# CVSSD Advisory Committee
# Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD
Remote meeting
July 21, 2026 - 9:00 AM - 9:40 AM

***Committee Members Present:*** Steve Bellshaw, Debora Dority, Perla Estrada, Sybil Hebb, Keri Moran-Kuhn, Justin Nelson, Melanie Prummer, Sarah Stewart, Carrie Walker, Amy Benedum
***CVSSD DOJ Staff Present***: Marjorie Glick, Kim Kennedy, Twila Rosenberg, Maria Ruiz Ceja, Shannon Sivell
***Committee Members Absent:*** Melissa Erlbaum, Barb Palicki, Geeta Paul, Shannon Rose

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

**Minutes:** The group approved the October 2025 meeting minutes.

Program Updates:

**Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF)**
With funding from OHA's Rural Health Transformation Project, SATF announced that over the next two years they will work to grow and sustain Oregon's anti-violence and abuse workforce in rural and underserved communities. This portion of the project will focus on two areas:

- Expanding the SANE workforce in rural areas by providing clinical skills workshops, developing a peer support and mentorship program for SANEs (with a focus on those working in isolated areas to mitigate burnout and vicarious trauma), and expanding data collection on survivor experiences with sexual assault forensic exams.

- Expanding skills and support for sexual assault advocates providing hospital-based response and medical-focused advocacy. SATF is partnering with SASS to create a comprehensive online Medical Advocacy course.

SATF is hosting a Human-Centered Investigations Training in November, open to law enforcement and prosecutors. The 40-hour training will be presented in partnership with K Training and Russell Strand's Effective Detective Academy. It will be held in Clackamas County from November 16–20 and is made possible through STOP funding with CVSSD.

**Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCASDV)**
In April, OCADSV hosted an expert witness training for domestic violence, sexual violence, and child abuse expert witnesses. They completed a June webinar series in partnership with the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health. The recorded a four-part series, Together in Healing Strengthening Emotional Safety, Substance Use Support, and Mental

Health in DV Advocacy, which is available on the OCADSV website. The series sessions included:

– Session 1: Us and Us: Emotional Safety
– Session 2: Reclaiming Power
– Session 3: From Crisis to Collaboration
– Session 4: Supporting Survivors with Stigmatized Mental Health Concerns
– Session 5: Supporting Survivors Who Use Substances

The core advocate series is currently being updated and is expected to be completed by September 2026. It will be an e-learning program that supports core training requirements for sexual and domestic violence advocates. OCADSV also recently completed the three-day Prevention Summit in Salem. The summit included sessions with funders and a gathering for new executive directors (with up to three years of experience) to ask questions and discuss emerging needs. Their annual conference will be held October 26–28 in Sunriver, with registration expected to open this week.

OCADSV also has several job openings that will be posted within the next two weeks:

- Director of Capacity and Programming (supports executive directors and boards statewide)
- Part-time Membership Engagement Coordinator
- Full-time Sexual Assault Technical and Training Specialist

**Oregon Law Center**
As they look ahead to the next session, funding stability is a focus. There is a noticeably growing interest in family law issues including parenting time, custody determinations, and access to hearings which significantly impact survivors. In addition, they're exploring policy development ideas around the topics of survivor privacy and access to records.

**Peace at Home Advocacy Center**
The Douglas County Child Advocacy Center has closed, which was devastating for the community. Another organization, Aviva Health, has stepped into the role and has developed children's advocacy center services for the community. Concerns were raised regarding how statewide programs can support one another during closures or transitions. It's important for people to understand what communities with limited services experience as they try to reestablish services.

**CVSSD**
CVSSD staff attended the Tribal Summit. Attendees recommended the event for anyone who has not participated. The Summit will occur again in 2028 and is open to everyone. Programs across the nation participated, sharing information on trauma impacts, failures of care laws, and effects on tribal populations and child welfare.

**Grant Funding Updates**

- CVSSD is currently in the process of awarding the second year of funding for our non-competitive grants (VOCA Non-Competitive, VOCA/CFA, and the Joint grant).
    - Adequate funds are available for second year awards, and programs will not see reductions in the second year.
- CVSSD intends to ask the legislature for a backfill to maintain funding in 2023–2025 levels. No specific amount has been finalized yet. Historically, multiple years of grants were combined to form biennial grants, utilizing funds CVSSD had in reserve. Those reserves are diminishing, which created the need to do one-year awards.
- The OIG audits of grantees continue and CVSSD provides support to grantees as they complete that process.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM
Next remote meeting: September 15th