



Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024; 1:30 to 2:20 pm
Teams Video Meeting

Attendees: Brad Berry, Alison Bort, Rosemary Brewer, Beth Brownhill, Johanna Costa, Rhea DuMont, Matt English, Susana Escobedo, Meg Garvin, Wendy Lang, Hon. Andrew Lavin, Robyn Masella, Helen O'Brien, Greg Rios, John Robb, Nathan Sheppard, Shannon Sivell, Autumn Shreves, Stephanie Stocks, Carrie Walker

Absent: Saydyie DeRosia, Paul Geark, Jeff Howes, Debbi Martin, Sarah Purce, Kimberly Rose

Minutes: Sherree Rodriguez

Welcome and Introductions – The group introduced themselves to new members, Autumn Shreve, of Oregon Public Defense Commission; John Robb, a defense attorney in private practice, who formerly worked for Multnomah County in public defense; as well as Greg Rios a Senior Assistant Attorney General with Department of Justice (DOJ).

Minutes – The minutes from the meetings in July and October were approved by the group.

VISOR Update – Helen O'Brien

The new Dept. of Corrections (DOC) victim notification system, VISOR, is in effect and working well, with few expected bumps in the process. They will offer training and statewide demonstrations down the road. The system can be used to provide emergency notifications and updated for other necessary changes.

Questions about translating documents – Helen O'Brien

DOJ has received questions about victim impact statements being presented in court in languages other than English. The group discussed the complications of the practice, and all agreed that so long as an interpreter is present the document can be translated in the courtroom.

Practitioners' Guide – Greg Rios

CVSSD has a practitioners guide as a reference document, which was originally created about 10 years ago. It's currently being updated and will be sent to the group for review when the draft is ready.

Trial Court Rules – Rhea DuMont

Multnomah County has been working to resolve a problem getting deferred sentencing restitution ordered in Ecourts. They determined a legislative fix is required.

ACTION: Helen will follow up with Jeff Howes to ensure a plan is in place to advocate for this need.

2024 Goals

The group discussed reviewing DPSST police training processes for what is taught about



victims' rights. Helen will invite input from the group when the current curriculum becomes available.

Subcommittee Updates

Immigrant Crime Victims' Rights – Helen O'Brien/Nathan Sheppard

- ~ The group is creating a list of U-visa signers.
- ~ DOJ hired a Labor Trafficking Specialist, which the group was briefed on.
- ~ The City of Portland has conducted an audit of Portland Police Bureau's U-visa program and made several suggestions, which are being implemented.

Juvenile Justice – Wendy Lang

- ~ Members of the group are working to submit a proposal to the OJDDA September conference. The training will focus, in part, on what every juvenile probation officer/advocate should know.
- ~ At the last meeting they discussed concerns over searching for juveniles in the VISOR system. OYA wishes to balance protection of information about juveniles that are in custody with the rights of victims to obtain information.

Post-Conviction – Robyn Masella

- ~ The group received a training from the Crime Victim Compensation Program with DOJ, about updates to the program.
- ~ They have discussed collecting statistics to best support expanding victim advocacy. The group has agreed to collect the same statistical information until April when they will re-assess the effort.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm