

## NOTES

February 11, 2020  
(postponed from 2/4 due to weather)  
1:30 – 3:30 PM  
CDPS Complex  
700 Kipling Street, Lakewood  
Fourth Floor Training Room



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

### Meeting Attendees:

#### Advisory Board Members:

##### In Person:

Kelly Abbott	Mark Pokorny
Sarah Brummett	Jenny Schoen
Lorrie Odom	Chris Wilderman
Kathy Plomer	

##### On Phone:

Greg Busch	Kelly Jacobsen
Essi Ellis	Matt Lewis
Steve Fast	Carolena Steen
Jamie Haukeness	Melanie Voegeli-Morris

##### Absent:

Lynne DeSousa	George Welsh
Meghan Shelton	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

##### Staff On Phone:

Vickie Cooper, SE Regional Training Consultant  
Jamie Soucie, NE Regional Training Consultant  
Kati Garner, NW Regional Training Consultant

##### Guest:

Adams Collins, CDE (sitting in for Lynne DeSousa)

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

- The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chris Wilderman who introduced himself and had each of the members introduce themselves.
- Christine Harms introduced Kelly Abbott, the newest board member who is the Manager of the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance within the Division of Criminal Justice representing the Department of Public Safety. Board members all welcomed Kelly as she comes to the board with a great deal of mental health and juvenile justice experience

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- Ms. Harms also introduced the newest member of our team, Kati Garner, and had her provide information on her background.
- A motion was made by Ofc. Kelly Jacobsen and seconded by Lorrie Odom and carried to approve the notes from the October 1, 2019, meeting as written.
- Board members were provided copies of the by-laws and Ms. Harms reviewed the major sections satisfying the legislative requirement to educate the board annually.

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

- Director Harms provided an update to the board regarding the hiring of the four regional training consultants. At this point, we have the North West, North East, and South East positions filled but we are still conducting interviews for the South West position.
- Ms. Harms also shared highlight information from the 2019 Legislative Update that the CSSRC staff compiled at the end of 2019 including the 17 online courses CSSRC staff has created, 12 regional trainings in the past calendar year, 103 trips to schools and/or districts, and 722 consultations to schools.
- **Legislation Update:**
  - Ms. Harms shared brief information on some of the bills that are currently being discussed:
    - The juvenile residential facilities bill would require the CSSRC to review juvenile residential agencies and make recommendations as to future needs. Ms. Harms has been informed that this bill is no longer viable.
    - A second bill, SB20-023, is the School Safety Working Group bill. Ms. Harms testified on this bill last week and it has been moved from a CDE project to CDPS. Additional changes have been made to the requirements for the working group as well as adding a representative from the state architect's office.
    - A third bill, HB20-1005, would have calls directed to Colorado Crisis Services before the calls were routed to Safe2Tell. Essi Ellis stated that this would be similar to the Utah tip line which incorporates mental health specialists and analysts in one. At this point, calls that are mental health related are routed to Colorado Crisis Services when needed from Safe2Tell.
    - Also being considered is a bill allowing students to use a medical day for a mental health break.
    - An additional school related bill would provide more mental health training to educators.
    - The School Bus Safety Grant Bill, SB20-052, was proposed by Sen. Corum and the grant process may pass through the Colorado Department of Public Safety.
- Christine Harms shared that the safety situation that occurred in April 2019 resulted in the realization that improvements were needed in the emergency communications with school personnel. Brad Stiles shared information on a new system that has been created and put in place as he was part of this working group. The Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) has worked to create a voluntary opt in system to which schools can register to receive automated emergency information. The individual registering can select the areas and types of messages they will receive. CSSRC staff sent out over 1000 electronic and hard-copy notices about this system and how to register over the previous week.
- Director Harms and Brad Stiles provided an update on the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant awarded in collaboration with DHSEM and the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at CU, Boulder. The

working group has been meeting every other week to refine and adapt the four hour training on Threat Assessment to match the toolkit, to include the best practices from the Secret Service, and to add in pieces such as interviewing skills. Once this piece is finished, staff will go back to ensure the online course and resource guide follow the same guidelines. Grant work with the first pilot sites will begin this spring.

- Brad Stiles also provided an update on the Higher Education Working Group/Networking Group. This year they have been focusing on concurrent enrollment. The first item they are tackling is how best to reunify students under aged 18 on campuses with their families if an emergency occurs while they are attending college courses. The group will be meeting again in March 2020. During this meeting a sample plan will be reviewed before being shared statewide.
- Margaret Ochoa provided an update on the Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES<sup>2</sup>) group from 2019-2020. Due to lowered interest in participation, the Center has been holding Student/Staff Summits in different areas of the state to hear student concerns about school safety. This year, staff met with three students who helped decide the topics for this year's Student/Staff Summits. During these events, there were quite a few students showing interest in joining the YES<sup>2</sup> group for the school year 2020-2021. We will reach out to them in March/April/May along with anyone else who applies.
- Dustin Hunter has been working on a Suicide Assessment Toolkit for schools modeled after the Center's Threat Assessment protocol. A variety of information related to the assessments was reviewed by mental health professionals from across the state and nation. The final toolkit includes a screen, assessment tool, monitoring documents and resources. After the working group finished making edits, a copy of the toolkit was sent to Dr. Terri Erbacher who created the original document to see if she was supportive of the changes made. The accepted toolkit will be reviewed again in March at the upcoming Mental Health Professionals Working Group and the Center's staff will work on creating a training for the toolkit. Dr. Erbacher will also use the toolkit at the regional Suicide Symposium in May.
- Director Harms shared an update on the Colorado Collective Impact for School Safety/BOLD initiative. This project was suggested by the ILoveUGuys foundation and the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence. The Center has been asked to facilitate the work going forward. The goal of the group is to create guidelines for schools on the best practice components of school safety and statewide available resources. The first step for this was to divide the components of school safety into the five preparedness missions as outlined by the U.S. Department of Education. The group meets again in early March. This project will also inform the work of the statewide School Safety Working Group if SB20-023 is adopted.
- Ms. Harms shared that a new working group will begin shortly for trauma-informed drilling in schools. The group will discuss how drills are conducted in various districts and look for national guidelines on best practices to share with Colorado schools. This group will be facilitated by Dustin Hunter. Board member Melanie Voegeli-Morris has been researching this for the Poudre School District and will participate in the working group and share the resources she has discovered.
- Margaret Ochoa provided an update on the results from two of the Student and Staff Safety Symposiums held in Yampa Valley and Lamar in December. In Yampa Valley, surprisingly, the training took place at the Yampa Valley Airport that has a lovely conference center. Staff provided workshops and solicited feedback from students on digital citizenship, emergency drills, and mental health resources. In Lamar, the workshop topics included digital citizenship, suicide warning signs, and the dangers of alcohol use/abuse conducted by a local presenter. At both locations, the plenary presentation was provided by two female analysts from the FBI. Their presentation included topics on how to keep safe online, how data is shared, and how they solve crimes using social media. They also were wonderful models on possible career options for the girls in the audience.

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The plenary presenters were very well received by students and staff alike. One consistent comment was appreciation that the Center brought worthwhile training to the participants' areas of the state.

- The Center also collaborated with the JeffCo/DeAngelis Center for a half-day workshop by Professor Bernard James, J.D. from Pepperdine University in late January. Mr. James provided the audience with very useful information about school law in an interesting format. The Center will work with the DeAngelis Center in the future for further presentations of interest to school personnel.
- Ms. Harms shared information on the upcoming trainings the Center is hosting:
  - In April Center staff will travel to Montrose for the third Student and Staff Safety Symposium this academic year. The following day the CSSRC will collaborate with the Montrose Valley School District to host an adult only safety symposium.
  - On May 6th the Center will host a one-day regional training on suicide intervention that will feature Dr. Terri Erbacher. This will be a collaboration with CDPHE's Office of Suicide Prevention, CDE and Safe2Tell.
  - On May 7 CSSRC will partner with CSDSIP to bring the updated REMS TA Adult Sexual Misconduct all-day training to Colorado.
  - On June 11 is the annual Institutions for Higher Education Summer Safety Symposium at the Auraria Campus.
  - In October, staff will again hold the annual Colorado School Safety Summit at Adams 12. The four plenaries are confirmed and the call for proposals for the workshops will go out in the March E-Update.

#### **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, 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 You Guys Foundation's Board, shared that they met with the I Love U Guys foundation and John Michael Keyes before the holiday season to discuss a

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change to the Standard Response Protocol SPRs. 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:**  
April 7, 2020  
August 4, 2020  
October 6 2020  
February 2, 2021