**VAWA Implementation Planning with Tribal Nations**

CVSSD reached out to Oregon Tribal Nations to strengthen collaboration in the VAWA IP planning process. The following includes a broad overview of the main activities that were conducted in previous plans:

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* CVSSD successfully recruited two tribal representatives to join the existing tribal representative with the assistance of DOJ’s Native American Affairs Coordinator, the Chair of the Public Safety Cluster, and the VAWA Planning Subcommittee. This helped to enable the VAWA Advisory Board (now identified as the VAWA IP Subcommittee) to meet STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program goals and objectives of diversity and to build positive collaboration with Oregon tribes. It was also the first step in enhancing partnerships and community collaboration with Tribal Nations.
* The tribal representatives on the VAWA Advisory Board conducted a tribal survey in June 2010 to inventory the resources available to victims within the tribal criminal justice and safety infrastructure including: tribal courts, law enforcement, probation and parole, victim and/or family violence services and shelters on the reservation. This was done to recognize gaps in services and identify training or technical assistance needs. The results of the tribal survey led to the partnership between the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation and DOJ CVSSD and their completion of the Oregon [Tribal Nation Listening Tour report](http://www.doj.state.or.us/victims/pdf/oregon_tribal_nation_listening_tour.pdf). The listening tour included 28 meetings between October 2011 and July 2012 with the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon and community and government-based programs. The purpose was to understand the level of collaboration, barriers to service delivery and how to effectively address those barriers and provide inclusive service delivery.
* CVSSD Advisory Committee approved the inclusion of Tribal Nations victim service programs in the joint non-competitive victim service solicitation effective FY 2013. Awards were designated based on tribal enrolled membership (Section IV.E.).
* Four of the nine tribes had a tribal victim service program supported by federal discretionary grant funds. The joint non-competitive grant funds enhanced tribal programs through support of training, emergency support services and/or a part-time advocate.
* DOJ’s Sr. Assistant Attorney General/Native American Affairs Coordinator and a tribal representative on the CVSSD AC worked with CVSSD to ensure grant solicitation and grant agreement language was included to meet tribal needs.
* CVSSD Fund Coordinators consulted with each Tribe as the RFA guidelines were developed and provided technical assistance throughout the application process.
* The plan identified activities and goals that addressed tribal needs and included tribal enrollment numbers under statistics. It also identified ways to collaborate and provide outreach on the IP planning process, meaningful inclusion in competitive and non-competitive grant solicitations and training opportunities.
* A central point of contact list for Tribal Nations was developed through the approval of tribal leadership to ensure victim service matters as well as other issues were directed to the appropriate contact. The contact list is continually updated.
* CVSSD learned that many of the tribes provided services for a significant number of enrolled members (and non-tribal victims) in multiple counties as noted in the “[Tribal County Service Area](http://www.doj.state.or.us/victims/pdf/oregon_tribal_nations_county_service_area.pdf)” chart.

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* The next steps identified in the listening tour report were included in the state IP goals, objectives and activities.
* Tribal representation on the CVSSD Advisory Committee and VAWA Subcommittee is in place.
* CVSSD strengthens collaboration with TN in the IP planning process. CVSSD provides direct outreach to all nine tribes for subcommittee meetings and teleconferences to facilitate communication around statewide funding priorities, goals, and objectives.
* Establishing trust while building collaborative partnerships with Tribal Nations through expansion of outreach activities; presentations on availability of crime victim compensation program, grant and training opportunities; provision of technical assistance on grant applications, awards and reporting process; as well as referrals, and provision of resources for policies and procedures as requested.
* Maintain contact with tribal advocates and leaders in tribal victim service programs.
* Strengthening collaboration and partnership between tribal victim service programs and local non-profit and government-based advocacy to ensure community safety overall.
* CVSSD Fund Coordinators provide technical assistance on grant non-competitive applications, awards and reporting requirements. CVSSD gains a better understanding of tribal challenges in provision of victim services in a multiple county service area. Tribal victim service programs often have only one tribal advocate to build collaborative partnerships with non-profit and government-based programs and shelters. Tribal county service areas may include up to 11 counties for each tribe.
* CVSSD attends tribal-state cluster meetings and the annual government to government tribal summit to keep informed from the tribal perspectives.
* Eight of the nine tribes have a tribal victim service program supported by federal discretionary grant funds through OVW.
* Oregon Tribal Nations are working with OVW Technical Assistance on the option of setting up a Tribal Coalition in Oregon.

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One tribe is represented on the CVSSD Advisory Committee and VAWA IP Subcommittee. In 2017, a second tribe will be included as a member of the committee and planning subcommittee. The remaining seven Oregon Tribal Nations are invited to every meeting and teleconference to ensure a meaningful planning discussion on statewide goals and activities. The process includes the following steps:

* CVSSD calls the tribal victim service contact as listed on the central point of contact list provided by tribal leadership for each tribe. CVSSD ensures that the date of the upcoming meeting works for the remaining 7 tribes for their participation via phone and/or in person.
* A follow up email is sent to each of the tribal contacts that include talking points and/or agenda for the planning subcommittee meeting. CVSD follows up with each tribe to ensure all questions are responded to before the meeting.
* Attendees receive meeting documents via email before and after the meeting.

CVSSD will conduct a follow up to the listening tour with tribal leadership and victim service staff along with community programs during the FY 2017 – 2020 planning period. Ongoing collaboration with Tribal Nations will ensure that identified “next steps” to the tour are addressed as listed in the state goals, objectives and activities. (Section IV.C.).

1. The OVW extension on this plan was through May 2014 due to inclusion of VAWA 2013. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)