

NOTES

August 7, 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	Kathy Plomer	Chris Wilderman
Stacey Collis	Mark Pokorny	Meg Williams
Steve Fast	Jenny Schoen	
Jarrold Hindman	Carolena Steen	
Susan Payne	Melanie Voegeli-Morris	

On Phone:

Jamie Haukeness	George Welsh
Lorrie Odom	

Absent:

Dave Young
Scott Ross

Guests:

Keely Garren, CDE
Adam Collins, CDE

Staff Present:

Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant
Margaret Ochoa, CSA Prevention Specialist
Brad Stiles, Emergency Response Outreach Consultant
Melissa Weiss, Program Assistant

Staff Absent:

Chris Harms, Director (Absent - at the Federal Commission on School Safety listening session in Cheyenne, WY.)

Welcome and Advisory Board Business – Jarrod Hindman, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 1:39 pm by Jarrod Hindman who reminded the Board that he is the Chair and the representative from CDPHE. He then asked each of the members to introduce themselves.
- The two attending guests from Colorado Department of Education (CDE), Keely Garren and Adam Collins, introduced themselves.
- Margaret Ochoa, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, apologized for the absence of Center Director Christine Harms, who was unexpectedly called to the Federal Commission on School Safety listening session hosted by the U.S. Department of Education. She thanked and introduced Kathy Plomer as a new member of the Board, and thanked the reappointed individuals for their seamless transition, support, and service.

- Margaret informed the Board that our office is working with the Executive Director of Public Safety to appoint a new sheriff and school resource officer (SRO). She informed the Board that Lynne DeSousa will be replacing Scott Ross; Chanel Freeman is no longer with Colorado Department of Human Services and a new individual will be appointed shortly.
- Meeting Notes were approved from the April 3, 2018, meeting as written.
- Margaret reminded the Board about the upcoming October 2nd Advisory Board meeting that will be held during the second day of the Safe School Summit where we will also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Center. She informed the Board that we have received the previously approved challenge coins for the event but they will not be seen before the meeting.

CSSRC Activities - Staff

- Margaret informed the Board that our Resource Specialist, Anthony Wyatt, has moved to a different position within the department and we are in the final stages of hiring a new resource specialist. One of the first tasks of the new Resource Specialist will be to begin revamping the Center website. It is robust, and becoming slightly unwieldy with the continual addition of supportive resources.
- 2018 Legislative Update on School Funding: Margaret directed the Board members to the handout that was provided with information on each of the funding opportunities: SB-158 School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (Interoperability Grant), SB18-269 Security Disbursement Program, and SB18-272 – Suicide Prevention Training in Schools. Updates to each of these grant opportunities were provided. These grants are being managed by the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management of CDPS.
- Dustin Hunter provided the Board with an update on the online course he is creating for suicide prevention titled *What All Staff Need to Know About Suicide*. The goal is for the course to be completed and available for use by the end of September. This course content was developed based on requests for information and topic suggestions made during a Suicide Prevention Working Group that was held earlier in the year. The Office of Suicide Prevention expressed interest in collaborating on content.
- Margaret gave an update on the online sexting course she created earlier in the year. The course is currently available on Co.Train and we continue to add resources for our prevention educators who want to utilize parts of the online training. Margaret has been working with the Child Welfare Training System to be a HTML5 standalone course so the youth taking the course do not have to create an account with the Co.Train system.
- Brad Stiles and Dustin Hunter shared their recent travels with the Board. The states of Montana and Alabama requested that they come out to train this summer on Threat Assessment. Based on the specific requests of the states, they took time to redevelop the training, building a 6 hour 2.0 type course that includes different types of interviewing and more. They presented this in Montana first, then reworked some of the content based on feedback from the participants there. Alabama requested a Train the Trainer course on Threat Assessment which they were happy to create. Approximately 50 people of varying positions were trained in Alabama and they are utilizing the information provided to develop their own guidelines for their state. Brad and Dustin are scheduled to go to Nebraska later this year and they expect to train over 100 individuals from the Omaha Police Department during that trip. Most of the out of state trainings are scheduled during the summer so the team can keep Colorado Schools at the top of the priority list during the school year. The training will be available to all CO Threat Assessment teams soon.
- Margaret thanked the Board for their support by attending regional trainings, especially Greg Busch for helping to secure the venue and Mark Porkorny for their assistance hosting the IHE event in June.
- The Board members were invited to attend our Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention event which will be held on 9/14 at Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center.

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- DustinHunter provided an update on our Youth Engaged in School Safety YES² group - we will be hosting focus groups to see what school safety topics the students believe are most important at this time. We will take this information to try and facilitate school, student, and staff meetings on those topics.
- The SB15-214 interim committee was convened by legislative mandate to refine the Claire Davis Act legislation. Former members are interested in promoting best practices for school safety and recommendations from the original findings of the committee to the new Governor and Legislature in 2019. Director Harms is serving on this committee as she was a member of the original SB15-214 committee.
- Brad informed the Board that the SEM/TEC group continues to meet because there was a suggestion made that the rural schools desired clarification on the emergency management topics. This has prompted the team to begin putting out small information bursts every month in our newsletter, the E-Update.
- We have received a request from the national PTA to have the PTAs in the communities step up during an emergency whether assisting with reunification, donations or other ways to help in the event of an emergency. At this point, Brad is still working through the research and development of a plan/guidelines.
- We have also received a request from the Colorado Municipal League for assistance on how to get community leaders engaged in school safety. This follows a presentation by Chris Harms at their summer annual conference as well as recording of a webinar presentation and an article for their fall newsletter.

CDE: Bullying Prevention Policy Development – *Adam Collins, Bullying Prevention & Education Grant*

Coordinator, CDE; Keely Garren, Sr. Implementation Consultant

- The Office of Learning Supports at CDE is managing the grant implementing SB18-151. The law was a response to the shocking death of Ashawnty Davis, a child who died by suicide following reports that she had been bullied in school. The law mandates the Department, in consultation with the Center, develop a model bullying prevention policy for the state.
- CDE laid out a timeline within which the Model Policy will be posted on CDE's website. That timeline is attached to these minutes. Adam Collins and Keely Garrne described that school climate and culture is foundational to a successful policy, and that they are collaborating with such partners as CASE, CASB, and the Rural Alliance to optimize successful policies and fill in the gaps. Colorado is one of only eight states without a model policy, so there is an opportunity to sample what other states have created. On review, however, many states have adopted very broad models without beneficial specifics.
- The policy will be differentiated by grade and the capacity of students. State law already encourages climate surveys every other year which would aid in identifying student perceptions. Adam and Keely are seeking specific youth data by region identifying hospitalizations and deaths due to self harm and suicide to bolster survey information. They are also cognizant of unintended consequences in the development of such a policy and are working closely with their PBIS coordinator and other experts to ensure all angles will be considered.

Advisory Board Member Updates

- **Stacy Collis provided an update to the Board about the Colorado Association of School Resources Officers (CASRO) event that was held over the summer.** There were approximately 150 school resource officers in attendance, which is the largest CASRO attendance in the history of the conference. Previously, Officer Collis was the president but is retiring from law enforcement in November. Mark Edson is taking the role of President and Nick Lombardi is the Vice President. The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) will be holding their annual conference in 2022 in Denver, CO. It is expected that approximately 1000 SROs from around the country will attend. An area of concern in SRO education relates to video recordings,

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threat assessment information sharing, and conflict or perceived conflict with FERPA. CASRO is attempting to get more legal training available as there are clearly misunderstandings in some districts about the application of the law. Legal counsel has not been consistent. Sexting continues to present problems with respect to SROs' ability to seize/look at phones. They need more training on tech. Digital Futures Initiative has been a support. CASRO is always seeking ways to get good bullying prevention and substance abuse risks education into the classroom.

- **Susan Payne provided an update for Safe2Tell.** After reviewing data post-Parkland, there is approximately a 1000% increase in prevented school attacks from around the country. The Colorado Informational Analysis Center (CIAC) is expanding their Watch Center to include more analysts who will take the Safe2Tell calls. This will move the Safe2Tell calls from being answered at the Pueblo State Patrol Site to the Watch Center where a more thorough analysis will aide the schools. Susan reiterated Stacy's point about video surveillance and schools' concerns that they are covered by FERPA.
- **Jarrod Hindman from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment** informed the Board that Attorney General Cynthia Coffman is dedicating another year of funding to Sources of Strength in multiple schools around the state. The current suicide prevention conversation is how to leverage the funding to think outside of a topic specific approach, shifting focus to a shared risk and protective factors approach. There is discussion about how economic stability or instability impact violence, injury, and suicide. While there currently is limited funding for upstream primary prevention, this needs to be a focus including finding ways to ensure that students are fed, safe, etc.
- **Lorrie Odo of the Colorado PTA** informed the Board that Jefferson County is working on a collaborative approach to the vaping epidemic. Jefferson County Public Health, public schools, Rocky Mountain Health, and the PTAs were talking over the summer about what can be done in a proactive manner. They decided on a multi-prong approach that will consist of a train the trainer event at the end of August, a video at the beginning of the school year to increase awareness, and prevention and intervention in Colorado. Of 37 states surveyed, Colorado was one of the highest in youth vaping.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Next Scheduled Advisory Board Meetings in 2018:
October 2, 2018 (At the Summit)
Meetings in 2019:
February, 5, 2019
April 2, 2019
August 6, 2019
October 1, 2019
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