



MEETING Minutes
Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Advisory Council
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Remote Teams meeting, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Council Members:

	Representative of Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS)		Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children
X	Shelly Smith	X	Patricia K. Kenyon
	Representative from a local Child Advocacy Center recommended by Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS)		Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children
X	Beatriz Lynch	X	Rahela Rehman
	Employee of the State Office for Services to Children and Families Child Welfare		Representative from an Operating Regional Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)
X	Deena Loughary	X	Tammi Pitzen
	District Attorney		Person having experience dealing with child abuse
X	Kevin Barton	X	Tina Morgan
	Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children		Law Enforcement
X	Marilyn Reilly		Vacant

CVSSD Staff:

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

Welcome

Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes

February minutes were approved with no edits.

CAMI Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Application Discussion Robin presented an overview of the allocation formula to demonstrate how funds will be distributed among grantees once the CAMI Program receives its budget. Twenty-seven applications were approved without edits, six were recommended for changes to the intervention plan. Next steps include outreach to the grant applicant; those that are recommended for intervention plan changes will receive a phone call on how to modify. Administrative modifications will be requested through EGrants at the same time as budget modifications when the CAMI budget is known.

The group discussed highlights of the applications.

Applications indicated widespread need for mental health services for victims. The group discussed the increase in wait times for mental health. MDT Partners including centers are struggling to recruit and retain staff for key positions post COVID. The group discussed the impact of COVID work situations and the impact on current staffing. Continued dialog about MDT best practice will be essential as new staff join the field.

Staff turnover in law enforcement and courts means expertise and knowledge in the field has dropped. There is also a disconnect for medical providers related to their role in the criminal process. Establishing a Resource Prosecutor for child abuse would support smaller counties and maintain state-wide consistency in child abuse intervention best practice.

Housing and transportation also stood out in the applications as barriers to service. Addressing transportation needs is an excellent opportunity to engage with and support families.

CVSSD and CAMI Updates

Five regional CAC applications were received, all from current grantees, all applying for the same regions they currently serve. OCAS also applied for statewide services. One of the regional applications was submitted late due to technological issues. The group did not have any objection to accepting this late application. Robin will accept each as submitted and for continued services as the prior award.

There has not been any information regarding the CAMI allocations from Legislature. The CVSSD Advisory Committee (AC) met last month with a contractor who is evaluating the funding formula applied to all CVSSD funding including CAMI. Sarah Stewart is the child abuse representative on the CVSSD AC to bring MDT and CAC perspective to those conversations. Robin will keep this group informed as those conversations progress; they will not impact this round of funding allocations due to the timing.

CVSSD hosted Directors Days last week for 200 non-profit directors who receive funding from CVSSD. Training included grant management and DEAI information.

OCAS and RCAC Updates

RCACs met in April and discussed the report format which will be forwarded to the CAMI AC. The report will no longer be in bullet format but will provide a narrative on a specific topic. This current update will demonstrate outreach and collaboration work amongst the Regions.

In August OCAS, CAMI and the RCACs will meet and review the history and purpose of the funding to ensure the newer RCAC directors have an understanding of the grant.

In regard to the grant specific deliverables of OCAS's CAMI award, Cassy Miller has connected with 26 of 27 Centers and has provided substantial technical assistance, particularly to the newer centers and. The annual center data collection will be rolled out from a new system which will have streamlined real-time data access. The Bend Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT) training had excellent enrollment and participants tested well. Collaborative Child

Abuse Response (CCAR) concluded its pilot year, and staff are evaluating outcomes to improve the training. Since some Children's Advocacy Center Funds (CACF) was redistributed to RCACs serving the areas to which the funds were originally allocated, OCAS collaborated with Mt Emily and CARES Northwest to assist centers in those areas with the goal of removing barriers to receiving and using funding. OCAS is facilitating the first medical conference in Bend; thirty-five clinicians will participate in a full day of training on topics ranging from medical practice to expert witness. Clinical social workers are now able to get CEU credits for OCFIT training.

Member Updates

Jackson County's staff and medical providers will present at the National Convention on the county's 24-hour response and how other CACs can establish a similar response through community partnerships.

Washington County secured a building for their Family Peace Center off Hwy 26 which allow CARES to set up their Washington County site. They are having conversations on how to keep confidential advocates and mandatory reporters in the same building. The purpose is to provide a location for anyone experiencing abuse to receive comprehensive services at a central location.

Robin asked for input on scheduling meetings continuously a year out. The group was supportive and indicated that if meetings are scheduled a year out, conflicts will be unlikely. Most meetings will be virtual with the exception of the CJA August meeting which will be in person in Portland.

Clackamas Symposium provided training last week on child abuse practices to over 350 participants. OCAS would like to participate in the planning in the future.

Meeting adjourned: 10:49 AM

Next Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2023, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM; meet remotely

Action Items:		
Item	Assigned to	Status
Tammi will forward the RCAC quarterly update to the group		
Robin will poll if the August CAMI meeting can be moved to the afternoon		