



Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 7, 2025 – 9:00 am to 9:55am

Video Conference

In Attendance: Dr. Bimpe Adewusi, Liz Alston, Lesley Anderson, Rich Austria, Nina Belli, Jay Benke, Mary Dirksen, Megan Dorch (representing Prevention Now), Esther Garrett, Alhena Herrera Martin, Ashley Johnson, Florence Mackey, Robin Miller, Sage Neilson, Tom Perez, Monique Runyon, Margaret Scott, Shannon Sivell, Amanda Swanson, JR Ujifusa, Letetia Wilson

Absent: Joyclyn Bell, Kristin Hubble, Katina Larsen, Heidi Moon, Hon. Valeri Love, Ashlee Purdy, Eliza Rodriguez, Rich Sheldon, Brittany Zitzelberger

Notes to convert to Minutes: Letetia Wilson for Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome

Amanda opened the meeting with group introductions. There is a new Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) representative, Monique Runyon. Monique is stepping into Angie Denning's spot.

Minutes – The Advisory Committee (AC) members present approved minutes with changes from August 1, 2025

Agency Updates

- **Safety Compass** has more capacity to keep task forces going for the next year. 2026 is the organization's 10-year anniversary year. They will focus their awareness on 'gore group' dynamics and sextortion. They plan to collaborate across the state.
- JR Ujifusa is working on legislation with representatives on a hearsay exception. He is also trying to get the word out on the funds available if survivors were trafficked on Backpage.
- **Multnomah's County DA's (MCDA)** office sent letters to victims and did a campaign to get the word out. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children also has forms for survivors. There are links on the [MCDA website](#). The [Survivors First](#) community helps with connecting survivors with pro Bono attorneys. It was started by Survivor and attorney Carissa Phelps.
- **Oregon Department of Justice (ODOJ) Criminal Justice Division (CJD)** – AG Rayfield has asked the CJD to be a large part of the plan to address organized crime. There is a pilot program in Washington County, with six agents to address organized crime. This includes any type of investigation involving human trafficking or illegal massage businesses. This is the first of many pilot programs. If this works, they plan to move to another county in Oregon. Rich Austria is the contact person for criminal cases to be considered in other pilots.
- **ODOJ Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division** - Amanda Swanson is resigning at the end of this year. This is her last AC meeting. Committee members shared their appreciation for the leadership Amanda has provided in this area over the last ten years. ODOJ is in a period of transition. The Office for Victims of Crime grant that funded the Trafficking Response Intervention Program positions has not been posted yet. Letetia Wilson will step up to work with this and another subcommittee to continue the conversations and work.

Human Trafficking Data Needs Assessment Report – Megan Dorch

ODOJ has been working with Prevention Now for more than three years on data collection across the state. Prevention Now is concluding their work on the Improving Outcomes grant and have produced a report, Oregon Human Trafficking Data Needs Assessment. The report was emailed to the group.



Prevention Now recommendations include Data Collection, Data Training, Data Sharing, and Data Centralization. Their report provided an example of what a possible Oregon Pilot Project. They offered to connect with AC members for further conversation.

The group discussed how to deconflict with VAWA (Stop Violence Against Women Act funding) in terms of information sharing as well as the possibility of using this information in a training. The data for Senate Bill 745 report is in process from Juvenile Justice Information System. The project has highlighted the need for data collection. The Data Subcommittee will continue this work. AC members were invited to participate.

ODOJ is not doing a trafficking awareness event in January.

ACTION: The AC is invited to share events they are holding in the state by email.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Next meeting: February 6, 2026, at 9:00am