

VICTIM ADVOCACY AND SERVICES UNIT ADVISORY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General

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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

- i. The meeting was called to order by Ann Lowrance, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act at 1:40 P.M. Members present also included Matt Levey, Whitney Anderson, Kelsey Samuels, Rose Turner, Meagan McCurley, Kristie Chandler, Jayra Camarena, Shelley Miller. Absent: Judge Leah Edwards, Lauren Garder.

b. ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING ACT

- i. Miguel Mojica announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. An agenda was posted at the principal office of the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office on October 20, 2025 at 10:04 A.M. and on the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office website on October 20, 2025 at 10:42 A.M.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF REGULAR

MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

- i. Matt Levey motioned to table agenda item due to September meeting minutes not being completed. Rose Turner seconded the motion. Motion passes by unanimous roll call vote.

3. INTRODUCTION, PRESENTATION, AND Q&A BY OAG LAP TEAM STAFF

- a. LAP Coordinator, Jaiden Balthrop-Russell, provided an overview of the LAP form, current LAP team training, and pending form revisions. Jaiden noted that

monthly meetings with all OAG-certified DVSA programs will begin, and each program will identify a LAP point of contact. The LAP training schedule will be shared with all DVSA programs.

- b. Council members asked questions regarding program inclusion and training. Jaiden confirmed that tribal programs will be included in outreach efforts. In response to questions from Kelsey Samuels and Whitney Anderson regarding ongoing law enforcement training and inclusion of human sex trafficking providers, Jaiden stated these topics will be discussed in future monthly meetings. Trainings continue to be scheduled by request for both law enforcement agencies and victim service providers. Ann Lowrance suggested incorporating child abuse centers into future LAP training. Jaiden stated that expansion to additional service providers is anticipated, but the current focus remains on law enforcement and victim service providers. The Council discussed the order of questions on the LAP form. Jaiden clarified that the form has not changed, but some agencies may be using outdated versions.
- c. The Council discussed FVPSA contract changes and concerns about data fields not captured by the current LAP form, including identifiable data. OAG Grant Administrator, Stephanie Lowery, stated that the data reporting form is being updated and may address these issues.
- d. Jayra Camarena raised concerns about LAP reporting for programs serving undocumented victims, noting a decline in victims seeking services. Jaiden emphasized that reporting numbers are not the priority; the focus is on ensuring life-saving services are provided.
- e. No votes or action taken on this item.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON VASU ADVISORY COUNCIL

STATUTE AND PROPOSED SUNRISE LANGUAGE

- a. The Council discussed the most recent draft of the proposed VASU Advisory Council sunrise language. Miguel Mojica shared that VASU Director, Susan Laib, informed him OAG leadership supports pursuing legislative reinstatement of the Advisory Council during the next session. Shelley Miller emphasized the importance of including representation from Oklahoma victim service provider coalitions. The Council discussed whether the current draft language captures representation from tribal, DVSA, or human sex trafficking coalitions. Ann Lowrance noted that the original language was intended to reflect representation from those directly impacted by the rules reviewed annually by the Council. The Council also discussed the potential use of designees and determined not to include designee language in the proposed draft.

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- b. Whitney Anderson motions to approve the current proposed VASU Advisory Council sunrise language without designees. Matt Levey seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2025 RULE REVIEW PROCESS

- a. Miguel Mojica provided an update on the VASU Advisory Council's 2025 rule recommendations. All recommendations were adopted by OAG leadership as proposed. Thomas Schneider will develop a resource document for the Council outlining the rulemaking process.
- b. Council members asked clarifying questions regarding Title 75: Chapter 30 and other potential changes. Whitney Anderson inquired whether any revisions had been made outside of the Council's proposals. Miguel noted that Title 75: Chapter 1 outlines the process for submitting proposed rule changes to the OAG. In response to a question from Matt Levey regarding certified program closure language, Miguel stated that the topic was tabled for next year's rulemaking to allow more time for discussion. The Council discussed timelines for when programs receive proposed rule changes and where such changes can be found on the OAG website.
- c. The Council also discussed the overall rule review process for 2025. Kristie Chandler suggested developing a Q&A page on the OAG website to provide information about the rulemaking process. The Council discussed tracking filed legislative bills that may impact administrative rules related to OAG standards and criteria, to support informed discussions within subcommittees.
- d. No votes or action taken on this item.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROGRAM AND VASU UPDATES

- a. Miguel Mojica provided VASU updates, including Fall BIP Facilitator Training dates scheduled for November 12-14, 2025, with registration closing on October 31, 2025. Miguel reported that VINE is transitioning all counties to VINE Protect for VPO notifications. Victims are encouraged to register for VINE upon issuance of a VPO, and migration is anticipated to be completed by February 2026. Questions may be directed to Starla Smith. Miguel also shared dates for the Oklahoma Victim Assistance Academy, set for June 21-26, 2026, and provided final registration numbers for the 2025 Partners for Change Conference.
- b. Kristie Chandler asked the Council for feedback regarding potential funding for SANE Coordinators and DVNEs. The Council discussed ongoing challenges related to funding these services. Jayra Camarena announced that La Luz will host a Facebook Live event on October 22, 2025, addressing the intersection of domestic violence and witchcraft.

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- c. No votes or action taken on this item.

7. NEW BUSINESS Not Known or Which Could Not Have Been Reasonably Foreseen Before the Posting of the Agenda *in Accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(9)*

- a. None at this time.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. None at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Kelsey Samuels motioned to adjourn. Ann Lowrance adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.