

CVSSD Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD

Remote meeting

October 7, 2025 - 10:00 am-11:00 am

Committee Members Present: Steve Bellshaw, Amy Benedum, Debora Dority, Melissa Erlbaum, Perla Estrada, Keri Moran-Kuhn, Justin Nelson, Barb Palicki, Melanie Prummer, Shannon Rose, Sarah Stewart

CVSSD DOJ Staff Present: Eleana Chase, Kevin Dowling, Marjorie Glick, Mackenzie Gray, Kim Kennedy, Mike Maryanov, Robin Reimer, Alexxis Robinson-Woods, Twila Rosenberg, Maria Ruiz Ceja, Shannon Sivell, Amanda Shinkle

Committee Members Absent: Sybil Hebb, Geeta Paul

Welcome and Introductions: Kim welcomed everyone, and each member introduced themselves.

Minutes: The group approved July 2025 minutes.

Program updates:

El Programa Hispano Católico

- El Programa Hispano Católico has seen a significant increase in threats involving calls to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) targeting both staff and community members. This has led to fear and anxiety, especially when staff are either in the office or out in the field providing services.
- Staff have expressed serious concern about what actions to take in the event of ICE entering the premises without a proper warrant, especially if the encounter becomes violent. Currently, the established protocol is to contact local law enforcement if someone enters the building in a threatening manner. However, this is not always a safe option due to the fear of mistrust in law enforcement, especially within the immigrant community and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- The committee provided resources for El Programa Hispano Católico:
 - o [Access and Confidentiality: Safeguarding Services for Immigrant Survivors](#)
 - o [Alliance for Immigrant Survivors](#)

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV)

- OCADSV is updating their internal communication systems and updating their website to ensure current information is available.
- OCADSV Annual Conference is scheduled for October 27-29, 2025.

Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF)

- Due to the loss of their VOCA grant, campus communities will not have access to technical assistance. This will have a big impact as they receive about 1,000 requests for technical assistance a year. The campus advocacy program and the campus committee will remain functional.

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

- Courts are anticipating a higher number of individuals navigating the system without legal representation.
- Remote assistance is now available for child support and protection orders not only within Oregon but in other jurisdictions as well. They are looking at remote DV-focused facilitators. Full functionality is expected by 2026. Once it is available they will post information on the website.
- The department has been awarded a **Justice for Families Grant** totaling **\$600,000 over three years**. This grant will support:
 - Integrated DV courts similar to the one currently active in Marion County.
 - Funding will support coordinator and staff positions.
 - Domestic violence training for judges and professionals working with families within the justice system.

Children's Advocacy Centers

- The Children Advocacy Centers are facing funding challenges that impact program services.
- With the recent changes in Medicaid, children's mental health services will be impacted.
- The Children Advocacy Centers have seen more cases of child neglect, abuse, and drug endangerment and have less support to meet the need.

Oregon Law Center

- OLC and Legal Aid are looking into ways to help protect and support folks who are afraid to go into courthouses for legal issues such as landlord/tenant or family law.

CVSSD Grant Updates:

Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) Grant Updates

- CVSSD is now able to accept Oregon's FY25 VOCA formula grants. The US DOJ has communicated that they would not enforce the immigration enforcement conditions on the VOCA Formula grants. With the addition of this 2025 funding, CVSSD can bring grantees with non-competitive awards back up to current one-year service level for their 2026 one-year awards.
 - CVSSD will be issuing revised allocations to grantees and will work with them to amend their budgets.
- CVSSD currently has several grants in process at varying stages
 - Joint, VOCA NC, and VOCA/CFA will now be amending their budgets and finalizing applications.

- o Survivor Housing Funds – the application closed October 6, 2025, so fund coordinators will be reviewing and processing these applications.
 - o CAMI and CACF grants are in process of being awarded.
- OVC recently announced a restriction on use of funds for legal services for undocumented victims and survivors. This restriction has been incorporated into the Federal Financial Guide [here](#) and goes into effect 10/31/2025. It would apply to all of our open awards. It requires programs to determine someone's status, then evaluate what legal services may or may not be provided. Oregon DOJ has joined a coalition of 19 other attorneys general in a lawsuit to block this restriction.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Next remote meeting: January 6, 2026