



Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2023; 1:30 to 2:45 pm

Teams Video Meeting

Attendees: Brad Berry, Rosemary Brewer, Beth Brownhill, Bridget Budbill, Saydyie DeRosia, Rhea Dumont, Matt English, Jeff Howes, David Jackson, Wendy Lang, Judge Andrew Lavin, Debbi Martin, Robyn Masella, Sarah Purce, Kimberly Rose, John Stein, Carrie Walker

Absent: Alison Bort, Luis Garcia, Meg Garvin, Paul Geark

Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) Attendees: Helen O'Brien, Sherree Rodriguez, Shannon Sivell, Stephanie Stocks

Welcome – Helen O'Brien welcomed the group.

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

Watkins/Ackley Decision: Victim Notification – Stephanie Stocks

The CVSSD Appellate Advocate team has been working with County Victim Assistance Programs related to the Watkins/Ackley Decision, which allows those with proof of non-unanimous jury convictions in criminal cases to have a potential right to a new trial. This presents the need for immediate victim notification, which has been taxing for all concerned because of the hundreds of cases this impacts.

[Senate Bill 1584](#) indicates that cases which cannot be retried are not eligible for wrongful conviction compensation.

Recent Grants/CJC – Bridget Budbill

Bridget Budbill outlined and provided greater detail on the Criminal Justice Commission's grants and projects, which they administer for crime victims of Oregon.

- Justice Reinvestment Grant Program
- Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement Grant Program
- Restorative Justice Grant Program
- State Crisis Intervention Program - Federal Gun Violence Reduction Grant Program
- Data Reporting Projects:
 - U Visa Reporting
 - Vulnerable Adult Multidisciplinary Teams Reporting

Victim Notification Update – Saydyie DeRosia

Department of Corrections is experiencing a small delay in transitioning away from the VINE system and implementing their new contract for victim notification. They have decided to name the new system Victim Information System of Oregon (VISOR).

Subcommittee Updates

Immigrant Subcommittee – Sarah Purce

The group recently had a guest attend the meeting to explain the BOLI U Visa Certification process and learned that anyone who investigates a crime can certify for a U Visa. A BOLI rep will be joining the subcommittee. There is a new process to discuss deferred action for labor trafficked victims. They can



write a letter to help someone get temporary permission to work in the US lawfully during an investigation of labor trafficking.

Three members of the subcommittee provided the National Alliance of Victims' Rights Attorneys & Advocates (NAVRA) presentation about the work of the subcommittee and highlighted barriers that exist for immigrant crime victims

Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Update – Wendy Lang/Debbi Martin

The subcommittee recently created the "[What you can release quick reference guide](#)" created for practitioners regarding information that can and cannot be released to victims related to crimes involving juveniles. The infographic can be found on the DOJ website.

Oregon Youth Authority has recently created a publication with notification rights when youth are committed to correctional facilities. It's an upgraded version of what used to be provided by letter and is easier to read. They are partnering with DOJ to work on a screening checklist for sex trafficking.

OYA has submitted budget approval for two new positions that would be acting in a victim advocate capacity.

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

The group met earlier this month and discussed updated DPSST training, where slides updated with input from the group will be used. They had an update to their What you can release guide, created for Parole Officers (PO). One of the goals they set for this year is to create an ongoing PO training.

Bench Card – Kimberly Rose

OJD is working on putting together material for new judges, including information about victims' rights in a bench card format.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm