

VICTIM ADVOCACY AND SERVICES UNIT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

1:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

- b. The meeting was called to order by Ann Lowrance, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, at 1:43 P.M. Members present included Ann Lowrance, Meagan McCurley, Kristie Chandler, Kelsey Samuels, Whitney Anderson, Rose Turner, Matthew Levey, Judge Leah Edwards, and Lauren Garder. Absent members included Shelley Miller and Jayra Camarena. Non-members present included Miguel Mojica, Sara Wray, Myel Solorzano Sutton, Tara Tyler, Erik Zoellner, Jared Mason, David Folkert, Jaiden Balthrop, Stephanie Lowery, and Charlotte Vanover.

c. ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING ACT

- i. Myel Solorzano Sutton 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 September 29, 2025 at 9:17 A.M. and on the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office website on September 29, 2025, at 10:17 A.M.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2025, JULY 15, 2025, AND AUGUST 5, 2025

- a. Judge Edwards motioned to approve the June meeting minutes. Matt Levey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Lauren Garder motioned to approve the July meeting minutes. Kelsey Samuels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Lauren Garder motioned to approve the August meeting minutes. Kelsey Samuels seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. INTRODUCTION, PRESENTATION, AND Q&A BY OAG HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESPONSE UNIT ("HTRU") STAFF

- a. Erik Zoellner provided an overview of the Human Trafficking Response Unit's structure and operations, explaining both the technical and service aspects of the team's work. He introduced team members and discussed recent legislative developments.

- b. Jared Mason discussed two primary legislative initiatives impacting human trafficking response: HB1886 and HB4210. HB1886 focuses on awareness campaigns in schools and requires law enforcement agencies statewide to receive human trafficking awareness training through CLEET. The HTRU team is developing the curriculum for implementation beginning November 1, 2025.
- c. HB4210 establishes a statewide database for Adult Victims of Human Sex Trafficking (AVHST) programs. Mason reported that phase one of the database has been completed, with phase two scheduled to begin October 1, 2025. The system will be accessible to certified programs and law enforcement and will comply with all state and federal data laws. He emphasized that implementation costs will be fully covered by the Attorney General's Office.
- d. Council members discussed integration with existing data systems, trauma-informed training for law enforcement, and the multidisciplinary collaboration model known as STORM (Standardized Trafficking Operations Response Model).

**4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON VASU ADVISORY COUNCIL
STATUTE AND PROPOSED SUNRISE LANGUAGE**

- a. Agenda item tabled for October meeting.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TITLE 75 ATTORNEY GENERAL
CHAPTER 25: STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR BATTERERS
INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. Lauren Garder presented the BIP Subcommittee's recommendations for revisions to OAC Title 75, Chapter 25. Discussion included program duration, affordability standards, and evaluation metrics such as completion and recidivism rates. The Council also discussed the appropriateness of couples counseling within BIP programs and affirmed that such practices are not recommended for victim safety reasons.
- b. Judge Edwards motioned to approve the BIP Subcommittee's recommendations. Whitney Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TITLE 75 ATTORNEY GENERAL
CHAPTER 30: STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF
HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. Whitney Anderson presented the AVHST Subcommittee's recommended revisions, including the addition of language mirroring provisions in Chapter 15 regarding core services. The Council agreed to incorporate these changes.
- b. Lauren Garder motioned to approve the proposed revisions. Kristie Chandler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TITLE 75 ATTORNEY GENERAL
CHAPTER 15: STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. Kristie Chandler presented updates from the Chapter 15 Subcommittee, including revisions to counseling definitions to include telecommunication and group

counseling options, and removal of the term “face-to-face” from transitional living program requirements.

- b. Rose Turner motioned to approve the revisions. Whitney Anderson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TITLE 75 ATTORNEY GENERAL
CHAPTER 1: STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
STANDARDS**

- a. Ann Lowrance presented on Chapter 1, noting that the section was updated in the previous year. Discussion included adding new language to address procedures for program closure, client notification, and record retention. The Council agreed to include this addition.
- b. Matt Levey motioned to approve the addition of program closure language. Lauren Garder seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Whitney Anderson proposed revisiting Chapter 30, Section 75:30-3-1(7), to align its language with Chapter 15. Judge Edwards motioned to amend Chapter 30 accordingly. Rose Turner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES
TO THE LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL (LAP)**

- a. Council agreed to table this item and request a presentation from the LAP team at the October 21, 2025, meeting.
- b. Matt Levey motioned to table the item. Rose Turner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. 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.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Myel Solorzano Sutton announced that the OAG will host a Domestic Violence Awareness Month event on October 7, 2025, followed by the YWCA OKC’s Wreath of Hope ceremony. Two additional AVHST programs, Wings of Hope and Community Crisis Center, have received temporary certification, and one additional AVHST program is scheduled to begin services later this year.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Judge Edwards motioned to adjourn. Shelley Miller seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.