



# Children’s Justice Act (CJA) Task Force

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2023

Remote meeting via Teams

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Task Force Members:

X	CASA Jenna App	X	CAMI AC Member Tammi Pitzen
	Prosecuting Attorney VACANT		CAMI AC Member Marilyn Reilly
X	Person with Experience Working with Children with Disabilities Shawna Clowser		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		Person with Experience Working with Homeless Children and Youth VACANT
	Civil Court Judge VACANT	X	Child Protective Services Deena Loughary
	Health Professional Patty Kenyon	X	Defense Attorney Matthew Muenzen
X	CAMI AC Member Tina Morgan	X	CAMI AC Member Beatriz Lynch

### Guests:

X	Shelly Smith, Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS)	
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### CVSSD DOJ Staff:

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

### Welcome

August meeting minutes were approved without objection.

### OCAS Update

Shelly Smith, Executive Director, updated the group on background information, staffing, and activities of OCAS this past year. OCAS provides services across the state in coordination with the five Regional Children’s Advocacy Centers (RCACs). Currently, there are five staff persons at OCAS. This is their last week in the Portland office. All work is moving to remote work and meeting together monthly at rotating Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs). Shelly also updated the group on the OCAS CJA grant goals and highlights (attached).

Robin recommended connecting with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to expand their collaborative work.

### Member introductions



New CJA member Matthew Meunzen joined the meeting so the members introduced themselves and welcomed Matthew. During member introductions, information was shared about an upcoming conference in eastern Oregon <https://umatillacounty.net/departments/da/conference>

### **Future Topical Presentation-Rural Mental Health and Trauma Informed Response**

CJA Mental Health Professional Representative Damon Holland will present at the May 23 Meeting. The group shared topics for him to address:

- Mental health as it relates to National Children’s Alliance (NCA) standards
- Building tele-mental health networks
- Free services for mental health
- building space for accessing remote children’s mental health services
- DOJ CVSSD released the Trauma Informed Response Training Request for Applications (RFA) which provides funding to access trauma informed response training. Eligible applicants are law enforcement and district attorney’s offices. Other MDT member agencies and non profit organizations can collaborate with eligible applicants in their communities.

### **CJA Administrative Updates**

The last Federal CJA meeting was in October and covered the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). Robin has and will continue to share any opportunities for Oregon CJA Task Force members to attend. The October meeting was limited to state administrators and state liaisons. Given the nexus between CAPTA and CJA, it would be a good future topical presentation for this group.

The CJA National conference date and format have not yet been announced, but Robin will update Tina and Patti when that is announced. This conference is for the state CJA administrators and Chairs.

Robin requested recommendations for a civil/family court judge. She is reaching out to recommendations for a person working with homeless youth and prosecuting attorney (paired with CAMI AC position). One recommendation was given and Robin will follow up.

Last August Deb Carnaghi made a presentation to the group about child fatality review. Since then, several partners have been meeting to discuss SUID Investigation training needs and a funding request may come to this group in the future related to supporting this work.

### **Member Updates**

Upcoming training [CE-CERT](#), April 17-19, 2023. Registration closes Feb 28, 2023

This course will likely meet some standards for CAC certification as well.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, May 23, 9:00 AM – 12 noon via Teams**

<b>Action Items:</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Status</b>
Send out the law enforcement Trauma Informed Response Training RFA to the group	Robin	complete



Contact Tami Kane-Suleiman to present about CAPTA to the group (Aug 22)	Deena	
Review descriptions in the applications regarding your role on the Task Force (sent 2/21, please return by 3/1/23.	All members	
Recommendations for civil/family court judge for the Task Force	All members	