

NOTES

February 5th, 2019

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Miners Creek Conference Room

Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center



COLORADO
School Safety Resource Center
Department of Public Safety

Meeting Attendees:

Advisory Board Members:

In Person:

Greg Busch	Mark Pokorny
Lynne DeSousa	Jenny Schoen
Kelly Jacobsen	Carolena Steen
Matt Lewis	Melanie Voegeli-Morris
Lorrie Odom	George Welsh
Kathy Plomer	Chris Wilderman

Absent:

Steve Fast
Jarrod Hindman
Jamie Haukeness
Meg Williams
Dave Young

Guests:

Adam Collins, CDE

Staff Present:

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

Staff Absent: (Attending to TA Symposium participants)

Melissa Weiss, Program Assistant

Welcome and Advisory Board Business – *Christine Harms, Director*

- The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Christine Harms who welcomed all to the Adams 12 Five-Star Schools Conference Center and the Threat Assessment Symposium. She apologized for the board chair, Jarrod Hindman, who was unable to attend. She welcomed new board member Matt Lewis, Sheriff of Mesa County; and Kevin Rants, CAO for the Dept. of Public Safety and supervisor of the Center staff.
- Ms. Harms thanked board members for attending the Threat Assessment Symposium and particularly, Carolena Steen and Chris Wilderman for their extra assistance with the TA Symposium.
- Sheriff Matt Lewis, recently appointed to the Board from Mesa County, was welcomed and gave a brief overview of his curriculum vitae.
- Evan West, the Center's new Resource Specialist, introduced himself to the board and explained some of his duties.

- The Advisory Board is still awaiting appointments for a CDHS/OBH and a Safe2Tell representative.
- Ms. Harms reminded the board that it was necessary at this meeting to elect board officers, per the board's by-laws. A new chair and secretary are to be elected for a two-year term on the first board meeting of each odd year. She explained that she had been in contact with current chair Jarrod Hindman, who had agreed, if re-elected, to fill this role for another term. George Welsh made a motion to re-elect Mr. Hindman, Lorrie Odom seconded the motion and Ms. Harms called for a vote. The result was unanimous in the affirmative. Congratulations Jarrod and thank you!
- Ms. Harms then asked current secretary Chris Wilderman if he be willing to serve another term, to which he responded it would be an honor. Kathy Plomer made a motion to re-elect Mr. Wilderman, Lorrie Odom seconded and Ms. Harms called for a vote. This result was also unanimously in the affirmative. Congratulations Chris and thank you!
- Meeting Notes were approved from October 2, 2018, meeting as written, with one correction from Kelly Jacobsen, clarifying her position with the Westminster Police Dept., not Westminster Public Schools. That correction will be made and the notes will be posted on the CSSRC website.
- Ms. Harms then led a review/training of the board's by-laws for all members as required annually by C.R.S. 24-3.7-102 in effect as of 1/1/2019.

CSSRC Activities - Staff

- Due to travel schedules, the agenda was adjusted to allow Ms. Ochoa to brief the board on the student/staff focus group training events which were held in November/December by the CSSRC staff. After providing an overview of her topic, which was sexting and a brief discussion about the use of new sexting laws, Dustin Hunter, Brad Stiles and Director Harms provided an overview of their topics which were; bullying, drills/exercises and suicide, respectively. A summary of these focus groups can be found on the CSSRC website at:
<http://cdpsdocs.state.co.us/safeschools/EUpdates/eupdatefiles/January2019ReportStudentStaffSummits2018.pdf>
- Ms. Ochoa was also asked about the outcome for youth on the new sexting law. She has not received analytics yet from the Colorado District Attorneys' Council but will report back at the April Advisory Board meeting.
- Adam Collins with Colorado Department of Education (CDE) provided an update on the development work under Ashawnty's Law (CRS 22-2-144) to create a model bullying policy. Colorado is one of only eight states that does not have a model policy, but CDE is looking for a balance between feasibility and best practices. The draft is complete, public opinion will be opened soon, with a publish date by July 1, 2019. Mr. Collins will share the draft with the CSSRC Board Members for input.
- Director Harms offered updates on two bills working their way through the legislature that may have a school safety nexus. HB19-1051 Concerning Human Trafficking Prevention Training by the Department of Public Safety, requires the Center to make resources and training on human trafficking available to all schools. The Center already does with their Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Resource Guide create and updated by Ms. Ochoa. SB19-087 Concerning a Student who has been "Subjected to a School Safety Incident": this would allow parents to utilize 529 funds for private high schools if they felt the need to transfer their student due to a safety incident.
- Kathy Plomer provided Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB's) opinions on each and Adam Collins mentioned an additional bill, HB19-1112 that has a similar to SB19-087, but focused on bullying. Ms. Plomer

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also provided an update on changes being considered to the Clean Indoor Air Act, to close loopholes therein that allowed for vaping, which resulted in a discussion on vaping by multiple members. Ms. Plomer closed by mentioning how the current sex education bills in the legislature, may also have effects in the school safety arena. Updates on these additional bills will be provided at the April meeting.

- Director Harms then provided the members with an overview of the Center’s legislative report and pointed out some of the highlights. Members of the board were provided with copies of the Legislative Report as well. The report can be accessed on the CSSRC website.
- Ms. Harms provided updates on upcoming regional trainings; to include, the Suicide & Substance Abuse Symposium on March 15th; the annual Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Conference on April 4th; the Western Slope Safety Summit in Montrose on May 9th; and the Institutions of Higher Education Campus Safety Symposium to be held in Loveland on June 13th. All board members are invited and encouraged to attend by reserving a spot with Melissa Rubeo via email or phone.
- Ms. Harms provided an update on the Center’s online course offering for this year, which will include juvenile sex offender management for schools and information on marijuana for school staff and parents.
- Brad Stiles provided the board with an update on his recent project to provide the Colorado PTA with an emergency activation plan, which will help the PTA assist their individual schools in the event of an emergency with volunteer support. He also updated the board on the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) joint trainings around the state, which are focused on the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Active Shooter/Hazardous Event Response program.
- Director Harms then provided an update on the two school safety grants. The School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (Interoperability Grant) awards have recently been provided to the first round of winning schools after a robust selection process. The School Security disbursement grant applications are currently being reviewed with awards coming shortly. George Welsh provided an update on a bill in the legislature which would order that 100% of marijuana excise taxes would be applied to the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant program. This would increase the yearly earmark from \$40 million a year to \$85 million a year. Superintendent Welsh will be testifying in favor of this bill later this week.

Advisory Board Member Updates

- **Greg Busch, Colorado Community College System**, asked that those members who may have influence on grant and funding programs to consider how to add rural community colleges in these programs, as they are in the same dire financial straits when it comes to safety/security funding. Mr. Busch also asked that the Center and board members create a working group to address reunification planning as it applies to dual enrollment students. The Center has agreed to establish and facilitate this working group starting this spring.
- **Chris Wilderman, Adams 12**, asked how the board members might be able to influence the legislature on the current bills with a school safety nexus, through the CDPS legislative lobbyist. Director Harms clarified that the CDPS staffer is a liaison, not a lobbyist and therefore cannot lobby for anything the Governor’s office is not supporting.
- **Lynn DeSousa, CDE**, asked for solutions and/or opinions on what to do about the vaping/e-cigarette problem. She noted that after several years of a drop in suspensions for tobacco use, Colorado has seen suspensions double in the last year, likely based on the proliferation of vaping. Several board members offered their experiences and what has been working for them or not. Ms. Harms noted that the March 15th regional

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training will include a workshop on vaping education and policies in the Boulder Valley School District and the final plenary speaker of the day will also discuss vaping.

- **Kelly Jacobsen, Westminster Police Department**, advised that CASRO (Colorado Association of School Resource Officers) will be holding their annual conference July 16-18 at Double Eagle Hotel and Casino in Cripple Creek, CO. The Center will alert schools about this in the next E-Update.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

**Next Scheduled Advisory Board
Meetings in 2019:**
April 2, 2019
August 6, 2019/Change to 8/13/19
October 1, 2019
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from 1:30 to 3:30 unless otherwise
stated.**