



## **Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**July 31, 2023; 1:30 to 2:20 pm**

### **Teams Video Meeting**

**Attendees:** Brad Berry, Rosemary Brewer, Beth Brownhill, Saydyie DeRosia, Matt English, Wendy Lang, Paul Geark, Jeff Howes, Robyn Masella, Kimberly Rose, Carrie Walker, Jason Wolf

**Absent:** Alison Bort, Bridget Budbill, Rhea Dumont, Judge Andrew Lavin, Sarah Purce, Kimberly Rose  
**Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) Attendees:** Johanna Costa, Helen O'Brien, Sherree Rodriguez, Shannon Sivell, Stephanie Stocks

**Welcome** – Helen O'Brien welcomed the group.

**Minutes** – The task force approved the minutes from the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Discussion:**

#### **Updates on VISOR - Saydyie**

The new Victim Information System in Oregon (VISOR) expects counties, Oregon Youth Authority and Department of Corrections (DOC) to begin live transmission of data to VISOR on August 15<sup>th</sup>. VISOR will be live to the public on November 1<sup>st</sup>. DOC will promote the change through newsletters and other campaigns. They have downloaded victim contact information from the previous system and there should be no need for victims to do so themselves.

VISOR will sync data for offenders of multiple crimes for those with a 93% data match. Notifications will come from a different phone number and email address. DOC will send out a mass notification prior to the change for all participants. The new email address will be [VISOR@doc.oregon.gov](mailto:VISOR@doc.oregon.gov).

DOC is ordering 25,000 brochures. Saydyie asked the group to let her know if any are needed. They will not be used until full public access is available. Swag will also be available once the system is open to the public.

#### **New Law: SB 1060 - Beth Brownhill**

Disability Rights Oregon represents survivors of crime who have disabilities. Senate Bill 1060 was recently signed into law, and it amends the criminal code in how physical injury is proven, to include subjecting a dependent or elderly person to offensive physical contact. This provides for folks with disabilities to show evidence through other means than verbal testimony. The next step is to provide instruction to district attorneys and law enforcement.

#### **Focus for 2024**

DOJ conducted an informal survey to determine the most frequently violated victims' rights in Oregon. The group reviewed a fact sheet demonstrating the survey results. The tentative emphasis for the group next year will be supporting victim rights related to pre-trial release.

#### **Oregon Board of Parole & Post Prison Supervision – Robyn Masella**

Robyn is part of an earned discharged group. Their emphasis is around the rules. They are discussing training, education, and areas of potential improvement. She is open to hearing from committee members regarding ideas and/or concerns.



## Subcommittee Updates

### *Juvenile Justice Subcommittee Update – Debbi Martin and Wendy Lang*

The Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) Policy Option package was approved by legislature this last session. This change means having a victim services program at OYA. They are in the process of hiring a manager, and hope to have victim services coordinators on board around the beginning of the new year.

Oregon Judicial Department has a juvenile delinquency court improvement program, which is being addressed in three recommended areas:

1. Court decision-making – working to develop standard policies and practices in justice courts around the state.
2. Data informed decision
3. Training for judges

There is an [Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association conference](#) planned for September in Ashland.

**ACTION STEP:** Task Force members will let Helen know if they are interested in participating in a subgroup about modifying the Uniform Trial Court Rules in support of victims' rights.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm