



MEETING Minutes

Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Advisory Council

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Remote Teams meeting, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Council Members

x	Representative of Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) Shelly Smith		Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Patricia K. Kenyon
x	Representative from a local Child Advocacy Center recommended by Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS) Beatriz Lynch	x	Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Rahela Rehman
	Employee of the State Office for Services to Children and Families Child Welfare Deena Loughary	x	Representative from an Operating Regional Children’s Advocacy Center Gil Levy
x	District Attorney Stacy Neil	x	Person having experience dealing with child abuse Tina Morgan
x	Citizen with an interest in advocating for the medical interests of abused children Marilyn Reilly	x	Law Enforcement Gary Bell
x	Physician licensed to practice medicine in Oregon who specializes in children and families Natalya Miller		

Guests

x	Sonya Buchholtz, Oregon DHS Child Welfare	x	Kristen Khamnohack, DHS ORCA Hotline
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CVSSD Staff

x	Robin Reimer, CAMI Fund Coordinator		Kim Kennedy, Grant Unit Manager
x	Amanda VanTil, Grant Specialist		Shannon Sivell, Director
x	Kevin Dowling, Fund Coordinator		

Welcome, Introductions

Robin welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved without edits.

CAMI/DOJ updates

SB1579 funds have been distributed via amendment to the 2023 Children’s Advocacy Center Fund (CACF) application. Most Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) have accepted and received these additional funds. CVSSD Fund Coordinators and OCAS worked with grantees to address barriers to accepting the full amount of funding. Undistributed funds will be dispersed to OCAS via



amendment as soon as all CAC amendments are finalized. OCAS will use the funds to support CACs seeking accreditation.

In 2023 CVSSD completed Community Collaborations meetings as part of the VAWA statutory requirements. The project continues this year with several meetings between multi-county partners (including CACs and multi-disciplinary team [MDT] members in each service area) and the nine Federally recognized Tribes in Oregon. Robin encouraged everyone to participate. Invitations will be sent out over the next couple of months.

The Joint Funding Reevaluation Report from EcoNorthwest is an analysis of the current funding formula for CVSSD's non-competitive VOCA funds. CAMI uses a similar formula to determine MDT and RCAC allocations. Robin encouraged members to read the report in preparation for the November CAMI AC meeting. EcoNorthwest's recommendations are included on pages 20-35.

CVSSD continues to host weekly drop-in meetings for current grant recipients. Each session is hosted by two CVSSD Fund Coordinators. Grantees are encouraged to join the meeting to listen or ask questions. Beginning in September, Director Shannon Sivell will attend to answer questions about VOCA funding cuts.

OCAS Updates

OCAS partnered with the Oregon Child Abuse Symposium to provide a pre-conference day for CAC and MDT professionals.

During the short legislative session, OCAS contributed to passing three bills which allowed for additional and more stable funds for CACs.

Upcoming trainings include one-day trainings for forensic interviewers (FI) and family support advocates. Three one-day Advanced FI trainings will be offered in November.

OCAS is working closely with the National Children's Alliance (NCA) regarding VOCA and working with the State legislature for a state-funded back-fill.

RCAC Updates

This quarter's report focused on regional training efforts. Each RCAC's offerings are customized to the needs within their regions.

Discussion on Improving Child Fatality Review Reporting

Kristen Khamnohack from the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline joined the group to discuss child abuse cross reporting in child fatalities. The hotline would like the input of the CAMI AC regarding how to ensure timely cross reporting of child fatalities where there may be a concern of child abuse. The group requested additional data to understand the issue, and what changes if any may be needed to ensure timely cross reporting. They proposed a sub-committee to continue the discussion.



SB 1579 Parts 1&2 Funding Distribution

Kevin Dowling briefed the group on the specifics of SB 1579 and requested feedback to help inform work on the Request for Application (RFA) Part 2 Funding draft. Given the requirement in SB 1579 that a health care provider applicant must establish a linkage agreement or contract with their community's CAC to be eligible to apply for the funding, CVSSD is considering requiring the health care provider to include a letter of support from the CAC in the application. The group agreed with this requirement.

Applicants must demonstrate how the award would allow for consultation with a Designated Medical Professional (DMP) within 48 hours to improve response times to child abuse and prevention of child fatalities. Funds can be used to expand services, increase access to a DMP and/or cover cost of NCA accreditation.

All SB 1579 related funds must be distributed by June 2025. OCAS intends to work with legislators to draft a bill for the upcoming legislative session requesting an emergency clause specific to disbursement of unallocated funds, removal of the funding cap, and changes to the NCA accreditation requirement and the deadline for applying for accreditation.

CVSSD plans to release the RFA in September with funding beginning in January 2025. They may reach out to CAMI AC members for help with the RFA. They will update the AC in November.

Meeting adjourned: 3:15 PM

Next meeting: **Monday, October 24, 2024 from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

Action Items:		
Item	Assigned to	Status
Distribute EcoNorthwest report	Robin	complete
Follow up with Deb Carnaghi and Kristen Khamnohack regarding next steps regarding cross reporting in abuse related child fatalities	Robin	
Send poll for new Q4 meeting time	Amanda	complete