

CVSSD Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD

Remote meeting

October 8, 2024 - 9:00am-9:50am

Committee Members Present: Steve Bellshaw, Melissa Erlbaum, Perla Estrada, Sybil Hebb, Keri Moran-Kuhn, Justin Nelson, Barb Palicki, Geeta Paul, Melanie Prummer, Shannon Rose, Sarah Stewart

CVSSD DOJ Staff Present: Marjorie Glick, Mackenzie Gray, Kim Kennedy, Twila Rosenberg, Maria Ruiz Ceja, Shannon Sivell.

Committee Members Absent: Amy Benedum, Debra Dority, Kimberly Lane

Welcome and Introductions

Kim welcomed everyone and each member introduced themselves.

Minutes The group approved the September minutes.

CVSSD Update: The Emergency Board gave unanimous support for the allocation of funding to the Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD to extend the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Competitive Grants for an additional nine-months. The success of the request to the E-Board was a result of many partners and stakeholders working together.

Member updates

- The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV) will hold its annual conference on October 27th-29th. They're excited about the content of training and highlighted that keynote speakers will address topics including Wellness and Fair Pay.
- Peace at Home is opening a youth housing campus for 18–24-year-old youth. They've been visiting with programs around the state to see how others are approaching this work.
- Sarah announced that she is moving into a different role at Kids FIRST Children's Advocacy Center, so they have begun their search for a new Executive Director. Additional details can be found on their website at [Kids FIRST | Eugene, Oregon | Children's Advocacy Center \(kidsfirstcenter.net\)](https://kidsfirstcenter.net).

Review and Discussion of Funding Approach Recommendation

By majority vote the AC agreed to submit a recommendation to the Attorney General regarding CVSSD's approach to implementing VOCA funding reductions in the absence of additional state funds. The AC recommends that the funding cuts be equally applied to the affected VOCA subrecipient programs receiving VOCA Non-competitive and Joint funds. This approach considers equity in funding and overall impact to programs. If the recommendation is accepted

by the Attorney General's Office, CVSSD will communicate with programs and provide anticipated 25-27 allocation amounts. This communication will likely happen late Fall, hoping to allow programs the time to plan for the next grant cycle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM

Next remote meeting: April 8, 2025