



CVSSD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD
Remote meeting
July 15, 2025 - 9:00 am-10:38 am

Committee Members Present: Steve Bellshaw, Amy Benedum, 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: Eleana Chase, Marjorie Glick, Diana Fleming, Mackenzie Gray, Christine Heyen, Kim Kennedy, Mike Maryanov, Twila Rosenberg, Maria Ruiz Ceja, Shannon Sivell.

Committee Members Absent: Debora Dority, Kimberly Lane

Welcome and Introductions

Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting. Each member introduced themselves.

Minutes: The group reviewed and approved the minutes from the April 2025 meeting.

Member Updates

The Oregon Law Center

- The Oregon Law Center informed the group that the Oregon *Alliance to End Violence Against Women* will soon finalize a summary on domestic and sexual violence related bills from the 2025 legislative session. Sybil will share the document with the group once completed. The Emergency Housing Assistance funding experienced significant funding cuts this session, similar to many other programs. Oregon District Attorneys Association (ODAA) has invited them, along with Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS), to the ODAA summer conference in August to discuss strategies related to funding.

Clackamas Women's Services

- Clackamas Women's Services is experiencing layoffs due to ongoing funding challenges. Partner organizations such as Safety Compass and others in Clackamas County are facing similar issues. Clackamas Women's Services, Safety Compass, and the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office will be featured on Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) to discuss the impact of VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding cuts.

The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic (OCADSV)

- OCADSV is one of 17 states that filed a lawsuit in June against U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi regarding new certification requirements tied to the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant. Twenty-one state attorneys general, including Oregon's, signed an amicus brief. A motion for a preliminary injunction is scheduled to be heard on July 29th in Rhode Island.

Upcoming events:

- *New Directors Day: August 12–13, 2025*
- *Annual Conference: October 27–29, 2025* (Registration will open soon)

Peace at Home

- Peace At Home announced its first annual Take Back the Night event on October 23, 2025.
- They reported a 27% increase in sexual assault services this year and plan to focus on expanding capacity to support survivors.

Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF)

- They recently hired Anita Campos in the Prevention Coordinator role.
- Due to VOCA funding losses, SATF is evaluating the future of the campus program structure and looking at what they may need to shift and change. They will take time to determine the best path forward.

Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs)

- Most CACs are looking at very tight budgets and deficits because of the VOCA and Medicaid cuts. Many have had to cut prevention positions. They are working to preserve important mental health services, even though not statutorily required.

Legislative Funding Update

- No additional funding was allocated in the 2025 legislative session to backfill the 2024 VOCA reductions.
- The Community Violence Intervention Grant (CVI) were not funded for future awards.
- No funding was allocated to the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center.
- The following one-time funding allocations were converted to current service level funding.
 - ODSVS - \$5 million for DV/SA (domestic violence/sexual assault) programs.
 - Children's Advocacy Center Funds (CACF) - \$6 million.
 - Survivor Housing Funds (SHF) - \$6 million.

Grant Awards and Planning

- Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) does not have the VOCA allocation amounts for 2025 or 2026. Due to VOCA reductions it is best to issue one-year grants instead of the typical two-year grants, as there are no reserves to secure



funding for a second year of VOCA grants. The grant awards will be for one year, but CVSSD plans to extend the grant for an additional year once 2026 allocations have been received.

- There will not be any VOCA-Competitive grant opportunities. Current VOCA-Competitive grants will close September 30, 2025.
- Federal OVC grant monitor stated the 2025 allocation is expected by the end of September 2025.
- Discussed letter received from OCAS regarding funding allocation approach.
- Reviewed prior AC decision regarding recommendation for funding allocation approach. Shannon is presenting the AC's recommendation to the Attorney General's Office.
- Briefly discussed OVW's required Out-of-Scope Activities certification on the STOP VAWA and SASP federal solicitations.
- Members encouraged all to work as a collective in efforts to restore funding.

ACTIONS:

- CVSSD will share information on 2025 grant allocations as soon as it is available.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM

Next remote meeting: October 7th, 2025