

NOTES

April 6, 2021

1:30 – 3:30 PM

Virtual meeting due to COVID-19



COLORADO

School Safety Resource Center

Department of Public Safety

Meeting Attendees:

Advisory Board Members:

On Google Meets Hangout:

Present:

Kelly Abbott
Stacey Jenkins
Carolena Guiral Steen
Jamie Haukeness
Kelly Jacobsen
Christina Monaco Larson
Matt Lewis
Lorrie Odom
Kathy Plomer
Mark Pokorny
Sheldon Rosenkrance
Meghan Shelton
Melanie Voegeli-Morris
Chris Wilderman

On Phone:

Greg Busch

Absent:

Sarah Brummett
Michael Dougherty
Steve Fast
Jenny Schoen

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Yes2 Advisory Council
Lena Heilman, CDPHE sitting in for Sarah Brummett
Commander Tim Reed, Westminster Police Department

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

- The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by the Chairperson, Chris Wilderman.
- Director Harms introduced Commander Tim Reed and Officer Kelly Jacobsen with the Westminster Police Department for their presentation on School Resource Officer (SRO) Data Collection.
- The Board members then provided brief introductions.

- Christine Harms updated the board regarding upcoming reappointments. She also thanked Melanie Vogeli-Morris and Jamie Haukeness for their service to both the board and Colorado students as both are retiring at the end of this school year. We will be seeking new appointments for their positions.
- The Board held elections for the Chairperson position and the Vice-Chairperson, Chris Wilderman and Steve Fast were elected, respectively, for two-year terms.

YES² - Staff

- **Dustin Hunter and Margaret Ochoa** provided background history on the Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES²) team and how this year the Center has the largest YES² team ever. They then introduced the YES² team members who were in attendance. These included:
 - Tess Betman
 - Meron Damtew
 - Isaac Doll
 - Annabelle Girard
 - Avery Hudson
 - Isabel Long
 - Anna Lyall
 - Caitlin Maiwald
 - Hope Williams
- Team members shared highlights of the December Student/Staff Summit, which they helped organize and in which many of them helped with the workshops. The Summit consisted of a presentation on human trafficking by both an FBI agent and a high school student who founded a non-profit organization to provide support to victims of human trafficking. The three plenary workshops were on mental health issues, healthy relationships and targeted violence, presented by CSSRC staff and YES² students.
- The students also talked about their middle school project designed to share information with middle school students on what the team members wished they had known before moving into high school. Some students have not yet had the opportunity to schedule their presentations with middle schools due to the constraints of remote learning, so they will continue this project into the fall. A question and answer session followed.
- A number of the board members and Ms. Harms commended the students for their excellent work and thanked them for their participation in all of the events over the past year and today's meeting.

Advisory Board Members' Updates

Colorado Department of Human Services

- **Meghan Shelton**, Program Manager with the Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, shared that her team has been working on a school crisis toolkit that will be web-based. They are hoping to have it in website format very soon. Ms. Shelton will share the draft with the Advisory Board members and welcomes their input.

Colorado Higher Education

- **Mark Pokorny**, Environmental & Emergency Preparedness Manager at Metro State University, extended an offer of assistance with chemical storage, waste disposal, or any other potentially hazardous situations. In the past, there have been problems with chemicals in schools and he is aware of effective, inexpensive solutions to handle the issues.

Colorado PTA

- **Lorrie Odom**, Vice President for Programs with the Colorado PTA, shared that the Communities that Care project is hosting a youth voices event on April 22, 2021, with the goal of finding out what the youth recommend to reduce risk factors. The Colorado PTA Annual Convention will be held virtually on April 17 -

18, 2021, with workshops supporting students' mental health, healthy lifestyle, overcoming barriers and bias, encouraging bystander intervention and more. Dr. Odom also mentioned a cannabis bill that will limit THC potency but the bill has not yet been introduced. Dr. Odom will send further information to Ms. Harms to distribute to all Advisory Board members.

Safe2Tell

- **Stacey Dodge Jenkins**, Safe2Tell (S2T) Director, shared that their team is holding their online train-the-trainer session on April 23, 2021, and may hold another session based on the results of the April training. This information will also be forwarded to Advisory Board members.

CSSRC

- **Director Harms** also reminded the board members that the SAFER grant RFP has been released. Two technical assistance calls are scheduled for later this month and this information will be sent to all board members as well.

Having no further updates, Ms. Harms asked for any final thoughts from the CSSRC staff who expressed their appreciation for the Board's support, and thanked the Board members and the YES² students for their time. Director Harms reminded board members that the next board meeting will be August 3, 2021.

The next meeting on August 3rd is also expected to be virtual.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

August 3, 2021

October 5, 2021

February 1, 2022

April 5, 2022