

NOTES

October 2, 2018

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Snowmass Conference Room Adams 12

Five Star Conference Center



COLORADO
School Safety Resource Center
Department of Public Safety

Meeting Attendees:

Advisory Board Members:

In Person:

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| Greg Busch | Mark Pokorny | Meg Williams |
| Jarrold Hindman | Jenny Schoen | |
| Kelly Jacobsen | Carolena Steen | |
| Lorrie Odom | Melanie Voegeli-Morris | |
| Kathy Plomer | Chris Wilderman | |

Absent:

Lynne DeSousa
Jamie Haukeness
Susan Payne
Dave Young

Guests:

Keely Garren, CDE

Staff Present:

Chris Harms, Director
Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant
Margaret Ochoa, CSA Prevention Specialist
Brad Stiles, Emergency Response Outreach Consultant

Staff Absent: (Attending to Summit participants)

Melissa Weiss, Program Assistant
Evan West, Resource Specialist

Welcome and Advisory Board Business – Jarrold Hindman, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Jarrold Hindman who welcomed all to the Adams 12 Five-Star Schools Conference Center and the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the School Safety Resource Center. He welcomed new board member, Kelly Jacobsen, SRO with the Westminster Police Department; and Keely Garren, who was sitting in for Lynne DeSousa.
- The Advisory Board is still awaiting appointments for a sheriff and CDHS/OBH representative.
- Meeting Notes were approved from August 7, 2018, meeting as written.

CSSRC Activities - Staff

- The Center welcomed Evan West, Resource Specialist, to the Center. He will fill in the Board on his background and activities at the February 2019 meeting. A bulk of that includes revamping the Center's website and organizing the regional trainings.

- **2018 Legislative Update on School Funding:** Chris Harms updated the Board regarding funding opportunities: The School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (Interoperability Grant) offers \$5 million over six years. The smaller schools may not be prepared to submit in the first round but may be able to get in on subsequent rounds utilizing other successful projects as templates. The RFP will be out October 15th, then proposals are due by December 3, 2018. The School Security Grant RFP will be released on December 3rd and is due by January 5, 2019. The legislation directs that priority will be given to applicants with a match, but the definition and consideration of “matching” will be broad. The CDE Suicide Prevention Grant RFP is out and due back on November 1st.
- **Threat Assessment Train the Trainer:** Brad Stiles and Dustin Hunter updated on the development of the Threat Assessment Train the Trainer model. The training is expected to ultimately cut back on individual workload. About six requests have been made in just the last few days. The team is considering developing a digital threat assessment training.
- **National Meetings:** Director Harms reported that based on the national meetings in which she has participated (the U.S. Department of Homeland Security School Security Roundtable, the Department of Education Federal Commission on School Safety Listening Session, and the National Conference of State Legislators), it has become evident that Colorado is ahead of the curve in the field of threat assessment, which is not required in most states. She reports that Colorado schools are also in the forefront of other school safety issues as well. The gap in mental health services is a consistent theme in the western states. Due to its demonstrated success in the states in which it has been implemented, Safe2Tell is being considered as a national program.
- **Regional Trainings:** The September Youth Suicide Symposium was well received, with over 200 in attendance to hear the work of noted national speakers. The Center hopes to repeat the collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General, CDPHE/OSP and CDE again, as this issue is the primary crisis facing Colorado youth. The Safe Schools Summit had over 300 attendees for each day. Victor Strecher and Rosalind Wiseman each provided action points for the participants, and Vinny Montez and former Gov. Ritter provided humor and inspiration for those in attendance. The collaboration with CSPV and Safe2Tell has made this event a great resource to Colorado schools for many years. Plans will be immediately underway to repeat the conference in 2019.
- **Youth Engaged in School Safety YES² group:** Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant, updated the Board. Workshops have been arranged in November and December in Fort Morgan, Pueblo and the Western Slope. These one-day presentations will include information and facilitated focus groups to give students an opportunity to share their perceptions of school safety issues and possible resolutions.
- **Other Regional Trainings:** In addition to the staff/student regional meetings, the Center has set up collaborations with other CDPS offices to train regionally on complex active shooter situations; a regional Threat Assessment Conference in February; the annual Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Conference in April; a possible Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Conference in May; and the Institutions of Higher Education Campus Safety Symposium in June. The Center will add a Western Slope School Safety Summit in June to bring some of the topics from the Safe Schools Summit to our stakeholders in that region of the state. Plans for that summit are in the works, and it will likely take place in Montrose.
- **SB15-214 interim committee** (convened by legislative mandate to refine the Claire Davis Act legislation). Director Harms continues to monitor that work, but there is no update.
- **Emergency management topics for districts:** This was a recommendation of the School Emergency Management grant’s Training Engagement Committee. Brad Stiles, Emergency Outreach Consultant, has been providing brief steps for school safety via the E-Update monthly newsletter. The work is designed to assist the districts on safety planning. Additionally, he is working with the Colorado PTA on emergency management guidance for local PTA groups.

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- **Colorado Municipal League:** Ms. Harms presented a workshop on municipalities’ supporting local schools at their annual conference in July. She was also asked to record a brief webinar for their website on school safety and is preparing an article for their fall publication.

Advisory Board Member Updates

- **Chris Wilderman** expressed appreciation to the Center staff for its work on the Summit and other regional conferences--providing new and relevant training to its stakeholders while maintaining a demanding schedule. Center staff in return thanked the Board for its supportive efforts which make all of the training possible. Mr. Wilderman also shared information about “Girl Effective” and suggested that the Center might want to learn more about this program and add it to the Center’s resources.
- **Mark Pokorny** advised that MSU Denver is working with the American Red Cross on trainings for emergency response. *Save a Life Denver* was created by the Red Cross to provide resources and training for active threats. That training includes Bleeding Control and Bystander Response Training.
- **Kathy Plomer**, the Board’s CASB representative, reported that the organization will have a new Director of Professional Development the first week of December. She would like to collaborate with the Center to make more online training available.
- **Lorrie Odom** advised that the national PTA is helping to underwrite a webinar on vaping due to the Colorado data that indicated a 150% increase in teen use of tobacco. RMC Health and the JeffCo PTA are working to develop a prototype. Widespread usage is being reported in schools across the state, as confirmed by Board Members Melanie Voegeli-Morris and Carolena Steen and the 2017 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey results. Tech devices that detect vaping are being developed for and used in schools. Jarrod Hindman added that the funding stream that tobacco use once supported is evaporating as more users are moving to vaping products, which are not similarly taxed.
- **Carolena Steen** commented that most districts are using the Columbia screen for suicide assessment, but that a consistent measure like the Threat Assessment tool would create conformity across the state.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

**Next Scheduled Advisory Board
Meetings in 2019:**
February, 5, 2019
April 2, 2019
August 6, 2019
October 1, 2019

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