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October 3, 2017

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

690 Kipling Street – 1st Floor Conference Room

Lakewood, CO 80215



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School Safety Resource Center

Department of Public Safety

Meeting Attendees:

Advisory Board Members:

In Person:

Greg Busch

Steve Fast

Jamie Haukeness

Debbie Lammers

Lorrie Odom

Mark Pokorny

Jenny Schoen

Carolena Steen

Melanie Voegeli-Morris

Chris Wilderman

Meg Williams

On Phone:

Chanel Freeman

Susan Payne

George Welsh

Dave Young

Absent:

Stacey Collis

Jarrod Hindman

Scott Ross

Rob Urbach

Guests:

Lynne DeSousa, CDE 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

Welcome and Advisory Board Business – *Chris Wilderman, Secretary*

- Meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Chris Wilderman, who introduced himself and had each of the members introduce themselves.
- Meeting Notes were approved from the August 1, 2017 meeting as written.
- Christine Harms thanked Debbie Lammers for her work on the Board over the last four years as her tenure on the CASB board will end this calendar year. We appreciate all the work Ms. Lammers has done for the Center and wish her well in her next challenges.
- Mr. Wilderman instructed the Board to provide information about themselves and how their job corresponds with the School Safety Resource Center's mission. What followed was some very interesting background information about our board members with Chris Wilderman leading off the presentations.
 - **Chris Wilderman:** Mr. Wilderman's parents were both teachers and he chose a career initially in law enforcement. One of his assignments was as an SRO at Northglenn High School. He moved into school safety and security at Adams 12 then Boulder Valley and now he is back to Adams 12 with six departments under his supervision. He serves as the secretary of the CSSRC Advisory Board. Mr. Wilderman has been a very active collaborator with many projects of the Center.
 - **Lynne DeSousa:** Ms. DeSousa is the Colorado PBIS Statewide Coordinator in the Office of Learning Supports having joined CDE from Thompson School District.

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- **Dave Young:** Mr. Young has been a prosecutor for 26 years and was elected District Attorney in Adams County approximately five years ago with his term expiring in January 2021. He was elected following a previous CSSRC Advisory Board member, Don Quick. Mr. Young also worked on the Adams County Youth Initiative project and board. We are appreciative of the assistance from his office to Ms. Ochoa on the new sexting law.
- **George Welsh:** Mr. Welsh has spent 32 years in education beginning in Arizona as a social studies teacher. He came to Colorado in 1996 as the principal in the Center School District and was promoted to superintendent and held that position for nineteen years. He has also served as President of CASE (and was named Colorado Superintendent of the Year in 2014.) He has been the superintendent in Canon City School District for the last three years. Mr. Welsh served many years as the Chair of the CSSRC Advisory Board.
- **Chanel Freeman:** Ms. Freeman has worked in the Colorado Department of Human Services in the Office of Behavioral Health since 2006. She is a Health Communications Specialist working primarily in substance abuse prevention. She oversees co-occurring substance abuse/mental health prevention and treatment to ensure quality behavioral health care in community settings.
- **Susan Payne:** Ms. Payne has a 27 year background in law enforcement including experience with hostage crisis negotiation and crime prevention. She started the Safe2Tell program that is utilized in Colorado schools and many states across the country. Ms. Payne is one of the original CSSRC Advisory Board members and assisted with the legislation that created the Colorado School Safety Resource Center.
- **Jamie Haukeness:** Mr. Haukeness worked for the Durango Fire Department prior to obtaining his teaching degree. He has spent 21 years as an administrator and worked with the Center when pilot sites were initiated around the state. Currently he is the principal of the Cortez Middle School and Director of Safety and Security for the Montezuma/Cortez School District.
- **Meg Williams:** Ms. Williams is the Manager of the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance in the Division of Criminal Justice within the Department of Public Safety. Her office manages multiple federal funds to address juvenile justice issues around the state. Ms. Williams recently was nationally recognized for her expertise and outstanding work in juvenile justice issues.
- **Steve Fast:** Mr. Fast is the Executive Director of the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool that insures over 80% of the districts in Colorado. CSDSIP focuses on risk mitigation and prevention. His office has worked with the Center on a number of trainings and has coordinated efforts on school safety legislation. (CSDSIP was a platinum sponsor of this year's 2017 Colorado Safe Schools Summit and the Center appreciates their support.)
- **Lorrie Odom:** Dr. Odom was a pediatric oncologist/hematologist prior to her retirement and volunteer work with the Colorado PTA. She joined the PTA because of her interest in supporting healthy and safe lifestyles for children and adolescents and was instrumental in initiating the Health, Wellness & Safety Committee of the Colorado PTA.
- **Melanie Voegeli-Morris:** Ms. Voegeli-Morris is the Mental Health & Prevention Coordinator for the Poudre Valley Schools with a background in social work that began more than thirty years ago. She was drawn to working with "end of the line kids, high trauma kids, and helping families." She currently manages a

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thirteen person team including the risk assessment and threat assessment teams. She is also the lead for the crisis team in her district.

- **Debbie Lammers:** Ms. Lammers is on the boards of both the St. Vrain Valley School Board and the Colorado Association of School Boards, became involved with the Center as a liaison from CASB because she believes it is important for the school boards to be involved in the same education, information, and communication as the Center. Ms. Lammers has testified at legislative hearings on issues of school safety. It was through her advocacy that the CASB liaison position on the CSSRC Advisory Board became a voting member position.
- **Mark Pokorny:** Mr. Pokorny currently works for Metro State University of Denver as the Environmental and Emergency Preparedness Manager. As a one-man office, he supervises all campus safety activities over the four MSU buildings including hazardous waste disposal, chemical inventory and safety, indoor air quality, asbestos, fire/evacuations drills, and emergency preparedness training.
- **Greg Busch:** Mr. Busch is the Colorado Community College System's Emergency Management Director. Prior to coming to Colorado, he spent fifteen years in the military security forces and after moving to Alaska, became involved in Higher Education/Community College System. His background also includes ten years in K-12 school security and well as the healthcare field.
- **Jenny Schoen:** Ms. Schoen has been a teacher in Littleton for over nineteen years and currently teaches in the elementary behavioral program. She has a Master's degree in Affective Education and is certified as a trainer in CPI, verbal de-escalation, Kempe and Stewards of Children. She became more actively involved in school safety after the tragic Arapahoe school shooting serving on the CSSRC Review Committee of the three commissioned reports.
- **Carolena Steen:** Dr. Steen started her career as a first grade teacher before moving into the role of a school social worker. She has held a number of administrative posts in her career and currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of the Cheyenne Mountain School District. She too worked on the CSSRC Review Committee and now serves on the statewide Suicide Commission.
- Christine Harms informed the Board that the 10th Anniversary of the Center is coming up and suggested the idea of a planning committee to prepare a celebration. Board members will be invited to join the planning committee.

CSSRC Activities - CSSRC Staff

- Christine Harms introduced the newest member of the CSSRC team, Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant. Dustin was able to provide his background and goals for the Center.
- Ms. Harms informed the Board that a school safety Needs Assessment Survey was recently sent out with the Center's E-Update and on its own. This is the third time (2009 and 2013) that the Needs Assessment has been conducted and so far approximately 79 responses have been received.
- The Board was reminded about the upcoming Student/Staff School Safety Summit that will take place on November 8, 2017, at the Lowry Conference Center. This summit is funded by the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado and it is the third summit to be completed this year from their grant. All Advisory Board members are invited to attend.

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- Brad Stiles provided a brief update on the School Emergency Management (SEM) work that has been completed with the CDE grant. The final workshops will take place in November 2017 with CDE submitting the final report to the U.S. Department of Education before the end of this calendar year.
- Margaret Ochoa provided a brief update on the Youth Engaged in School Safety (Yes2) council. There are currently four members, two new and two returning. This year they are working on their safety project to be “Ted Talk” style presentations. They will be presenting to the Advisory Board at the April 2018 meeting.
- Christine Harms provided information on the new working group *Guidelines for Districts in the Aftermath of Staff Arrests on Abuse Charges*. She informed the Board of those individuals that have volunteered to participate and gave the opportunity for others to join the working group as well.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Next Scheduled Advisory Board Meetings:

February 6, 2018

April 3, 2018

August 7, 2018

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