

CVSSD Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD
Remote meeting
April 18, 2023- 9:00am-11:00am

Committee Members Present: Ashley Beatty, Steve Bellshaw, Amy Benedum, Debra Dority, Erin Greenwald (for SATF), Justin Nelson, Barb Palicki, Lauri Stewart, Sarah Stewart, Vanessa Timmons, and Merle Weiner

Guest: *Melanie Prummer*

CVSSD DOJ Staff Present: Marjorie Doran, Diana Fleming, Nathaline Frener, Mackenzie Gray, Christine Heyen, Terri Johnson, Kim Kennedy, Robin Reimer, Maria Ruiz Ceja, Alexxis Robinson-Woods, Shannon Sivell, Shawna Smith, and Libby Villa

Committee Members Absent: Allison Cleveland, Sybil Hebb, Kimberly Lane, and Bethany Walmsley

Welcome and Introductions

Kim welcomed everyone and each member introduced themselves.

Minutes

The group approved the October minutes.

AC member updates

- CVSSD is in the process of hiring a fund coordinator to fill the position that will coordinate the Trauma Informed Response Training Grant Program. Interviews will take place this week for that position. Also, a grant specialist will be hired for the community violence intervention and prevention programs.
- Erin Greenwald from Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF) announced they are in the process of hiring a permanent executive director. Beth Walmsley has been the interim Executive Director since the beginning of December. The program has added new members to the board of directors; Mary Pat Luetke-Stahlman, Leocadia Montero-Hainley, and Suzanne Gray.

Update on New grant programs at CVSSD

Kim gave an update on the two new grant programs at CVSSD: Law Enforcement Trauma Informed Response Training and Community Violence Intervention and Prevention.

Trauma Informed Response Training Grant

The Trauma Informed Response training grant application was released. It is a non-competitive grant. Many counties have applied for it. Once everything gets finalized, there will be more information about the different projects that were funded. If the fund

remains a permanent part of the CVSSD budget there will be a grant opportunity every biennium. If a program did not have the opportunity to apply for the grant this time, they will have the opportunity to apply for the next biennium if the funds continue.

Community Violence intervention and prevention

Nathaline Frener and Alexxis Robinson-Woods are fund coordinators for the Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Project. The grant application closes April 24th. We currently have 75 applications in process. Nathaline and Alexxis met with programs in every county in the state and continue to talk to programs across the state about community violence intervention and prevention. Once the process is complete, CVSSD will post the descriptions of the projects funded.

Overview of 23-25 Joint Grant Application

Christine Heyen is the lead fund coordinator for CVSSD's non-competitive grant funds. Christine discussed the application for joint non-competitive funds for the 2023-2025 biennium. She reminded the committee about how the original fund allocation formula was created to inform the distribution of these joint non-competitive funds to programs.

- CVSSD distributes non-competitive federal and state dollars to nonprofit domestic and sexual violence advocacy organizations through the joint formula and its application for joint non-competitive funds. Programs reapply for the joint non-competitive funds every two years.
- CVSSD is currently in the process of reviewing and updating the content of the application for joint non-competitive funds. CVSSD is also reevaluating the current formula to determine how funding distribution methodologies align with current practice and values. The original formula was created in 2007 and focused heavily on geographic equity. With these funds, CVSSD seeks to advance equity, meaningful engage communities, and to provide meaningful access to effective services.
- The state legislature allocated an additional \$10 million in ODSVS funds in 2022. This funding provided CVSSD with an opportunity to hire ECO Northwest consultants to help develop a plan to re-examine the formula based on these values.

ECO Northwest Consultants

Sam Tedford is the project manager and point of contact for CVSSD, and Jade Aguilar is the director of research equity and project director. The consultants reviewed their work plan with the committee and discussed what they had observed about the current formula. They explained how they conducted their learning and observation process, with the desired outcome being that all survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence in Oregon can meaningfully access effective services. ECO Northwest also engaged in discussion with the committee to hear their ideas and thoughts.

Project priority

- Maintain a stable baseline of service while allowing for growth and adaptation.
- Evaluate programs by focusing on achieving equitable outcomes.

- Shared accountability to outcomes for marginalized communities.
- Funding should be responsive to community needs.
- Process should be adapted to provider capacity.
- Create a new process that has support from stakeholders, including grantees, and is transparent and understandable.
- Improve trust and relationships between and among service providers.
- Develop a realistic transition plan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Next remote meeting: July 18, 2023, 9:00 am