



Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2025; 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Teams Video Meeting

Attendees: Rachel Berry, Alison Bort, Johanna Costa, Matt English, Wendy Lang, D.A. Kate Lynch, Robyn Masella, Helen O'Brien, Dale Primmer, Sarah Purce, Greg Rios, Kimberly Rose, Nathan Sheppard, Shannon Sivell, Stephanie Stocks, D.A. Nathan Vasquez, Carrie Walker

Absent: Saydyie DeRosia, Susana Escobedo, Paul Geark, Emily LaBrecque, Hon. Andrew Lavin, John Robb

Guest: Sarah LaClair

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and Introductions – The group introduced themselves to guests. Dale Primmer, Director of Umatilla County Community Justice, is serving as temporary stand-in representing Community Justice agencies until a permanent appointee is named. Saydyie DeRosia has taken a temporary break from participation on the Task Force (TF).

Minutes – The group approved the minutes from the April 28, 2025.

Victim Information on Auto Crash Reports

The TF discussed the problem of crash cases that require an exchange of personal information, when there is also likely to be a criminal charge. A victim has the right to have their personal information protected. This has happened in bias incidents and hit and run cases. This conversation is tabled for a future meeting.

Torres/Lopez Fahrion Case – Helen O'Brien

The Group discussed the recent Supreme Court decision regarding presentence incarceration credit that has led to what can be significant early release for some offenders. There appears to be no consistent course of action related to notifying victims. There are open questions about victim rights violations. The group will revisit this topic.

VOCA Budget Update – Shannon Sivell

Crime Victim & Survivor Services Division has been impacted by new federal immigration enforcement requirements for receiving Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) dollars. Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) has joined a multistate lawsuit in response. The first lawsuit yielded results, in that they did not apply to formula grants. There is a second lawsuit pending for VOCA dollars to determine if they can be used in association with legal representation issues. It's a long process. This does not apply to VOCA Assistance or Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants. There is a sense of cautious optimism about the outcome, in hopes of sustaining funding at current levels.



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

Greg and John have worked on updating Uniform Trial Court Rules and submitted them to the UTCR committee for review. They expect this to be addressed at the April 29, 2026, meeting. Task force members are welcome to attend and provide input.

Subcommittee Updates

Juvenile Justice – Wendy Lang, Sarah LaClair

~ The group has been discussing the updates to Expungement House Bill 2677 and considering impacts to victims of crime. The group continues to provide input on the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) response policy.

~ Their accomplishments for 2025 include: improving data collection and JJIS reporting; creating a guide for acknowledging victims in court, added it to both DOJ website toolkit and JJIS toolkit; featured training at Oregon Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Network Conference; providing input to OYA for their Internal Victim Response Policy.

~ Goals for 2026: review and update toolkit; expand membership; present at future trainings as requested; clarify notice of summons language; explore improvements to statewide consistency of practice; improvements to JJIS toolkit; OYA work to help on victim-related matters

~ Linn County Circuit Court has sought input related to a victim notice. The group is looking at the scope of notice requirements for victims.

Post Conviction – Robyn Masella

~ Marion County's long-time advocate Annette Chrisemer has retired, and a recruitment is under way.

~ The earned discharge notice system needs improvements. The group plans to gather information about current practices and find ways to provide education on this topic.

~ Group accomplishments for 2025 include: the creation of Interagency Agreement Guidelines, posted on the DOJ website; updates to the "What You Can Release" infographic, shared with Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors.

~ Goals for 2026 include: updates to the Toolkit; creation of a presentation for the Advanced Skills Academy; maintain strong relationship with Department of Public Safety Standards and Training group; adapt Juvenile Self-Assessment document for toolkit; investigate creation of video training.

Immigrant Crime Victims' Rights – Sarah Purce

~ The group discussed current events as related to immigrant crime victims. A new Portland Police Lieutenant/UVISA signer, was introduced to the group. They maintain contact with ICE representative for questions. They have discussed the pros and cons of UVISA applications, including where to send victims for legal analysis of their situation. An immigration attorney may provide advice on what crimes are eligible but cannot assure a police response or investigation. They have expressed appreciation for group trust and cooperation.

~ Summary of 2025 accomplishments: updated Victim Rights Page with immigration information. The group provided feedback to Oregon Department of Human Services regarding the addition of child abuse definitions to labor trafficking specifically whether there may be unintentional consequences related to TVISA applications.



~ Goals for 2026 – ideas include a short Portland Police Bureau training film on “What is a U Visa?”; improve system partner’s knowledge of VAWA funding.

Best Practice – Helen O’Brien

~ Under construction is the Right to Interpreter or assistive device guide. Carrie Walker and Emily LaBrecque are work partners in this effort.

Bench Card Update/Online resource project – Kimberly Rose

~ Kimberly expects there to be something to share at the next meeting. Their organization has a lead on judicial providing education.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

2026 Meetings: January 26, April 27, July 27, October 26