CVSSD grantees) for the 2022-24 grant. This will balance the need for more timely information about budget expenditures and deliverables during this transition, to avoid more burdens on the organization that has been a strong grantee to date. Assuming the 2021-22 OCAS grant funds are fully expended, there is approximately \$90,000 of 2019 funds that must be fully expended by Nov 30, 2022. These funds are part of the 2022-24 award to OCAS. Monitoring will help ensure these funds will be spent by OCAS or repurposed.

CJA National Conference

The conference was May 5-6 and was virtual again this year. Tina, Patty and Robin attended. The first day presentations were intended for the wider audience of child welfare state liaison officers and CJA recipients.



Day two was specific to CJA grantees and included a networking opportunity and a presentation on conducting evaluation activities. Materials provided included some work-along options which Robin, Tina and Patty will discuss using to evaluate CJA funded or other activities related to CJA including reviewing Karly's Law and/or Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Fund data.

CJA Annual Report

The report is in progress and Robin will share with the group, likely early next week.

Task Force Recruitment

The Task Force is still seeking a defense attorney who represents parents in dependency and criminal cases. Send suggestions to Robin.

Member Updates

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) held its first All Directors meeting since the start of COVID. They are reorganizing but will continue to serve the whole state. They discussed the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) supplemental funds to survivors and the extent to which the funds will reduce the impact of the prior decrease. CASA representatives requested and will receive state funds from the Oregon Legislature to reduce the funding gap by 80%.

Western Regional Child Advocacy Center (CAC) has developed *Fundamentals of Team Facilitation*. The training fulfills a National Children's Alliance (NCA) training requirement. Registration opens in August. "Facilitator" refers to the person(s) coordinating/leading/guiding the tasks of the multidisciplinary team (MDT). More information can be found here: <https://www.westernregionalcac.org/training-and-events/>

Next Meeting

Robin will send a poll, along with information about Department of Justice's COVID restrictions and travel reimbursement, to determine if members are interested in an in-person meeting in Portland in August. If 1/3 of the group is in favor of meeting in person, the August meeting will be a hybrid meeting with those who wish to attend in person and those who prefer to meet remotely on the phone.

Meeting adjourned 1:48 pm

Next meeting: **Tuesday, August 16, 1:00pm-4:00pm via Zoom**

Action Items:		
Item	Assigned to	Status
Share the racial equity tools and materials from the CJA National Conference with the group	Robin	
Reach out to potential defense attorney representatives	Robin	
Poll AC membership regarding in-person meetings	Robin	
Share other materials from the CJA National Conference	Patty	