

Safety Advisory Committee

Date: Friday, July 25, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Chair: K.O. Berger, Youth & Family Advocate, Governor's Office

Facilitator: Addie Smith, OYA

Attendance

Present

- **K.O. Berger**, Youth and Family Advocate, Governor's Office (Chair)
- **Jana McLellan**, Interim Director, OYA
- **Addie Smith**, Government Relations Mgr, OYA
- **Ken Jeske**, Chief Investigator, OYA PSO
- **Winifred Skinner**, Senior Rules and Policy Analyst, OYA
- **Debbi Martin**, Legislative Coordinator, OYA
- **Will Howell**, Communications Director, OYA
- **Mark Greenwald**, Research Manager, OYA
- **Holly Loneragan**, Research Analyst, OYA
- **Valerie Colas**, Public Safety Advisory, Governor's Office
- **Judge Amy Holmes Hehn**, Multnomah County Circuit Court
- **Judge Andrea Janney**, Klamath County Circuit Court
- **Rep. Will Chotzen**, Oregon House of Representatives
- **Rep. Rick Lewis**, Oregon House of Representatives
- **Lt. Aaron Jackson**, Oregon State Police
- **Christina McMahan**, Clackamas County Juvenile Department / OJDDA
- **Mark Cebert**, Lewis & Clark
- **Lisa Kay Williams**, filling in for **Stephanie McGowan**, Youth Rights & Justice
- **Stacey Lowe**, SW Oregon Public Defender Services
- **Annette Majekodunmi**, Family Advocate, POIC
- **Nella Hogberg**, Oregon Judicial Department
- **Vera Stoulil**, The Alliance

Not Present

- **Dave Manley**, Office of Training, Investigations, and Safety, ODHS/OHA
- **Angey Rideout**, Youth Prevention and Engagement Grants Manager, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- **Brendan Murphy**, Chief Deputy DA, Marion County

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks – K.O. Berger

K.O. Berger opened the meeting with a welcome and brief overview of the agenda.

2. Data Trends Analysis – Mark Greenwald & Addie Smith

Mark Greenwald introduced new internal tools—Blue Sheet, Black Sheet, and Green Sheet reports—that segment PSO investigations by type, time since initially reported, and status. He explained that these tools help OYA track case flow more accurately and support accountability goals. He also shared that OYA is phasing out the AIM database and replacing it with Benchmark, a more modern system that supports clearer data structure, better integration, and long-term trend analysis.

Ken Jeske outlined how PSO currently tracks substantiated, unsubstantiated, and suspended cases. He clarified that a suspended case means it has been referred to Oregon State Police or DHS and paused pending external review. He noted that while this information has long been recorded internally, it has not been presented clearly in public-facing reports—a gap PSO now aims to close. Ken also shared that PSO is committed to showing both volume and resolution timelines and is actively working with the research team to standardize how this information appears in future dashboards.

Committee members asked how the data connects to youth experience and outcomes. Lisa Kay and Judge Amy Holmes Hehn emphasized the need to incorporate qualitative context and youth voice. Mark responded that volume data alone lacks meaning without disaggregation and explanation and that OYA is working to center impact and insight in its future metrics.

Mark and Addie Smith previewed an early version of a dashboard tracking Youth Incident Reports (YIRs) and requested feedback. Members recommended disaggregating data by race, gender, facility, and age, and providing narrative summaries.

Mark concluded by noting that the research unit now plays a more active role in PSO's day-to-day work and that this collaboration is central to OYA's broader push for transparency and accountability.

3. Reporting and Response Mechanisms Overview & Discussion – K.O. Berger & Addie Smith

KO Berger and Addie Smith presented proposed updates to OYA's reporting and grievance response flowcharts. The committee reviewed new drafts intended to improve clarity, differentiate between internal complaints and formal grievances, and explicitly show pathways that involve external agencies such as OSP and DHS.

Committee feedback included:

- Clearer labeling of decision points and possible outcomes.
- Visual emphasis on youth access points and timelines.
- Suggestions to distinguish roles and responsibilities for staff and youth at each step.

Several members expressed interest in seeing youth-facing versions tested with facility residents for usability and understanding.

4. Progress Updates from OYA – Jana McLellan and Ken Jeske

Jana McLellan reported on the PREA audits at MacLaren and Oak Creek/JWTP. She explained that OYA has six months to submit its formal corrective action response and that work is underway to meet that deadline.

Ken Jeske provided updates from the Professional Standards Office. He confirmed that one new investigator has been hired and started, while another investigator position remains open. Ken also described how PSO tracks complaint investigations, noting the distinction between substantiated, unsubstantiated, and suspended cases. He said PSO aims to resolve most cases within 30 days and clarified that youth receive outcome notifications only after investigations are complete.

5. Conclusion – K.O. Berger