

Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement Meeting Minutes April 28, 2025; 1:30 to 2:17 pm Teams Video Meeting

Attendees: Rachel Berry, Alison Bort, Rosemary Brewer, Johanna Costa, Matt English, Hon. Andrew Lavin, D.A. Kate Lynch, Robyn Masella, Helen O'Brien, Sarah Purce, Greg Rios, John Robb, Nathan Sheppard, Stephanie Stocks, D.A. Nathan Vasquez

Absent: Saydyie DeRosia, Susana Escobedo, Meg Garvin, Paul Geark, Wendy Lang, Kimberly Rose,

Shannon Sivell, Carrie Walker

Guests: Christina Master, Dale Hoffman, Jeffrey Janssen, Timindra Practico

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and Introductions – The group welcomed new member District Attorney (DA) Nathan Vasquez from Multnomah County. Christina Master, Disability Rights Oregon's new advocate joined the meeting as a guest. Oregon State Police Sex Offender Registry guests Dale Hoffman, Jeffrey Janssen, Timindra Practico were also introduced.

Rosemary Brewer will be stepping down from the task force, as she is leaving her role at Oregon Crime Victim Law Institute. The group expressed their appreciation for her years of service.

Minutes – The group approved the minutes from the January 27, 2025.

Sex Offender Registry – Oregon State Police – Dale Hoffman, Timindra Practico, Jeffrey Janssen ~ The Oregon State Police Sex Offender Registry (SRO) is working to provide a more streamlined means of access for victims to obtain information about their registered offender, once post-prison supervision is complete. Currently victims in this scenario are required to fill out a form for the DA to forward to the SRO to allow access to the information. They plan to eliminate the need for the DA to sign the form and allow direct access from victims/survivors. These changes will also help streamline access for victims who may be out of state, or whose offenders are, but they have a connection to the Oregon SRO. It would make information more accessible for victims and allow them to maintain their privacy. Verified victims would be entitled to any information the SRO has on the offender. They shared their plans with the group to make agencies aware and gather support.

Uniform Trial Court Rules (UTCR) – John Robb/Greg Rios

The UTCR Committee has provided input for the new rules members of the taskforce proposed last year. John and Greg are finalizing the UTCRs and will submit them to the committee by August. The intent is to make the section pertaining to crime victim rights more robust.

Hope Card Training Video – Matt English

DOJ has recently created a 4-minute training video for the Hope Card Program. It has been distributed to State Police, County Sheriff and Chiefs of Police listservs, allowing more officers to be informed about the program. The program provides parties with a protection order to have a reference the size of a drivers' license to distribute information about their orders to those who can help keep them safe. Law Enforcement will likely encounter the cards at times. The Hope Card Program does not take the place of the legal requirement of parties to carry a copy of their protection order.



Subcommittee Updates

Immigrant Crime Victims' Rights - Sarah Purce

- ~ The group made the decision not to update Immigrant Crime Victim Relief Options brochure, but instead to link the federal Immigration Options for Victims of Crime brochure on the Oregon DOJ webpage. It provides the most current information, and the other effort would have been duplicative.
- ~ Representatives from Oregon Department of Human Services came to discuss the addition of labor trafficking to their definition of child abuse.
- ~ DOJ has produced a new labor trafficking training, which will be presented at regional trainings.

Juvenile Justice – Helen O'Brien

- ~ The group is working on collecting statistics. Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) is undergoing an improvement project. Some of the group is working to continue partnership with the project, to ensure victim rights are addressed.
- ~ Their presentation last year at Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association Conference was well received. Now they have been asked to present at the upcoming Oregon Adolescent Sexual Offender Treatment Network Conference. Familial cases are the emphasis, in providing support to families who have both offender and victim in the same family. Victim support is the focus of their presentation.

Post Conviction - Robyn Masella

- ~ They are working on statistics collection and creating a best practice document for the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) meeting in September.
- ~ The group provided feedback on earned discharge guidelines, with a focus on restitution compliance.

Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) Update - Alison Bort

PSRB conducted a DA Victim Assistance Program training in February for the Civil Commitment System, which was well received. The board is continuing their work in creating a restorative justice program. They hope to create an application process, after conferring with DOJ.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm. Next scheduled meetings are July 28 and October 27.