

# NOTES

April 2, 2019  
1:30 – 3:30 PM  
CDPS Complex  
690 Kipling St., Lakewood  
First Floor Conference Room



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

## Meeting Attendees:

### Advisory Board Members:

#### In Person:

Greg Busch	Kathy Plomer
Lynne DeSousa	Mark Pokorny
Essi Ellis	Meghan Shelton
Jarrold Hindman	George Welsh
Kelly Jacobsen	Chris Wilderman
Lorrie Odom	Meg Williams

#### On the Phone:

Jamie Haukeness	Melanie Voegeli-Morris
Matt Lewis	

#### Absent:

Steve Fast	Carolena Steen
Jenny Schoen	Dave Young

#### Staff Present:

Chris Harms, Director  
Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant  
Margaret Ochoa, CSA Prevention Specialist  
Melissa Rubeo, Program Assistant  
Evan West, Resource Specialist

#### Staff Absent:

Brad Stiles, Emergency Response Outreach Consultant (attending conference in Texas)

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

- The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Jarrold Hindman who started introductions with the attendees on the phone.
- Meeting notes from February 5, 2019, were approved as written.
- Christine Harms informed the board that she will be presenting this summer at the Campus Safety Conference on the topic of Suicide Prevention. As a result, the August board meeting will take place on August 13, 2019, in a different location.
- Essi Ellis, the new Director of Safe2Tell, was asked to introduce herself and provide some background. She informed the Board that she has an extensive background in emergency management and she is looking forward to moving the program forward and already enjoys working with her team.
- Meghan Shelton, the new representative from the Office of Behavioral (OBH) Health within the Colorado Department of Human Services also introduced herself upon her arrival. She serves as the School Based

Behavioral Health coordinator, Transition Age Youth director and manager of the First Episode Psychosis Project within OBH.

- The Board expressed welcome and appreciation to the two new members.
- The Board also expressed its heartfelt thanks to Meg Williams who is retiring from the Colorado Department of Public Safety/Division of Criminal Justice at the end of June so this will be her last Advisory Board meeting. Ms. Williams has been locally and nationally recognized for her outstanding work in juvenile justice and was instrumental in the Center receiving grant funding to host the six restorative practices training sessions for schools. Although she is retiring, she told the Board she will be continuing her role in juvenile justice as a consultant and everyone was happy to hear that.

#### **CSSRC Activities - Staff**

- Christine Harms shared with the Board that we have completed a document that highlights many of the statewide achievements in school safety in the 20 years since the Columbine tragedy. The document was sent out previously for review.
- Unfortunately our Legislative Liaison, Cooper Reveley, was unable to attend the meeting. Advisory Board members and staff weighed in on bills they thought would be of interest to the group.
  - Margaret Ochoa informed the Board of the Human Trafficking training bill (HB19-1051) that is a reprise of last year's bill that failed after the appropriations review. The bill would seek a full time employee within the Division of Criminal Justice of CDPS to train law enforcement and the education communities on human trafficking. This bill currently passed through the House and Senate and is now with Appropriations.
  - She also updated the group on SB19-049 which would lengthen the statute of limitations on sexual assault to five years.
  - Mentioned by Kathy Plomer from CASB was the bill on sex education in schools which has been somewhat controversial HB19-1032.
  - Also of interest to schools will be HB19-1186 concerning the fingerprinting for school staff by a third party CBI approved vendor.
  - A bill (SB19-179) for further resources to the Frank DeAngelis School Safety Center is making its way through the legislative process.
- Christine Harms informed the Board about the regional training that was held on March 15, 2019, which was a collaborative effort with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), the Office of Suicide Prevention within CDPHE and the Colorado Social Workers Association. There were approximately 155 people in attendance and other than frustration with a new caterer, the event very well. At this point, the Center has three more regional trainings in the works before the end of the school year. Board members are always invited to attend for all or part of a training at no charge. Simply call Melissa Rubeo for registration.
- Margaret Ochoa shared information on the upcoming Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Symposium that will be held on April 4, 2019 at the Lowry Conference Center. Two plenaries that have dovetail presentations - both will speak on social norms and how they are contributors to sexual violence. She also shared that there will be workshops on mandated reporting, trafficking, adult sexual misconduct, Title IX updates and more.
- Christine Harms provided information on the event we are hosting with Montrose School District on May 9, 2019, in MONTROSE, CO. Ben Cort, author of Weed, Inc. will present on Marijuana in the morning and Rosalind Wiseman, author of Queen Bees and Wannabees, will speak in the afternoon.

- The Board was also informed of the Institutions for Higher Education Symposium that will take place on June 13, 2019. Jonathan Grushing from the FBI will present on Threat Assessment, Kimberly Dickman from the Air Force Academy will speak on Title IX issues, Sgt. Steven Cowles of the CU, Boulder will present on interviewing skills, two professors from CSU will present on substance abuse prevention tools on IHE campuses and special guest will be Dr. Elizabeth Allen from the University of Maine presenting on hazing. It promises to be a very interesting day.
- Brad Stiles will be reaching out to the higher education networking group regarding reunification when high school students are attending classes on college campuses. As he was planning this, information has been coming from the Campus Safety Magazine on other topics related to concurrently enrolled students and we are working to set a working group meeting date for this discussion.
- Christine Harms informed the Board that due to the high demand for a more in depth training from Sam Jingsfor on digital threat assessment, we are working with Steve Fast and CSDSIP on partnering to host a three day training September 25, 26, and 27, 2019. The first day will be basic, second day will be advanced, and the third day will be a train-the-trainer event.
- Over the past months, Brad Stiles has been working with the Colorado Parent Teacher Association (PTA) regarding how the PTA can assist their local districts in the midst of a crisis. This work will be discussed at the PTA's meeting toward the end of April.
- Christine Harms informed the Board that Evan West, Resource Specialist, is currently revamping the Center's website.
- There was a grant shared on Friday, March 29, 2019, after we sent our monthly E-Update that covered a variety of topics. The Center is currently looking at whether an application to validate the Threat Assessment document we utilize could be completed and submitted.
- Dustin Hunter informed the Board that the Model Bullying Prevention Policy that CDE representatives had presented to the Board during past meetings is currently available for reviews and comments. The Center discussed a few recommendations for the policy. This policy is a basic item that the school districts can adopt and is a basic format that can be taken and adapted to any district. Another meeting will be held with stakeholders after recommendations are made and reviewed.
- Dustin Hunter spoke on the 5A and 5B initiatives in Jefferson County - 5A is a mill levy that provided funding for schools in 2012. Previously it did not pass. This time it will come with a \$33million/year tax increase with approximately \$3million going to charter schools to increase compensation and benefits to bring in staff. Approximately 20% will be set aside for counseling and mental health professions, some of the funds will be used for STEM, some of the funds will be used to purchase books and other supplies, and some of the funds will be used for Early Childhood. 5B will have a \$567 million bond though funding structure to increase to approximately \$750 million for use in physically improving buildings - improving facilities, safety and security, and doing things to make the buildings more accessible and ADA compliant. Some of the funds may be used to renovate classrooms and other parts of the school over six years.
- Christine Harms shared that while the April meeting is usually when we have our Youth Council present their projects to the Board, we took a different approach this fiscal year. This fall the Center held Student Staff Summits in three different cities instead of having a council like in the past.
- Christine Harms attended an event hosted by the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence in November on cannabis research. Researchers from Canada, Washington State and Colorado presented findings including the increased levels of THC particularly in edibles, the difficulty researching cannabis effects as a variety of other materials are present in varying amounts and the upsurge in vaping.

### **Advisory Board Member Updates**

- **Kathy Plomer** informed the Board that CASB is looking for a new Executive Director to come in after Ken Delay retires in July.
- **Lynne DeSousa** informed the Board that the National Restorative Justice conference is coming to Denver in June of 2019.
- **Jarrod Hindman** informed the Board the CDPHE currently has a request for applications out for revamping the Youth Awareness Campaign. They will be working with the Office of Behavioral Health to focus work on positive youth development and climate. The main goal will be focusing on prevention.
- **Officer Kelly Jacobsen** shared with the Board that since our meeting in August, the school she works with has installed vape sensors in the restrooms which has led to hundreds of hits over the course of a few weeks. She is requesting additional information on vaping that can be taken back to the facility to assist with this issue. This led to a rich discussion on vaping in schools and Sheriff Lewis shared an excellent website: Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: [rmhidta.org](http://rmhidta.org)
- **Essi Ellis** informed the Board that she is looking at Safe2Tell legislation, policies and procedures. She is hoping to focus on trying to create a better culture in schools. At this time they are looking to hire another trainer to assist with this in the schools.
- **Mark Pokorny** shared that he is tasked with hiring a full time emergency manager. At this point they are having difficulty finding qualified individuals at the pay rate they can offer but he is hopeful they will find someone before our next meeting.
- **Greg Busch** shared that last year's legislation gave the Colorado Community College system authorization to have programs for 4-year nursing students. The programs have already started with hopes that this will help ensure that individuals remain in the rural areas after training.
- **Meg Williams** reminded everyone that this is her last meeting with us as she is retiring. She stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on this Board and the work we are all doing is incredibly important. She believes that these collaborations can spur innovative thinking.
- **Melanie Voegeli-Morris** shared that she believes we are all on the same page across the state in our goals. She has been asked to present at the district advisory board meeting on SEL and what they are doing in their district. She stated that we should be working upstream on prevention and how to help teachers connect with the students.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.**

#### ***Next Scheduled Meetings:***

***August 13, 2019\* This is a change from our usual first Tuesday of the month.***

*October 1, 2019*

*February 4, 2020*