CVSSD Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD
Remote meeting
September 22, 2026 - 9:00 AM - 9:53 AM

Committee Members Present: Steve Bellshaw, Amy Benedum, Debra Dority, Melissa Erlbaum, Keri Moran-Kuhn, Melanie Prummer, Shannon Rose, Sarah Stewart, Carrie Walker

CVSSD DOJ Staff Present: Marjorie Glick, Kim Kennedy, Twila Rosenberg, Maria Ruiz Ceja, Shannon Sivell

Committee Members Absent: Perla Estrada, Sybil Hebb, Justin Nelson, Geeta Paul, Barb Palicki

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

Minute Member updates: The group approved the July 2026 meeting minutes.

Program Updates:
The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence will hold its annual conference in Sunriver, Oregon, on October 26–28, 2026. Day one will feature opening keynote speaker Hema Sarang-Sieminski, and day two will include plenary speaker Mandy Davis. On September 17, 2026, the Coalition completed a new training webinar titled Introduction to Serving Survivors Who Are Minors, presented by Jessie Mindlin. They also shared an update on their online advocate core training: all modules have been received, and they anticipate making the full training publicly available in October 2026. The Coalition recently hired an accounting manager and continues to recruit for the remaining open positions.

Sexual Assault Task Force
The semi-annual membership and partner meeting will take place on October 8, 2026 in Salem at Chemeketa Eola. This meeting will focus on the history of the Task Force and the work of the advisory committee over the years. With many new committee members joining, this convening will serve as a valuable orientation and connection point. This meeting is open to all partners. The Task Force is also preparing to launch a new resource database **on Friday.**

Link to Oregon SATF Member and Partner Convening October 2026-
https://oregonsatf.org/online-shop/p/oregon-satf-in-person-convening-2026-7wd7s

Peace at Home Advocacy Center
They completed their annual policy review, focusing this year on cybersecurity. They hired an expert to evaluate all their cybersecurity policies and are willing to share those materials with anyone interested. They've also hired an attorney to look at their shelter agreements, reviewing

guidance that came from the coalition, and the guidance received from CVSSD. If anyone is interested, please reach out.

Clackamas County VAP
They shared information about free, online basic strangulation training available through SKIT Oregon. Registration is required for each individual class.

Training Schedule:
• October 1: Day 1 – Introduction
• October 20: Day 2 – Medical and Strangulation Kits
• October 22: Day 3 – Law Enforcement
• October 27: Day 4 – Prosecution
• October 29: Day 5 – Coordinated Response & Expert Witnessing

Daily Schedule:
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (Lunch)
1:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Training link: https://www.skitoregon.com/training

Clackamas Womens Service (CWS)
DVSA providers across the state are increasingly concerned about staff safety when survivors are still in contact with their abuser. They're hearing that some providers are declining services in these circumstances. CWS does not have this policy and accepts referrals from agencies that are currently unable to serve survivors.

AC committee
Committee members asked about Directors' Day, noting that it provided a valuable opportunity for directors to receive focused training on advocate privilege and confidentiality. They highlighted an increase in fundamental questions from funders and long-time professionals regarding mandatory reporting, supervision, and basic program functions. Directors' Day offered space for important conversations among funders and directors, and the committee expressed concern about how information is being communicated within programs. They asked what steps can be taken to provide training and whether a future Directors' Day will be scheduled.

OLC Recommendation
Debra Dority recommended that competitive grant denial letters alert applicants who may be losing their only ODHS or DOJ funding to potential effects on confidentiality, privilege, and QVSP status.

VOCA Culturally Specific Organization & Culturally Responsive Program Competitive Grant

The review team met on September 21, 2026. Due to many technical challenges, they are still awaiting submission of all final scores. Once available, programs recommended for funding by reviewers will be shared with the Advisory Committee along with a summary of each organization and project. This will be accompanied by a request for members vote regarding a recommendation to the Attorney General.

The funding period begins October 1, 2026
Total funding available: $1,100,000.
Number of awards: 5
Number of applicants: 13
Award period: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2028

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM
Next remote meeting: November 3, 2026