

## NOTES

February 6, 2018  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
690 Kipling Street – 1st Floor  
Conference Room  
Lakewood, CO 80215



**COLORADO**  
School Safety Resource Center  
Department of Public Safety

### Meeting Attendees:

#### Advisory Board Members:

##### In Person:

Greg Busch	Susan Payne	Chris Wilderman
Stacey Collis	Mark Pokorny	Meg Williams
Steve Fast	Jenny Schoen	
Jarrod Hindman	Carolena Steen	
Lorrie Odom	Melanie Voegeli-Morris	

##### On Phone:

Chanel Freeman	George Welsh
Jamie Haukeness	Dave Young

##### Absent:

Kathy Plomer	Scott Ross
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##### Guests:

Rebecca Spiess, Deputy Executive Director, CDPS  
Lynne DeSousa, CDE (sitting in for Scott Ross)

##### Staff Present:

Christine Harms, Director  
Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant  
Brad Stiles, Emergency Response Outreach Consultant  
Margaret Ochoa, CSA Prevention Specialist  
Anthony Wyatt, Resource Specialist  
Melissa Weiss, Program Assistant  
Mali Hinrichs, MSW Intern

### Welcome and Advisory Board Business – Jarrod Hindman, Chair

- Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Jarrod Hindman who introduced himself and had each of the members introduce themselves.
- Meeting Notes were approved from the October 3, 2017 meeting as written.
- Mali Hinrichs introduced herself as CSSRC's MSW intern. She provided a brief background of her education for the Board and mentioned a few of the projects she is taking on while at CDPS.
- Christine Harms informed the Board that Kathy Plomer was selected to replace Debbie Lammers from the Colorado Association of School Boards. Unfortunately, Ms. Plomer was not able to attend today.

## CSSRC Activities - Staff

- Christine Harms and staff shared highlights from the **2017 Legislative Report**. All Advisory Board members received a copy of the report.
- Brad Stiles provided information on the **School Emergency Management (SEM) grant** that was a collaboration between the Center and CDE since 2014. CSSRC served as the subject matter experts on the grant with the original goal of training 100 teams in Emergency Operations Planning. However, 122 teams were trained and the grant work ends with a March 31, 2018 report to the U.S. Department of Education. The grant was not only a wonderful opportunity to train many schools in Colorado that needed the information, but it gave the Center more exposure to many of the rural schools that had not used the services of the Center previously.
- The **Restorative Practices Grant** from the Department of Criminal Justice (DCJ) ended in 2017. The original grant was to provide four two-day workshops, but with costs savings, the Center was able to host six workshops training over 300 individuals. The final workshop was held in August. The Center also conducted a follow-up survey to see if the participants were utilizing the information gained from participating. Those that completed the survey said the workshops either renewed their enthusiasm for what they had been doing or encouraged them to expand their restorative practices work. Even though the grant funds are no longer available, the Center will host a follow up session this spring with a restorative practices/trauma overlay.
- **Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado of the Gill Foundation** - Since 2012, Gill has generously provided funds to the Center for positive school climate work. The first grants allowed the Center and a number of partners (CDE, CEI, ADL, One Colorado and Facing History and Ourselves) to do baseline work with school personnel after the 2011 passage of the bullying prevention bill. Next, Gill funded the Center to do even deeper work with 22 schools. This entailed the schools analysing their school climate data, choosing a promising or evidence-based program to improve their school climate and then conducting the climate surveys to see how successful their projects were. When this work was completed, there were grant funds still remaining and the Center proposed conducting three staff/student safety summits with those remaining funds. Two of the staff/student summits were held in Grand Junction and Durango with rather disappointing turnouts. The final summit was held in the metro Denver area with a much better turnout. However, the participants found the summits extremely helpful in giving them an opportunity to dialogue about school safety issues and take back improvement ideas for their schools. Rosalind Wiseman, an internationally known author was the keynote presenter at these summits. If the Center has the opportunity to do these again, building transportation into the funding would probably allow the schools to send more participants.
- The Center hosted an additional **six regional trainings** in 2017 including workshops on trauma, ASIST, PREPaRE, IHE Summer Safety Symposium and child sexual abuse prevention. Staff also were invited to present at 10 statewide conferences and to conduct a threat assessment training in Montana.
- Two new **online courses** were added in 2017. These included Margaret Ochoa's course on Mandated Reporting and Brad Stiles' course on Preparing and Conducting Tabletop Exercises. This brings the Center's total online courses to 13.
- The **number of contacts** received throughout the year went down and we attribute this to folks feeling more comfortable with the online training registration and therefore not calling the Center for assistance and the brief time that we were replacing our school outreach consultant.
- At this point in time, we are putting together the **Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium** which will take place on February 28, 2018, at the Lowry Conference Center in collaboration with CDPHE's Office of Suicide Prevention and the Colorado Department of Education. Shortly after the registration for the training opened, seats were sold out. This event will feature Dr. Thomas Joiner as the morning plenary and Dr. Ron Lee as the afternoon plenary. Due to the high interest in the event, we are exploring the potential for a second event on this topic.

- **Sexting online course** - HB17-1302 required the CSSRC to create a course by June 1, 2018, for juveniles who were found guilty of a civil infraction of sexting and as a prevention tool for the schools. Margaret Ochoa has been working extremely hard on this collaborating with many offices across the state. The CSSRC course will include a section on health relationships, an explanation of the new law and suggestions on how students can keep themselves safe. The course is in production and will be ready prior to the June 1st deadline.
- The Center has moved its **Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Symposium** to the National and Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Month of April. It will be a full day event with two plenaries featuring speakers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI plans to share a case study where a sex trafficker utilized social media to lure underage youth. Other workshop topics will include educating schools on human trafficking, Title IX and overcoming barriers to reporting sexual abuse.
- The Center's third annual **Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Summer Safety Symposium** will be held on June 6th at Pueblo Community College thanks to Advisory Board member, Greg Busch. The program is still being confirmed but a number of timely topics will be covered for our IHE partners.
- On June 19, 2019 the Center, in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Human Services' (CDHS) Office of Behavioral Health, will host a **Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Symposium** at the Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center. We appreciate the collaboration of Advisory Board member, Chanel Freeman, on this event. The program is still being confirmed and the agenda will be posted shortly.
- After so much success with the two **Trauma Informed Care for Educators** workshops conducted last year, the Center is working again with CDHS' trauma office to host a training on March 12, 2018.
- Christine Harms shared the positive news with the Board that the Center has received a travel **vehicle!** Thanks to the generosity of the Division of Criminal Justice, the Center now has its own car to be used for trainings across the state for the minimal cost of monthly maintenance and gas fees. This, along with having access to CSP fleet vehicles, saves a tremendous amount of the Center's operating costs to support more services to the schools. CSSRC staff appreciate the support of the entire Department for our work.
- Christine Harms and Margaret Ochoa provided information on two new work groups:
  - **Parental Notification Recommendations Working Group:** At the end of 2017, the Center invited a wide group of stakeholders to meet and create recommendations for notification to parents when a school staff member has been charged and/or arrested for the sexual exploitation of a child. After two very productive meetings, a "toolkit" of recommendations is being compiled and will be available to any schools. There has also been rumors of a bill that addresses this issue but there is no further information about the bill at this time. Regardless of whether or not a bill is passed, the group believes the toolkit will be helpful to districts.
  - **School Suicide Recommendations Working Group:** On the 26th of January, 15 school mental health providers and one community mental health provider met to discuss their suicide procedures and protocols. After a seven hour meeting, the group created a list of recommendations for any schools within the state for preparing for and making suicide assessments. (Those recommendations, along with resources, were sent to districts on March 8th and are posted on the CSSRC website.)
- **YES2 the CSSRC Youth Council**, is preparing their project, "How to Improve School Culture Through Improving Self Esteem." The students are making a video which will be presented at the April Advisory Board meeting. The Center would like to thank the students and Tyson Davis, a friend of Dustin Hunter's, who volunteered his time to record and edit the video.
- **2018 Colorado Safe Schools Summit** is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 1st and 2nd at the Adams 12 Five Star School District Conference Center. The October Advisory Board meeting regularly scheduled for

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October 2nd, will take place during the Summit. More information is included below under “10th Anniversary Celebration.” The call for presenters for the Summit will go out with the March E-Update.

- **2018 Legislative Update** - Although the Department’s Legislative Liaison, Gabby Reed, is not able to attend today’s meeting as she is busy at the Capitol, she has kindly sent an overview of the pending school legislation. (The overview was shared with the Advisory Board members and the bills reviewed.)
  
- **CSSRC 10th Anniversary Discussion:**

The members of the Advisory Board were asked for their suggestions as to how best to celebrate this milestone. The following suggestions were discussed and will be finalized by the 10th Anniversary Planning Committee upon which any Board and staff members have been invited to participate.

  - Challenge coins
  - Press releases and other public announcements
  - Involve districts and students
  - Use success stories
  - Possibly part of the 2018 Safe Schools Summit
  - Honored guests at an event
  - Proclamation
  
- **Advisory Board Member Updates:**
  - **Safe2Tell and the Attorney General’s Office** - *Susan Payne*
    - AG’s formal opinion on FERPA
    - Partnership with Sources of Strength and the Colorado Trauma & Disaster Recovery initiative
    - New Conversation Jumpstarts on substance abuse prevention
    - Suicide concerns are the number one tips to Safe2Tell followed by drug concerns with 75 to 85% of the tips coming thru the mobile app.
  - **Colorado Department of Education** - *Lynne DeSousa*
    - CDE is working on a project of trauma informed care guidance for schools including looking at the trauma suffered by children when parents are removed from the home and how schools can help.
    - CDE is also working on integrating trauma informed care with PBIS.
  - **Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO)** - *Detective Stacey Collis*
    - CASRO Summer Conference to be held July 17, 18 and 19th at the Colorado College in Colorado Springs.
      - Officer Galloway (Tall Cop) is returning.
      - Other workshops are being finalized and registration will open shortly.
    - Det. Collis is getting a number of requests from other states about the impact of marijuana on youth in Colorado. He believes the messages in the press do not reflect what officers are experiencing.
    - NASRO has chosen Denver for their 2022 conference of over 1,000 SROs from across the country. It will be held in the soon to be completed Gaylord Hotel in Aurora.

- **Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment - Jarrod Hindman**
  - New suicide prevention grant from SAMHSA. CDPHE is partnering with four regional crisis centers and concentrating their work on eight communities. There is funding to hire a new statewide coordinator for suicide, a position CDPHE/OSP has not had funding for previously.
  - Work continues on the Colorado National Collaborative for Suicide.
    - Provides a framework for comprehensive suicide prevention
    - Youth are a priority
    - Utilizes the zero suicide framework

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

**Meeting Schedule**

April 3, 2018  
August 7, 2018  
October 2, 2018\*

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\*This meeting at the Summit, Adams 12  
Conference Center 1500 E. 128th Avenue,  
Thornton, CO following lunch at noon.