

CVSSD Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD

Remote meeting

September 16, 2024 - 1:00pm-1:57pm

Committee Members Present: BB Beltran, Amy Benedum, Desiree Coyote, Debra Dority, Perla Estrada, Justin Nelson, Barb Palicki, Melanie Prummer, Shannon Rose, Sarah Stewart

CVSSD DOJ Staff Present: Eleana Chase, Marjorie Glick, Mackenzie Gray, Kim Kennedy, Alexxis Robinson-Woods, Twila Rosenberg, Maria Ruiz Ceja, Shannon Sivell

Committee Members Absent: Steve Bellshaw, Melissa Erlbaum, Aryel Harrington, Sybil Hebb, Alexandra Hoover, Kimberly Lane, Geeta Paul, James St. Martin, Vanessa Timmons

Welcome and Introductions

Kim Kennedy welcomed everyone, and each member introduced themselves.

Minutes – The Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) Advisory Committee approved minutes from July 16, 2024.

Member updates

On March 31, 2025, El Programa Hispano Católico will have its annual conference, Voices. The goal of the conference is to provide survivors and advocates the opportunity to discuss their experiences interacting with law enforcement, accessing community assistance, and navigating various systems. This conference will be conducted entirely in Spanish. For those who require it, there will be English interpreters. The program plans to send out save the date cards by the end of September, and registration will open in January 2025.

CVSSD Updates

CVSSD submitted a request to the legislative Emergency Board to continue funding the competitive grants that will end on September 30, 2024. They hope to receive some portion of the needed funding then intend to request the remainder needed in the legislative session.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) updates

Regarding VOCA funding cuts, the committee discussed options for moving forward, as brought up at the last AC meeting. CVSSD is optimistic that some funds will be provided by the legislature and the impact of cuts won't be as severe. The final decision made by the legislature will be shared with CVSSD in June or July of 2025.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2024 and we will be looking for consensus for moving a recommendation forward to the Attorney General's office for a decision.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM

Next remote meeting: October 8th, 2024, 9:00 am