



Children's Justice Act Task Force (CJATF)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2025, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Remote Teams Meeting

Task Force Members:

X	CASA Stephanie Brown		CAMI AC Member Gil Levy
X	Prosecuting Attorney Stacy Neil		CAMI AC Member VACANT
	Person with Experience Working with Children with Disabilities VACANT	X	Attorney for Children Rahela Rehman
	Criminal Court Judge Hon Andrew Erwin		Lived Experience Expert VACANT
	Law Enforcement Amy Ford	X	Parent Patty Terzian
X	Mental Health Professional Damon Holland		Person with Experience Working with Homeless Children and Youth VACANT
	Civil Court Judge VACANT		Child Protective Services Kristen Khamnohack
	Health Professional Patti Kenyon	X	Health Professional Natalya Miller
X	Parents/Defense Attorney Emily Cohen		CAMI AC Member Beatriz Lynch
X	CAMI AC Member Tina Morgan		

Guests:

X	Amelia Siders, MindWise Insights	X	Kyle Tarr, OCAS
X	Shelly Smith, Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS)		

CVSSD DOJ Staff:

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

Welcome:

Robin welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

CJA Business:

The minutes for the combined CAMI AC and CJA Task Force have been emailed to members for approval.

Robin encouraged the members to respond to the meeting scheduling poll. The hope is to combine CJA Task Force and CAMI AC meetings moving forward.

Member changes and recruitment: Robin reviewed existing vacancies with the group and requested that current members contact her with recommendations for new members.



Reports for the twenty-one grants of \$5000 each awarded to CACs are due this month. Between the OCAS expenditures and these grants, the 2022 CJA award, which closes at the end of the year, should be fully expended.

CJA Grantee Updates:

OCAS and MindWise Insights

Shelly presented general information about the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) work which is a component of the OCAS CJA grant. She introduced Amelia Siders from MindWise and explained the contractual work being done as part of these priorities.

Amelia discussed the prevalence of drug endangerment of children in Oregon and her efforts to update the DEC protocol with input from representatives of various agencies and professions. The discussions are focused on reconciling what *can* be done, what is *wanted* to be done, and resources and capacity across the state and disciplines. The resources and tools that will be created are intended to support the model protocol.

Shelly reviewed the purpose, goals, timelines and deliverables for the grant and MDT protocol work.

The group discussed considerations related to the priority of keeping children with families and timing of juvenile court petitions and criminal charges. The protocols address collaborative efforts to support the family and child though not at this level of detail. The protocol currently focuses heavily on law enforcement's assessment of the home situation to assist prosecution to bring charges. Other topics discussed included challenges with drug testing (including whether to do urine or hair tests and how to fund the testing), and the fact there is no uniform guidance in Oregon on how to respond to drug impacted newborns in hospitals.

The CAMI program recently sent a reminder to MDT Chairs and Coordinators to review and update MDT protocols. The updated DEC and MDT protocols will be shared with this group when OCAS has completed its work.

Other Member Updates

Western Regional CAC (WRCAC)- Patty updated the group on the work of the WRCAC following the shut down this summer due to an interruption in federal funding. Currently WRCAC is rebuilding and restaffing but continues to financially struggle due to the current federal shutdown. Despite this, WRCAC is working to offer a training for [MDT facilitators](#) at the end of the year as well as continuing to provide technical and accreditation support to CACs.

Robin noted that the federal shutdown has also impacted the Children's Bureau.

Meeting adjourned 10:05 AM

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 from 1:00-4:00 pm unless updated per survey results.

Action Items:		
Item	Assigned to	Status
OCAS to share updated DEC and Child Fatality Review protocols with the Task Force.	Shelly	pending



Complete scheduling poll	All Members	
Review Task Force member vacancies and send Task Force member recommendations to Robin	All Members	