



Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Advisory Council MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Virtual Teams meeting from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Council Members:

X	Representative of Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) Shelly Smith		Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Patricia K. Kenyon
X	Representative from a local Child Advocacy Center recommended by Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) Beatriz Lynch	X	Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Rahela Rehman
	Employee of the State Office for Services to Children and Families Child Welfare Kristen Khamnohack	X	Representative from an Operating Regional Children's Advocacy Center Gil Levy
X	District Attorney Stacy Neil	X	Person having experience dealing with child abuse Tina Morgan
	Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Marilyn Reilly		Law Enforcement Gary Bell
X	Physician licensed to practice medicine in Oregon who specializes in children and families Natalya Miller		

Guests:

X	Deb Carnegie, Oregon DHS Child Welfare	X	Pamela Heisler, OCAS
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CVSSD Staff:

X	Robin Reimer, CAMI Fund Coordinator		Kim Kennedy, Grant Unit Manager
X	Kevin Dowling, CVSSD Fund Coordinator		Shannon Sivell, Director
X	Amanda Shinkle, Grant Specialist		

Robin welcomed the group and introduced the guests.

The January minutes were approved without edits.

Oregon Child Abuse Solutions update on Collaborative Child Abuse Response (CCAR):

Pamela Heisler updated the group on the CCAR Training which is distinct from the Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT) and is no longer a pilot. In addition, OCAS offers Advanced Forensic Interviewer Training. See Appendix A for additional information.

The group discussed the contribution medical partners could provide on the training content. Differences in terminology in the reports are causing misunderstandings depending how the term is used amongst multidisciplinary teams (MDT), DHS, Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) staff, law enforcement, or medical professional participants. One solution is to introduce the reporting tool at

CCAR, but it is better to communicate directly about questions in terminology within a report rather than standardizing terms or adding curriculum to CCAR.

OCAS is working with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to train all front-line CPS workers in the next 12 months. Afterwards, workers will need to complete CCAR within 6 months of hire and they will roll into the regular CCAR schedule. OCAS and Natalya Miller agreed to incorporate instruction during the OCAS medical academy sessions on the importance of language use by medical providers.

CAMI and CVSSD updates (Robin): The CAMI Regional CAC application was released in March and is due April 2. The application is simplified and non-competitive. The CAMI MDT application was released on April 1 and is due May 19. The Children's Advocacy Center Fund application will be available once funding is determined by the Legislature.

After CVSSD staff complete an initial review of the applications, AC members will review and make funding recommendations. The group prefers to review documents in a PDF format with a review meeting in June or July.

CVSSD has provided updated resources on the CAMI website for grantees on topics such as trainings, forensic interviewing and grant guidance.

Federal funds are currently frozen and delaying CVSSD allocation determinations. CVSSD continues to be in close contact with the Federal officers regarding the status of these funds and internally continues to work with OR DOJ Finance and Accounting to pay as many federal financial reports as promptly as possible.

Fatality Review Team update: Peer groups, especially the coordinators group, continue to meet to discuss needed resources and collaboration efforts. The national team will be providing training for fatality teams, and Oregon fatality review coordinators continue to explore partnership with OCAS to support fatality review teams across the state.

Additionally, Retrospective Suicide Analysis is being offered to county child fatality review teams.

ODHS will be requesting modifications to the fatality review model protocol document. The requested modifications will be distributed to the group for review after this draft comes to CVSSD. The changes will focus on improving timely cross reporting of child fatalities.

The Statewide team also discussed the lack of availability of high-sensitivity urine drug testing and its impact on the ability to identify drug-endangered children.

OCAS CAMI RCAC award update (Shelly): The current award continues through December 2025. OCAS applied for the next 2-year award period.

Recent trainings:

- CCAR training of 15 participants
- OCFIT training with 24 participants mostly from ODHS.
- Three medical academy trainings for medical providers and Designated Medical Professionals (DMP) across the state.

Kyle Tarr is the newest OCAS staff focusing on medical/mental health/prevention initiatives.

Member updates:

There will be a Legislative review hearing for the Oregon DOJ budget with the Ways and Means committee regarding funds for CACs and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) backfill funds.

Meeting adjourned: 2:58 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 1:00-4:00 pm

Action Items:		
Item	Assigned to	Status
Determine June or July meeting time for reviews	Amanda/Robin	complete
Send out RFA, teleconference recordings prior to application reviews	Robin	complete