

**OREGON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT TASK FORCE
FULL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Friday, July 10, 2009
Location: HSB – Room 137 A & B
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT (11): Shary Mason-Chairperson, Stacy Liskey, Don Darland (by phone), Robin Wright (by phone), Margaret Semple (by phone), Judge Lorenzo Mejia (by phone), Steve Atchison, Tonia Hunt (by phone), Matthew Pearl, Becky Smith, and Steve Duvall

MEMBERS EXCUSED (4): Stacey Ayers, Teri Shultz, Amy Miller, and Suzy Isham

MEMBERS UNEXCUSED (1): Steve Brinlee

DHS STAFF PRESENT (3): Jan Slick, Heather Mowry and Michelle Weber

GUESTS (6):

- **Kevin Dowling**-Multnomah County CAPTA Facilitator (by phone)
- **LaDonna Wiedenman**-Malheur County CAPTA Chair (by phone)
- **Marlene Mish**-Jackson County CAPTA Facilitator (by phone)
- **Katharine Cahn**-PSU Child Welfare Partnership
- **Ryan Bender**-PSU Child Welfare Partnership
- **Jennifer Clark**-PSU Child Welfare Partnership

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Shary Mason at 9:10 am.

Membership Report and Introductions

Stacy Liskey introduced **Carrie Rasmussen**, Deputy District Attorney from Hood River County. Carrie has also worked in Coos, Linn and Marion Counties. She chairs the MDT in Hood River, and has been key in the development of a new child abuse intervention center, in Hood River.

Carrie is our newest member and will be filling the prosecutor position. Carrie replaces Debra Markham.

Mark Held, our previous parent representative, has recruited **Deborah Rau** to take his place on the CJA Task Force. She wasn't able to attend today, but plans to attend the October 2, 2009 meeting. Deborah works for Morrison Child and Family Services, in Portland.

We still need to recruit for the positions (civil/criminal court related to child abuse/neglect) that Judge Van Dyk and Judge Brady held.

Judge Mejia has been working on the recruitment of a couple judges that were suggested by JCIP, but hasn't connected with anyone, yet. He will continue to try to make contact.

Judge Mejia is leaving juvenile court and returning to criminal court in Jackson County. Judge Lisa Greif will be replacing him. He will contact Judge Greif as a possible replacement to fill his position on this Task Force.

Becky Smith will be meeting with a possible tribal representative from Grand Ronde next week.

Steve Brinlee has committed to making contact with the Cow Creek and Warm Springs tribes for possible representation on this Task Force.

April 10, 2009 Minutes

Corrections-

- Page 1: Change "Deschutes MDT" to "Hood River MDT".
- Page 8: Correct Shary Mason's role, from staff to member, under the newly formed CJA Budget Subcommittee.
- Page 10: The Minutes discuss meth summits and refer to round one as being Coos, Crook, Jackson, Malheur, Lane, Multnomah and Wasco. Shary clarified that those summits were neglect summits, as opposed to meth summits. The first round of meth summits were actually Yamhill, Douglas, Umatilla and Deschutes.
- Page 11: To clarify the funding source for travel expenses, it was suggested that a period be placed after the word allocation and delete the remainder of the sentence.

Steve Duvall made a motion to approve the Minutes with the above corrections; Stacy Liskey seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously with the noted corrections.

CAPTA Panel Conf Calls

Shary Mason explained that the CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) is funded through the same legislation as the CJA Task Force, with CAPTA being the overarching law.

The three CAPTA Panels were invited to speak today to provide information about the work they do and to see if there are areas the CJA Task Force could partner in.

DHS CAPTA web site:

<http://oregon.gov/DHS/children/committees/capta/capta.shtml>

Kevin Dowling - Facilitator of the Multnomah County CAPTA Panel

The Multnomah CAPTA Panel meets four times a year. CAPTA is Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. It provides federal funding to:

- Support prevention, assessment, investigation, prosecution, and treatment activities related to child maltreatment
- It provides grants to public agencies and non-profit organizations
- Establishes the office of child abuse and neglect and mandates the Child Welfare Information Gateway, (formerly the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect).
- Sets minimum definitions for child abuse and neglect

In order to use the federal funding that comes to Oregon, a Citizen Review Panel must be established. In Oregon, there are three Panels (Multnomah, Jackson and Malheur).

The Multnomah Panel works closely with child protective services when setting up their quarterly agendas.

Some of the requirements of the Panels are:

- They must meet at least quarterly
- Prepare an annual report of their activities and recommendations

The Panel sees itself as a group that focuses on helping make communities safer for children.

The Panel selects a topic to work on each year. Historically, Panel members have included foster parents, parent mentors, and representatives from non-profit agencies, law enforcement, district attorney office, and DHS child protective services. The Panel tries to provide the opportunity for child welfare staff to present cases and receive feedback from the Panel.

During 2005-06 they focused on the safety planning throughout the life of a case.

Some of the recommendations were:

- DHS should look at the complexity of cases in determining terms of caseloads
- DHS should examine the level of supervision to caseworkers
- DHS should support fostering positive relationships between caseworkers, families and community partners

From about 2006 to 2008, the Panel focused on chronic neglect. The Panel applied for CJA Task Force funds to host a neglect summit in Multnomah County; that summit happened in July of 2007. That summit kicked-off activities for the next year and a half to raise awareness in communities about child neglect. Some of those activities were:

- In October 2007, some of the CAPTA Panel members were involved in a Prevention Institute that was sponsored by the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon. This was a day-long training on child neglect.
- Some of the Panel members gave presentations to about 80 members from the Multnomah County Health Department, on chronic neglect.
- CAPTA funds were used to pay for Dr. Tony Loman, from the Institute of Applied Research in St Louis Missouri, to come to Oregon to talk about his definition of chronic neglect and what they see as helpful in responding to neglect, from a research prospective. This training was provided to mostly DHS child welfare staff.

Some of the recommendations that came out of looking at chronic neglect were:

- DHS should adopt a definition of chronic neglect that was consistent with experts like Dr. Loman and Dee Wilson. For example, if a family has three CPS referrals in one year, four in two years, or five in three

- DHS should work to educate professions on the definition of chronic neglect. Without a definition, it is difficult to track the number of cases, or know when and when not to respond.
- DHS should implement a 90-day assessment period as opposed to a 30-day assessment period when responding to chronic neglect.

In 2009 they are focusing on how DHS responds to sex abuse cases. The Oregon Safety Model doesn't seem to have clear guidelines about this, so the Panel is working with DHS around how to respond to sex abuse cases. Karen Gibbs, DHS CPS Consultant serves on the Multnomah CAPTA Panel and is assisting the Panel to develop a manual for case workers to use, along with a training piece to go along with it.

LaDonna Wiedenman - Chair of the Malheur County CAPTA Panel

The Malheur CAPTA Panel continues to recruit and expand its membership to include a multi-disciplinary group.

Last year, some of their activities included:

- Giving presentations to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce
- Giving presentations on child abuse prevention to the Education classes, Wings classes and GED classes at the Treasure Valley Community College
- Providing Educational presentations on Child Abuse prevention and resources in Ontario and Fruitland High Schools, enrichment classes and parenting/relationship classes in various schools
- Doing four radio spots
- Presented eight Making a Difference Awards to community members
- Kids Fair
- Completed two presentations on "Advice from a Child Molester"
- Provided 4 meals for those attending Parenting Inside Out classes
- Attend MDT meetings every other week

For the coming year, activities include:

- Renting a billboard that is located between Ontario and Vale and planning the messages for the billboard

- Starting a campaign in April about not leaving children in vehicles, for various reasons. This will be a year-round campaign
- Malheur County Fair informational and activity booth
- Attending MDT meetings every other week
- Participating in Nyssa Kids Fair
- Participating in Malheur County Kids Fair
- Family Fun Run
- Working closely with DHS

Marlene Mish - Facilitator of the Jackson County CAPTA Panel

This year, they have focused on helping pregnant teens in foster care. They are in discussions about phasing in the implementation of The Period of Purple Crying into every area hospital. The family of every baby born will receive information related to crying and the frustration involved. The Period of Purple Crying is a Shaken Baby prevention program. The Panel is also committed to making this training available to all foster parents, as part of the basic training to becoming a foster parent. It will also be made available to any pregnant teen in foster care. The Panel is working with Dr. Hecox to bring this all together. There will be written materials along with a DVD.

This year, the Panel purchased materials related to sex abuse prevention and have made them available to community partners. The materials are related to Darkness to Light – Stewards of Children Prevention Program.

Every year as a result of the fatality review they create a safety flyer (related to suicide, drowning, fire, co-sleeping) that goes out to all Jackson County schools. They also distribute the flyers (English & Spanish) at functions like the Kids Fair.

Marlene Mish is currently negotiating with a major TV station to create a PSA campaign related to reporting child abuse and neglect to DHS. The TV station will match the CAPTA Panel funds times three.

Action Item: Michelle Weber will send the Minutes to the CAPTA Panel facilitators.

Disabilities Subcommittee - Margaret Semple

The Scott Modell training was postponed from Summer of 2009 until 2010. The Subcommittee has not met since the training was postponed. Yet to be decided:

- Dates of the training; we need to contact Scott and decide on dates
- Whether three or four locations will be funded
- Whether all or part of the training will be done remotely.
- Where the trainings will occur; Eastern Oregon (La Grande?), South Central and Northern; we need to find locations that are free of charge
- Whether there will be funding to pay for travel and per diem for attendees
- Exact costs that will be written into the contract
- Gather information regarding travel restrictions

Heather said Scott charges \$5,000 per two-day session, plus travel and per diem [about \$1500].

Scott's training consists of two days with the first day being a full-day presentation to a large group. The second day consists of a smaller group (25 to 35 people) that is geared toward hands-on skill building.

The Subcommittee will meet on September 15, 2009 and will discuss this further.

Budget Update- Shary Mason

Shary gave a presentation explaining the process for the Task Force planning, for Three-Year Plans and the projects that we have been working on. The members discussed possible allocations for projects.

The Task Force needs to review requests from each subcommittee before determining how funds will be allocated.

Jan said we will move 50% of the Grant Support's salary out of the CJA Award and add the same dollar amount of the Grant Coordinator's salary in.

Does the Task Force want to establish an ongoing training fund? Dollars would be set aside from each grant award and made available to people who want to apply for scholarships, to a variety of trainings.

Action Item: Each subcommittee needs to review how its recommendations fit with other CJA subcommittee recommendations. The subcommittees also need to look at work being done by outside entities (Casey, for instance) for potential project partnerships.

Lacking a quorum to take official action, Stacy Liskey made a motion to send the projections for older subcommittee projects (listed below) to all members for a vote; Becky Smith seconded the motion. There was consensus that we would send these projected costs to all CJA Task Force members

Possible Projects from 2006/09 Plan Period:

- Disabilities Subcommittee: **Scott Modell Training:** \$15,000 (Use funding from the 08 Award)
- Strategic Planning for Children's Safety Subcommittee: Three additional **Neglect Summits:** \$40,000 (Use funding from the 08 Award)
- Foster Care Subcommittee: **Trauma Training:** \$25,000 to 30,000 (Use funding from the 08 Award)
- Foster Care Subcommittee: **FosterClub Publications** (coloring book and teen magazine): \$20,000 (Use funding from the 08 Award)

Ongoing Yearly Funding:

- 2009 Shoulder to Shoulder (S2S) Conference: \$3200 (Use funding from the 08 Award)

Possible New Projects/2009-12 Plan Period:

- Oregon Safety Model (OSM) Subcommittee: \$40,000 (Use funding from the 09 Award)
- Courts Subcommittee: \$40,000 (Use funding from the 09 Award)
- Karly's Law Subcommittee: \$40,000 (Use funding from the 09 Award)

See the chart below for approximate funding projections, by Award-

October 1, 2008 Award		October 1, 2009 Award	
(Disabilities Subc) Scott Modell (3 trainings)	\$15,000	Karly's Law Subc	\$40,000
(Strategic Planning for Children's Safety Subc) (\$40 to \$45K) Safety/Neglect Summits (4)	\$40,347	Courts Subc	\$40,000
S2S Conference (2009)	\$3,200	OSM Subc	\$40,000
(Foster Care Subc) FosterClub Publications (coloring book & teen mag)	\$20,000	Training Funds	\$10,000
(Foster Care Subc) Trauma Training (development (incl materials) and pilot training in 4 sites)	\$30,000		
Excess Funds dedicated to S2S	\$1,547		
Total:	\$110,094	Total:	\$130,000
Less Excess Funds:	\$108,547	Less Training Fund:	\$120,000

Lacking a quorum to take official action, Stacy Liskey made a motion to present this preliminary budget information to the Full Task Force, for an email vote; Becky Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Courts Subcommittee - Judge Mejia

This subcommittee met on April 28, 2009 at which time 15 general recommendations were developed. On May 12, the subcommittee narrowed those 15 recommendations down to the four Priority Recommendations it will focus on, during the next three-year plan period.

Judge Mejia went over the final Priority Recommendations-

- Support identification of best practices in dependency courts for timely identification and placement with relatives.
- Support efforts of the Juvenile Court Improvement Project (JCIP) to provide judicial education at annual training events such as Through the Eyes of the Child and the JCIP Road Show. Training should include information about best practices for the timely placement of children with relatives.
- Support development and implementation of key performance measures to demonstrate the effectiveness of specialized courts for participants who have open dependency cases.
- Provide technical assistance to Model Court Teams regarding the Oregon Safety Model and use of the *Safety Model Bench Book*, when it's released.

The courts were originally going to be suffering from a 15% budget cut, which the Chief Justice submitted to the Legislature. HB 2287 should provide \$6.5 million of the 15% back. HB 5054 explained to the courts how the \$6.5 million needed to be spent. Treatment Courts are not funded in the \$6.5 million. Judge Mejia said most of the Treatment Courts in Jackson County are funded with grants; therefore, they are hoping they will be able to continue their Treatment Courts. The OJD has applied for a Byrne Grant, in the amount of \$12 million, to help fund Treatment Court coordinators, statewide. Oregon should hear about the Byrne Grant some time in August. The Legislature will meet again, next January, to re-evaluate whether there will be additional budget cuts.

Shary asked if the Courts Subcommittee will be ready to implement projects during 2009. Judge Mejia said the subcommittee probably won't be ready to implement projects until 2010. The subcommittee will meet on September 2, 2009 to discuss planning for projects.

Becky Smith said the Casey Project is also working on some of these same projects (relative searches and placements).

Jan Slick said DHS/CAF has submitted an application to the Children's Bureau for potential funding for additional resources that would assist with kinship placements. It is specifically written around disproportionality, but it has implications for best practices, particularly for families of color.

Carrie Rasmussen asked Judge Mejia if he has heard of any Oregon counties that have or are considering forming non-profit corporations, as a Drug Court or Dependency Court, in order to do their own fund raising and basically control their own resources. Judge Mejia said he has heard of the idea but doesn't know of any county that is going forward with it.

Shary said the OSM Subcommittee and the Courts Subcommittee might be able to work together on related projects. She added that the trauma work we have done with PSU is also related to the Casey counties.

Shary asked if this Task Force would be interested in hearing from the Casey Project. There was consensus about inviting the Casey Project folks.

Action Item: Invite the Casey Project to the October 2009 CJA Task Force meeting.

Judge Mejia mentioned the OSM Bench Book and wants to make sure that DHS, CASAs, etc, are aware of the book.

Jan said the OSM Bench Book is available and Rebecca Orf has ordered a copy for every county; although, we don't know how they will be distributed. It is available electronically at:

http://nrccps.org/resources/featured_resources.php The book was released from the American Bar Association in conjunction with the National Resource Center on Child Protective Services.

Shary asked Judge Mejia if there was going to be OSM training at the "Through the Eyes Conference", in August. Jan confirmed that Timothy and Lynn Travis will be conducting the training.

Judge Mejia noted that the OSM training needs to be provided to Model Court Teams and other partners. There will be a Model Court Team Day at the end of the "Through the Eyes Conference", but he isn't sure the training is on the agenda for the Model Court Team Day attendees.

Shary added that OSM training will be given during the Legislative Road Show. Shary asked Judge Mejia to research the need for funding the OSM training.

Status of Three-Year Plan and Application - Heather Mowry

See handout of “Three-Year Assessment and Report”

Heather gave an overview of the information she included in the report and thanked all the CJA Task Force Subcommittees for their help with putting information together.

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) gave Heather positive feedback about the report and asked that we do the following **Action Items:**

- Post the Project Ability information on our CJA web site
- Submit comprehensive plans for each new subcommittee, including all contract statements of work
- Post our web site information on the CJA ListServe

We received the allocation for the October 2009 Award in the amount of \$211,711.

There was discussion about how we should share our Three-Year Plan and Application.

Action Item: Heather will send our CJA web link to legislators.

FosterClub Contract Status - Heather Mowry

Following are main points of discussion:

- The FosterClub originally agreed to donate the equivalent of \$4800 for each of the publications (coloring book and teen magazine) in return for the right to sell the publications outside Oregon. This Task Force would pay \$4800 for each publication to be developed. Printing costs are in addition.
- Because federal dollars are funding the development and printing of the teen magazine and coloring book, if the FosterClub sells the

- The printing cost for 5,000 coloring books is \$3,781 and \$4,822 for the teen magazine; shipping is \$318 for each publication.
- Total for coloring book: \$8,899
- Total for teen magazine: \$9,940

Within Oregon's foster care system, 14,000 children cycle through each year. The foster care population is split into three age groups: 0 to 5, 6 to 12 and 13 and older. Each of these age groups represent approximately one-third of the foster care population.

It was a consensus to use \$20,000 as a projection for the first phase of this project that would be the initial development and printing of 5,000 copies for each publication.

Shoulder to Shoulder (S2S) Conference - Shary Mason

The Shoulder to Shoulder (S2S) conference is a multi-disciplinary conference that will be held on November 9, 2009.

CJA has funded S2S for at least the last three years. The last amount we funded was \$3200 and it was used for scholarships. The scholarships were distributed according to parameters we stipulated, such as interdisciplinary and geographic representation and agenda topics that relate to our Task Force Priority Recommendations. We have been asked to provide funding for this year's conference.

There was \$1,547 in excess federal funds that we received, as part of the October 1, 2008 Award. We reported to ACF that we would use those excess funds for scholarships toward the October 2009 S2S conference.

There will be more discussion, later in this meeting, about whether we will be able to provide funding, above the \$1,547, to this year's S2S conference.

Ally Jamieson, from PSU Child Welfare Partnership, will give a three-hour training at the S2S conference regarding brain trauma. This topic has been part of our Foster Care Subcommittee project work.

Karly's Law Subcommittee - Stacy Liskey

From the Priority Recommendations, following are projects this subcommittee is working on-

- **Phase 1:** Determine how Karly's Law has impacted child abuse investigations, MDTs, etc, statewide. Complete a research project that will capture a good idea of gaps and struggles. The time line for completion of an RFP for the research would be December 2009. The time line for completing the research is Oct 2010.

Carrie Rasmussen said Chris Henning, who is a professor in criminology at PSU, is working with the Multnomah County DA's office to gather statistical data on domestic violence. Chris also has a lot of research expertise from his work in Memphis, before he came to PSU.

- **Phase 2:** To follow up the research, develop tools/training for multidisciplinary teams and first-responders. This would be the second phase of the project.
- Provide information to and work with legislators to develop researched-based legislative concepts to improve the implementation of Karly's Law. Stacy said that, since its passage, gaps have been identified within the Law that need to be addressed.
- **Phase 3:** Conduct research to find out how productive the training was.

The approximate funding projection for Phase 1 is \$10,000 - \$25,000.

Foster Care Subcommittee - Don Darland

The current project they are working on is the FosterClub publication of a coloring book and a teen magazine.

Related to the trauma project of this subcommittee, Don said he received the DVD called "Reducing the Trauma of Investigation, Removal and Out-of-Home Placement – PRESENTATION" and the CD called "Reducing the Trauma of Investigation, Removal and Out-of-Home Placement – DOCUMENTS". Don said he is planning to include these in the upcoming Foster Parent Association's training. He often uses the TIPS (Trauma Informed Practice Strategies) information, from the PSU trauma project,

when giving training throughout Oregon. Trainers from Lakeview have expressed an interest in incorporating the TIPS into their training for law enforcement, foster parents, communities, CASAs, etc.

Katharine Cahn explained that they are working to get the DVD and CD posted to the PSU web site. When that happens, a trainer will be able to access the “PRESENTATION” DVD and “DOCUMENTS” CD by downloading them from the PSU web site. The video clips and the 911 Call are embedded into the “PRESENTATION” DVD.

Katharine Cahn said they are open to developing a training that would focus on the traumatic impact of various decisions of when it is better to remove a child from their home, and when it is not.

Action Item: Katharine Cahn will discuss cost of the training development with Marthe Lowrey. The training will address the thoughts that the only way to keep a child safe and get services and supports to a family is to remove the child from the home. The training will be 1 ½ to 3 hours long and will include two pieces: ⁽¹⁾ Increased awareness of the trauma associated with removal, and ⁽²⁾ increased awareness of the efficacy of in-home safety plans.

Strategic Planning for Children’s Safety Subcommittee - Katharine Cahn, Ryan Bender and Jennifer Clark

See handouts:

- Trainer guide for the trauma “PRESENTATION” DVD and “DOCUMENTS” CD
- Summit follow up outline
- Executive Summary of past Neglect Summits dated July 9, 2009

Katharine gave an overview of the Safety Summits that have been held and some of the stories that came out of them. The first round of Summits were held in HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas) counties, and had an emphasis on meth use. The Safety Summits were developed using the same format as the previous Neglect Summits.

Ryan completed the follow up calls to Summit participants to gather information about what work has been completed related to the Action Plans that were developed during the Summits.

Jennifer Clark conducted some of the training at the Summits and has expertise to facilitate Action Planning with Summit participants. Jennifer brought an album of pictures taken at the summits to present to the CJA Task Force.

The most recent Summits were held in counties that were considering drug courts and took place in Grants Pass (Josephine County), Newport (Lincoln County), Seneca (Harney/Grant Counties), and Enterprise (Wallowa County). We will receive a follow up report that will include evaluations and information about the Action Planning, by the first of August. Some of the Action Plans included:

- Foster parents working with birth parents to re-unite the families by mentoring them about how to:
 - take their child to the doctor
 - participate in a school function with their child
 - take part in a school counseling appointment
- Systems collaboration; how can entities communicate better to help families

The summits helped to refocus folks on the multiple referral cases, usually with some type of chronic substance abuse. It usually takes a team of supports and services to help a family get on its feet.

Katharine said it would be more productive to have additional summits as opposed to bringing all the Summits together for one statewide meeting. The sense of ownership is within each community.

Ryan said a significant part of the Summits was the amount of collaboration and ability to get everyone, who needed to be at the table, together to talk about what it is going to take for communities to be successful in supporting children. Folks took a look at services and supports in their communities and talked about how partnerships could be developed to pull everything together to best serve families. Some of those services and supports come from foster parents, Relief Nurseries, and drug courts. There were conversations around training and best practices. Douglas County had begun to work on 11 initiatives as a result of their Summit.

Shary said the Strategic Planning for Children's Safety Subcommittee has been discussing funding three additional summits. She said Polk, Baker and Klamath Counties have expressed interest in having a summit in their county. Katharine said \$35,000 would be an approximate cost for three additional summits.

Carrie Rasmussen said they plan to open a new child abuse assessment center in Hood River (Columbia Gorge Child Advocacy Center/CGCAC), with the opening date of August 5. CGCAC will also serve Wheeler and Gilliam Counties. Carrie said the CGCAC might be a good location for a summit.

Carrie asked if summit attendees will be able to get CLE credit or DPSST. Katharine Cahn said they can offer credit for social worker and DPSST. At this time, CLE credit isn't offered.

Shary announced that the substance abuse DVDs we were planning to purchase have been discontinued.

Becky said that the content of the proposed trauma training could be interpreted from two different points of view:

- Why in-home safety care is a good idea (convincing the audience), and
- Learning how to evaluate when it would be more traumatic to remove as opposed to keeping the child at home and vice versa.

Becky is interested in the second perspective for the training.

Oregon Safety Model (OSM) Subcommittee - Shary Mason for Stacey Ayers

The subcommittee had a discussion around the fact that CAF originally had 20 trainers who were involved in the OSM training. The first round of training was provided in the child welfare branches, and the second round was provided to about 2,500 community partners. The first round of OSM training focused on why the shift was made to the OSM, and what the differences were.

It's still apparent that it has been difficult for folks to grasp or embrace the concepts of the OSM.

One of the needs that was identified during the February 2009 facilitated meeting, with Alice Galloway, was the need for additional OSM Training. In the Survey that was completed, to gather information related to current issues in Oregon, child welfare staff and community partners identified the following areas as being key challenges to the implementation of the OSM:

- How do teens fit into the OSM, particularly related to APPLA (Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement)
- Attachment
- Courts use legal (ORS) language which is different from the OSM language. Courts view the OSM as practice, as opposed to law. Courts are still using older language (i.e. service agreements), that doesn't coincide with the language in the OSM (i.e. action agreements). This was a basis for providing additional OSM training to judges.

The OSM Subcommittee identified the following Priority Recommendations:

- Form a focus group or do a survey to identify concerns and/or barriers to the implementation of the OSM
- Develop a training that would be unique to each discipline to increase understanding, respect and buy-in
- Look at department data to identify positive outcomes (ongoing case reviews in branches)
- Develop training for caseworkers related to making presentations in court
- Provide supports to the Juvenile Law Conference, Juvenile Judges Conference, Clackamas County Child Abuse Conference, and the Shoulder to Shoulder Conference
- Include information about brain trauma, as a result of abuse, in the OSM training. Use the brain trauma content from the Foster Care Subcommittee project done by PSU.
- Training needs to be developed by an inter-disciplinary group with practice strategies developed for each group

Action Item: Look at the work of the Courts Subcommittee to see if there is crossover in project work.

Action Item: Look at the possibility of whether the OSM Subcommittee could partner with a future summit of another subcommittee.

Action Item: The Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC) is also planning to do research about at the Oregon Safety Model. The Children's Justice Act Task Force needs to coordinate its efforts with the CWAC.

Action Item: Jan noted that the child welfare Legal Issues Work Group would be reconvening soon and suggested it would be helpful if someone from the CJA OSM Subcommittee could serve on the Legal Issues Work Group to help coordinate efforts. (Ref: page 7 of the April 10, 2009 Minutes)

Future Agenda Items:

- Revise Bylaws to include a process for electronic voting. Proposed draft revisions related to telephonic and electronic meeting attendance and voting were provided to Task Force members.
- Develop process for funding requests

Action Item: Add Carrie Rasmussen to the membership of the Karly's Law and Courts Subcommittees.