



Children’s Justice Act (CJA) Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Hybrid meeting

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Task Force Members:

	CASA Jenna App	x	CAMI AC Member Tammi Pitzen
	Prosecuting Attorney John Casalino	x	CAMI AC Member Marilyn Reilly
	Person with Experience Working with Children with Disabilities Shawna Clowser		Attorney for Children Rahela Rehman
x	Criminal Court Judge Hon Andrew Erwin	x	Lived Experience Expert Sherree Rodriguez
	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
x	CAMI AC Member Tina Morgan	x	CAMI AC Member Beatriz Lynch

Guests:

x	Deb Carnaghi	x	Susanne Van Amburgh
x	Paul Schrader	x	Don Jones

CVSSD DOJ Staff:

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

Welcome

Robin welcomed everyone and updated the group on the CJA grant application from Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS).

The group reviewed the annual report for our federal CJA funds from 2021-2022 as well as our application for 2023.

ACTION: Task Force member profiles will need to be updated in the 2023 application.

Regarding membership, we have needed a defense attorney representative for quite some time. In talking with our federal contact, they are interested in our continued efforts in this recruitment. Robin has reached out to a few individuals hoping to onboard them soon.

Robin continued reviewing the OCAS report noting that the Children’s Bureau has interest in linking what we do in connection with Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare and Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

John Casalino has moved from his position as a prosecuting attorney; Robin has contacted a possible replacement for his position on the Task Force. Hon. Holmes Hehn recommended seeking nominations from outside Multnomah County.



ACTION: Shelly Smith will send Robin two prosecuting attorney contacts from the Bend area.

Of note was the work identified in the OCAS application for diversity, equity, access and inclusion. With the leaving of the former executive director who drove this project, this particular action item may be changed. No current staff have moved into the interim director position though OCAS is currently interviewing. The group is interested in knowing how the deliverables, specifically the training, evaluation, and DEI coordination, will be carried out.

Paul Schrader, Don Jones, and Susanne Van Amburgh spoke to group on behalf of Oregon Child Abuse Solutions. The group heard an overview of OCAS activities since May 2022, goals for 2023, and progress on the executive director search which will remain open until August 22, 2022.

Don felt the deliverables from the award were still achievable. DEI work will most likely hinge on the new executive director hire. Evaluations and longitudinal trainings seem to be on hold or needing feedback from current staff.

Patti Terzian offered a resource from WRCAC for an evaluator.

Deb Carnaghi joined the group and gave an update on child death review and prevention. Each area of unexpected child death (suicide, unintentional injury, child abuse) has a child abuse component to death investigation because the caregiver role is important in a quality review. Future success will have a state-wide collaboration of death review and implementation of recommendations to keep children safer in community.

Robin suggested keeping the statewide team death review on future agendas for CJA Task Force.

ACTION: Amanda will add the CJATF members to the Fatality Review Team listserv

Minutes to the May meeting: motion to approve from Patti Terzian, Patti Kenyon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without edits.

Meeting adjourned 4:05 PM

Next meeting: **Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:00 PM-4:00 PM (remote)**

Action Items:		
Item	Assigned to	Status
Task Force member profiles will need to be updated in the 2023 application.		
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Amanda will add the CJATF members to the Fatality Review Team listserv	Amanda	completed