



Meeting Minutes

CAMI Advisory Council

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Hybrid meeting

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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x	Representative of Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) Pamela Heisler for 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		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	x	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 Coordinator		Shannon Sivell, Director
x	Amanda VanTil, Grant Specialist		
	Kim Kennedy, Grant Unit Manager		

Welcome, Introductions

Robin welcomed the members.

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

The May minutes will be approved via email.

Regional Child Advocacy Center (RCAC) Update

Tammi updated the group on discussions and topics of interest for the RCACs. They are beginning to hold in person meetings but are uncertain if this will continue. RCACs have discussed the importance of standardizing the available trainings.

Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) Update

Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT) was held virtually and the October training will be in person in Wilsonville. In June, the Oregon Interviewing Guideline (OIG) and OCFIT review

team completed an update of the OIG. These will be sent to Robin for review. The second round of the pilot of Collaborative Child Abuse Response (CCAR) was completed in early summer. There will be a third session in September. This will continue to be virtual because it is working really well. The Advanced trainings will be combined for in person two-day trainings. The Medical academy monthly meetings are going well with 30-40 out of the 60+ on the list attending regularly.

The group discussed the process for review of the OIG. From Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ), both the Crime Victim and Survivor Division (CVSSD), and the Child Advocacy Section (ChAS) will review. This time, the Criminal Justice Division (CJ) may also be asked to review.

CVSSD Update

Child Advocacy Center Fund (CACF) grants are mostly in awarded status. The Lighthouse has been moved forward. Warm Springs, Tillamook, and Star Center are not awarded and may receive a reduced award because the grant is now in the second year. Robin proposed that any unused funds be given to the Regional Child Advocacy Center (RCAC) for the non-funded Child Advocacy Center (CAC): Mt Emily to receive deobligated funds from Baker Co CAC and Star Center's funds, KIDS Center to receive Warm Springs' funds, CARES Northwest to receive Tillamook CAC's funds. The purpose of the funds is to expand or support children's advocacy center services. The group discussed if distributing to the RCAC is effective for supporting direct services to children in the service area of the CACs. These RCACs already provide direct services to fill gaps in the grantee's service regions. The group discussed whether or not the use of funds could be limited to assisting the specific CAC from whom the funds were deobligated. The concern is that placing this additional restriction on the funds would make them difficult for the RCAC to expend. The membership requested that the RCACs be asked if the funds could be used to fill gaps in services or staffing for the CAC from whom the funds were redirected. Suggestions included trainings like San Diego, assistance with grant writing, or help with recruiting. *The AC supports redistributing the unused funds to the Regional CAC for the local CAC.*

ACTION: Robin will finalize the deobligated amounts and talk to the RCACS.

Need for a Child Abuse (CA) Resource Prosecutor

CJ recently hired two exceptional former CA prosecutors, John Casalino from Multnomah County and Katie Green from Lane County. Unlike the designated resource prosecutors (e.g., the Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor) at ODOJ who handle most or all of the cases of the specific type and provide training, child abuse cases at CJ are distributed among the prosecutors; there is no single point of contact or subject matter lead. Many counties would benefit from having a specific contact at CJ for support, assistance, and training on handling these specialized and complex cases. Robin continues exploring if there is a need for funding a new position or a restructuring within CJ to better serve the state.

The group discussed whether or not the child abuse prosecutor training that Kevin Barton and John Casalino presented several years ago could be delivered with the help of ODOJ. Perhaps ODOJ could provide the trainers (John and Katie) and Kevin could provide the curriculum. Kevin offered that one of his senior child abuse DDAs might be able to participate in delivering the training. Previously, Oregon District Attorney Association (ODAA) did the administrative work for this training. Is it possible that OCAS could do this or that ODAA could provide the administration again? Spring of 2023 would be the best time for the training for both trainer and trainee availability.

ACTION: Kevin will talk with ODAA to encourage creation of this Resource.

Planning for the Next Grant Cycle

The Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (ODSVS) grant fund coordinator is planning to contract with an organization to reassess our formula for distributing ODSVS funds. If the process goes well for the ODSVS Fund, the CAMI Program could contract with the same organization to re-evaluate the CAMI funding formula. Any changes would not be implemented in the 2023-25 grant cycle, but in the 2025-27 cycle. The writing of the 2025 application will begin in October and be released in April.

Member Updates:

Washington County, in partnership with CARES Northwest, is developing a Family Peace Center. Though significant funds were secured through the lottery bill, additional funds will be needed. Washington County continues to send children to CARES Northwest in Multnomah County which is not convenient or always accessible for victims/survivors.

Washington County recently hired a paralegal (with CAMI funds) to maximize the resources of the office. They have proven to be an exceptional asset.

SafeSpace secured \$2M to purchase and renovate a building. They found a building and completed the permitting process. They hope to close on the property on October 1 and finalize the project within a year.

Jackson CAC completed their capital project of repairing the roof, rotted siding, and lead paint making a safer and more comfortable place for children to be served. In June Dr. Miller returned to Jackson CAC as Medical Director. Jackson's Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (PSANE) program expanded to include Josephine County.

Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force (ORSATF) conducted three pediatric SANE trainings with an instructor from Texas. Twenty-two nurses across the state participated; none were from Portland or Bend areas.

DHS Child Welfare continues exploring upstream prevention work to provide earlier support to families. This includes partnerships with intervention programs and advocacy programs to create workgroups for safety planning and prevention. DHS Child Welfare continues to partner with Self Sufficiency and family courts statewide.

Tina Morgan assisted Mt Emily and Amani Center who submitted applications for accreditation under 2017 standards and will have site reviews this fall. Star Center also applied for reaccreditation. Lincoln County CAC will apply for reaccreditation in 2023.

OCAS is interviewing for a new executive director with an anticipated start date of September.

Meeting adjourned: 10:46 AM

Next meeting: **Tuesday, November 15, 2022 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Action Items:		
Item	Assigned to	Status
Finalize the deobligated funds and talk to the RCACs	Robin	
Talk to ODAA regarding the prosecuting child sexual abuse training	Kevin	