

NOTES

April 7, 2020

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Virtual meeting due to COVID-19



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School Safety Resource Center

Department of Public Safety

Meeting Attendees:

Advisory Board Members:

On Google Meets Hangout:

Kelly Abbot	Lorrie Odom
Sarah Brummett	Kathy Plomer
Greg Busch	Mark Pokorny
Lynne DeSousa	Meghan Shelton
Essi Ellis	Jenny Shoen
Steve Fast	Carolena Steen
Jamie Haukeness	Melanie Voegeli-Morris
Kelly Jacobsen	George Welsh
Matt Lewis	Chris Wilderman

Absent:

Dave Young

Staff Present:

Christine Harms, Director
Brad Stiles, Emergency Response Outreach Consultant
Margaret Ochoa, CSA Prevention Specialist
Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant
Isaac Baah, Resource Specialist
Melissa Rubeo, Program Assistant
Vickie Cooper, SE Regional Training Consultant
Jamie Soucie, NE Regional Training Consultant
Kati Garner, NW Regional Training Consultant

Guests:

Hannah Bish YES2
Annabelle Girard YES2
Caitlin Maiwald YES2

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

- The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chris Wilderman who introduced himself and covered the basic information for participating in a virtual meeting. He then had each of the members introduce themselves.
- Christine Harms asked that each of the members share how the current situation was affecting their agency or district.
- A motion was made by Sarah Brummett and seconded by Sheriff Matt Lewis and carried to approve the notes from the February 4, 2020 meeting, as written.

Youth Council Update on Student/Staff Workshop in Lamar - *YES2 Students*

- Margaret Ochoa introduced the YES2 students who were attending the virtual meeting: Hannah Bish, Annabelle Girard, and Caitlin Maiwald.
- Each YES2 participant shared her experience participating in the workshops provided during the Student Staff Summit in Lamar. They noted that the size and affluence of schools does not necessarily influence connectedness. All schools need to work to create more positive cultures. Many schools offer plenty of opportunities for connection, but students do not always take advantage, sometimes because of lapse in

communication. Intentionality by school leaders is key. They also shared their reasons for joining the YES2 team and their participation in the Sources of Strength program in their school.

CSSRC Activities- - Staff

- Director Harms reintroduced the Regional Training Consultants and turned to them for staff updates.
- Kati Garner, North West Regional Training Consultant, shared that the Center has converted trainings to virtual trainings to ensure we are able to provide our services to school staff. Some of the benefits include being able to reach individuals from around the state at one time, trainers can team up to provide the trainings much easier than in person, and we can still reach everyone while following the COVID health and safety measures. Center staff are also reaching more teachers through the virtual trainings.
- Jamie Soucie, the North East Regional Training Consultant, shared that the Project Management Team has completed the first phase of the STOP grant - the refinement of the documents and training. The PMT has been able to complete quite a few virtual meetings to ensure this process stays on track. A call for the first five pilot sites has gone out.
- Vickie Cooper, South East Regional Training Consultant, shared that the staff is going through the 17 online trainings courses developed over the years to ensure that content and data are still current and updating where necessary. The team will have all courses reviewed and updated by July 1, 2020.
- Margaret Ochoa shared with the Board the newest vision from working with the BOLD/Collective Impact group which was formed in 2019. The project is a School Safety Academy that would include five days of study on different content areas to be presented by the Center and its partners, including Safe2Tell, the I Love U Guys Foundation, CSDSIP, the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, The Frank DeAngelis Center, and others. At the end of the five days, the individual would be certified as a school safety specialist. If the academy is well received,, the Center will explore the potential of holding it in different locations throughout Colorado.
- Brad Stiles provided an update on the STOP Grant and the Institutions of Higher Education Working Group. At this point with the STOP Grant, the Project Management Team is finalizing training materials including the second portion of the training, which will be interviewing skills and practice. The Center has been working with the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) to develop a data storage system that will house threat assessment data which will be gathered by a simplified and universal threat assessment form. The Institutions of Higher Education Working Group was planning to meet just before the COVID-19 health situation began. The purpose of the meeting was to review the presentation on reunification of minors on campus for the Institutions of Higher Education Safety Summit that will be held in June 2020. The IHE Summer Safety Symposium will continue as a virtual conference.
- Dustin Hunter shared an update on suicide prevention work and the Trauma Informed Drills Working Goup. Before the quarantine/stay at home order took effect, he was able to meet with the Mental Health working group to review the suicide risk assessment toolkit and information. Due to safety concerns, this training cannot be presented in person, but he is working on potential ways to offer this training virtually.
- Isaac Baah shared that the current COVID-19 situation forced the Center to cancel multiple events including the Student and Staff Safety Symposium in Montrose, the Western Slope Safety Summit, and the Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium.
- Melissa Rubeo updated the Board on the progress of the Safe Schools Summit in October. The Call for Proposals has been sent out. Plenary speakers have been secured, proposals are filtering in, and registration has begun.

Advisory Board Member Updates

- **Chris Wilderman**, Adams 12 School District, thanked the Center staff for their work on the 2019 Legislative Update/Report.
- **Mark Pokorny**, Metro State University of Denver, shared his willingness to consult with any school, as his schedule allows, on the handling, maintaining, and disposing of hazardous materials. This offer stemmed from a call he received last year from a private school requesting assistance with out-dated chemicals.
- **Sarah Brummett**, CDPHE, shared that her office currently has resources to help prevent suicide, including a new video featuring Jimmy Gram on the topic of safe storage of weapons. Ms. Brummett also offered another resource from her office, an activity book for children under the age of 10 about emotions, wellness and sharing feelings with a trusted adult. This workbook was originally developed for the state of Connecticut but CDPHE is working with the publisher to create a Colorado version. There are also more funds available for the Sources of Strength program in schools. CDPHE/OSP plans to hold one or two train-the-trainer workshops over the summer on this curriculum.
- **Dr. Lorrie Odom**, Colorado PTA, shared that there is an upcoming PTA convention in April that will have a workshop on suicide prevention, Question Persuade Refer (QPR) trainings, and how to have LGBTQ+ inclusive schools. So far, the Jefferson County PTA has completed five QPR trainings and they were all very well attended.
- **Adam Collins**, CDE, shared that there are multiple grants available through his agency including the EARSS grant which is due mid-March and the school health professionals grant. The Colorado Department of Education has finished the first three year grant cycle for the Anti Bullying Grant and according to the data collected, bullying was reduced by 33%. Board members congratulated Mr. Collins on this wonderful accomplishment.
- **Chris Wilderman**, Adams 12 School District and a member of the I Love UGuys Foundation's Board, shared that they met with the I Love UGuys Foundation and John-Michael Keyes before the holiday season to discuss a change to the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). He stated that as of April 2020, the term "Lockout" will no longer be used and it will be replaced with "Secure."

The meeting closed at 3:08 pm.

**Next Scheduled
Meetings:**

August 4, 2020

October 6 2020

February 2, 2021

April 6, 2021

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