

## NOTES

February 2, 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:

Kelly Abbott	Kathy Plomer
Sarah Brummett	Mark Pokorny
Michael Dougherty	Sheldon Rosenkrance
Steve Fast	Jenny Schoen
Kelly Jacobsen	Meghan Shelton
Christina Larson	Carolena Steen
Matt Lewis	Melanie Voegeli-Morris
Lorrie Odom	Chris Wilderman

#### On Phone:

Greg Busch

#### Absent:

Jamie Haukeness

#### 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:

Stacey Dodge Jenkins, Interim Director of Safe2Tell  
Delayna Goulding, CDPHE

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

- The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by the Chairperson, Chris Wilderman.
- A motion was made by Steve Fast and seconded by Carolena Steen and carried to approve the notes from the October 6, 2020 meeting as written.
- Director Harms had all board members introduce themselves and share their roles.

### CSSRC Activities- - *Staff*

- **Dustin Hunter**, School Outreach Consultant, provided an update regarding the Youth Engaged in School Safety (YES<sup>2</sup>) program. He shared that the YES<sup>2</sup> students will be attending the April board meeting to talk about the assistance they provided in December for our Student and Staff Safety Symposium including preparation for the event and presentations during the day. He also shared that some of the YES<sup>2</sup> students are working on peer led student projects for their local middle schools, an update will be provided during the April meeting.

- **Brad Stiles**, Emergency Response Outreach Consultant, provided an update on the STOP threat assessment grant the Center has been working on since October 2019. During the winter of 2019 and spring of 2020, the Center spent time refining the materials for the training. During the summer of 2020, the Center trained the five pilot site schools. After those training sessions were completed in August, the Project Management Team reviewed the training responses and went through the materials again to ensure quality. At the end of September 2020, training of the additional 30 pilot schools began. CSSRC staff have trained six locations over the winter, two more are scheduled for February 2021, and three are currently discussing dates for training this spring. Mr. Stiles stated that the workshops have been well received. The workshops are two, three-hour modules per school. Recently an additional state has reached out to the Center regarding the threat assessment training and materials and Center staff are working to share the training with that state as well.
- **Kati Garner**, North West Regional Training Consultant, provided an update regarding the online tool that is being developed for the threat assessment training for the STOP grant. The Center is working with the Governor's Office of Informational Technology (OIT) to create a custom built, free tool for Colorado schools. The tool will contain the threat assessment screen, full assessment and the response management plan. Once the tool is developed, the Center will provide training on how to use it.
- **Isaac Baah**, Resource Specialist, shared that the Center's website is changing from the Drupal 7 platform to Drupal 8 today. He has spent a considerable amount of time reviewing and updating resources to ensure accuracy and validity. The new website should also be easier to navigate. <https://cssrc.colorado.gov>
- **Jamie Soucie**, North East Regional Training Consultant, shared information on the virtual training the Center has been conducting. In the fall the Center decided to schedule workshops on Monday and Fridays with varying topics. New topics have been added to the training calendar since January which has resulted in increased attendance. The Board is invited to attend virtual training as their schedules allow.
- **Margaret Ochoa**, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, updated the Board on the scheduled Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Symposium that will be held this Thursday, February 4, 2021. This virtual, free event currently has over 200 people registered which is the highest interest shown ever for this event. The first speaker will be Carol Shakeshaft who will be speaking on Educator Sexual Misconduct; the second speaker will be Dr. Amber Morczek speaking on the Impact of Legal Pornography on our Youth; the third speaker will be Chief Deputy District Attorney Christopher Gallo and Madison Lengel with the 18th Judicial District speaking on College Ready Prevention; and the final speaker will be Katelyn Jenkin with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation speaking on Human Trafficking and Online Sexual Exploitation.
- **Kati Garner**, North West Regional Training Consultant, shared that the Center is working to partner with the REMSTA Center of the U.S. Department of Education to present a workshop on techniques for self care and peer support, both of which are critical in the present climate. The training will include resiliency strategies and techniques to share with other school staff. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for March 18, 2021 but the Center is awaiting final confirmation from the REMS Center.
- **Margaret Ochoa**, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, updated the Board on the School Safety Academy the Center is creating. The training will be held virtually June 7 - 11, 2021, and is designed to provide baseline school safety education for individuals from districts or BOCES who are tasked with the responsibilities for school safety for their school or district. The Center's staff will be the primary trainers for topics including developing EOPs, site assessments, threat assessment, suicide risk assessments, mental health issues, sexual abuse prevention and an overview of the legislation related to school safety. In addition to the training provided, other school safety partners from across the state will present their resources to the group.

- **Brad Stiles**, Emergency Response Outreach Consultant, shared that the Center is currently in the early stages of planning the Institutions of Higher Education Summer Symposium for June 15, 2021. Mr. Stiles stated that Sara Powell has confirmed that she will present on the neural science of stress and the impact of COVID on students. Other topics being investigated include stalking, substance abuse prevention and a further workshop on concurrent enrollment.
- **Melissa Rubeo**, Program Assistant, shared that the Center has scheduled the annual Colorado Safe School Summit for October 21 and 22nd as a virtual event. The Center has scheduled David Schonfeld from the National School Crisis and Bereavement Center presenting on grief and loss the first morning; the second morning will be opened by Ken MacLennan from Rise Above Colorado presenting on substance abuse prevention and using social norming in schools. The Center will be putting out the Call for Proposals in the March E-Update.
- **Jamie Soucie**, North East Regional Training Consultant, shared that the Center is looking at possible dates and presenters for the Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Symposium for November, 2021. The Center will update the Board of any progress during the next meeting.
- **Dustin Hunter**, School Outreach Consultant, shared that the Student and Staff Safety Symposium that was held in December had topics chosen by that year's YES2 students. He and Margaret Ochoa will be meeting with the next YES<sup>2</sup> group of students over the summer and will select topics for the 2021 Student and Staff Safety Symposium with them then.

#### **Cannabis Presentation:**

- Christine Harms turned the presentation over to **Delayna Goulding, MPH** with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Ms. Goulding is a Statistical Analyst with the Marijuana Health Monitoring & Research Section of CDPHE.
- Ms. Goulding shared the CDPHE website and marijuana dashboard along with the 2019 statistics from the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey.
  - Here the marijuana website: <https://marijuanahealthinfo.colorado.gov/>
  - Here is the HKCS Marijuana Use dashboard: <https://marijuanahealthinfo.colorado.gov/health-data/healthy-kids-colorado-survey-hkcs-data>
- There followed a discussion on student use of marijuana and in particular dabbing and vaping with the higher concentrations of cannabis in both.

#### **Sexual Violence Reporting**

- **Margaret Ochoa**, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Specialist, shared that recently she has been made aware of the situation where youth are reporting sexual assaults through social media platforms instead of making formal reports to trusted adults.
- The problems with reports being made this way instead of formally are that survivors do not receive mental or physical health care; also, the accused is not given due process for the claims. Ms. Ochoa reached out to a number Title IX district supervisors, many of whom have not seen this issue. However, now they are alerted and will watch for it.
- Ms. Ochoa also shared that she was made aware of an online "game" called Save Our Children in which participants are assessed points if they can name sex offenders and harrass or harm them. Ms. Ochoa shared this information with law enforcement and has not yet heard a resolution.

#### **Advisory Board Members' Updates**

##### **Safe2Tell**

- **Stacey Dodge Jenkins**) Operations Manager, shared that their team has conducted a number of workshops and office hours on HB20-1113 (creating a diverse process to transfer tips to Colorado Crisis Services), which

was passed last July. A new finalized process went into effect and is being evaluated. On another note, they are developing an online train-the-trainer. They are hoping to have the training completed by late April or early May.

- Ms Jenkins shared that their office is in the process of hiring a new Program Director and they are hoping to have the position filled within the next month.
- Safe2Tell reports have gone down about 58% during the pandemic and they believe this is due to the schools going virtual. Suicide is still the number one referral with child abuse now in the top five referrals. However, they have also been receiving calls that do not fall within the scope of Safe2Tell because it seems students may not have another outlet to release concerns.

#### **Colorado Higher Education**

- **Mark Pokorny**, Environmental & Emergency Preparedness Manager, shared that his team is currently working on vaccine distribution and the best way to bring individuals back to classes in person in the fall. Current in-person attendance is down about 10% in many institutions of higher education.

#### **Colorado Association of School Boards**

- **Kathy Plomer**, a member of both the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) and president of the Adams 12 School Board, reported that CASB is working to help districts with everything from teacher vaccinations to reopening schools with appropriate safety precautions.
- She also raised the issues of students and sports and the potential budget cuts in coming years as one-time pandemic funding is not long term and many districts are seeing a decrease in enrollment.

#### **Colorado PTA**

- **Lorrie Odom**, Vice President for Programs with the Colorado PTA, shared that the PTA continues to offer QPR training including an upcoming training on February 23, 2021, which will be free to attend.
- Dr. Odom also shared that the National PTA has recently provided good resources for educators to help students deal with the Capitol siege events, how to start the conversation on vaping in English and Spanish, and other relevant topics.
- She informed the board that the Jefferson Center for Mental Health is putting on an event in March to talk about skills in dealing with COVID, public health and suicide prevention. Dr. Odom will share those links with CSSRC and they will be forwarded to board members later this week.

#### **Colorado Department of Human Services**

- **Meghan Shelton**, Program Manager with the Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, shared that her team recently wrapped up their toolkit for first episode psychosis and they are now moving into focusing on best practices for school crises. She also informed the Board that her office is looking at creating a clear policy around the age of consent for students accessing mental health services.
- **Michael Dougherty**, District Attorney, introduced himself and shared that he is currently doing a great deal of work around restorative justice and diversion for juvenile offenders. The Board is very happy to have D.A. Dougherty as a new member.

#### **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**

- **Sarah Brummett**, Director of the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) within the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), shared that her office has a number of hard copy resources available as department downsizes their physical office footprint. She also shared that as schools are returning to in-person learning, they are offering assistance to districts and schools to order materials or complete free virtual training. The OSP order form can be found on [www.coosp.org](http://www.coosp.org) but also linked [here](#).

- Ms. Brummett’s office also has additional grant funding for any schools wanting to do suicide prevention and intervention training. Please ask schools to contact [CDPHE\\_SuicidePrevention@state.co.us](mailto:CDPHE_SuicidePrevention@state.co.us)

#### **Colorado School District Self Insurance Pool**

- **Steve Fast**, Executive Director of Colorado School District Self Insurance Pool (CSDSIP), stated that CSDSIP is working to assist schools with the return to in-person learning, keeping schools open, and answering quite a few questions about safe activities and events.
- Their risk control staff is developing table top exercises on some of the most common accidents or injuries on school grounds and they are working to have this out by late spring/early summer.

#### **Cheyenne Mountain School District**

- **Carolena Steen**, Assistant Superintendent of Cheyenne Mountain School District, shared that her district is very excited to have students back in-person.
- In their community they continue to address youth suicide and resiliency.

#### **Estes Park School District**

- **Sheldon Rosenkrance**, Superintendent of Estes Park School District (EPSD), stated that his district is now back in school and they are glad to be back.
- At this time, they are working on tracking and sharing information related to vaccines and testing for COVID.

#### **Poudre School District**

- **Melanie Voegeli-Morris**, the Mental Health and Prevention Coordinator for the Poudre School District, shared that her district is in their third week of having K-5 in-person learning and they also now have their grade 6+ students working in the hybrid format. She also shared that students seem happy to be back in school physically because it is a safe place for them.
- Recently, they are focusing on staff resiliency and getting ahead of the trauma from the COVID situation and looking out for other staff as well.

#### **Mesa County Sheriff’s Department**

- **Sheriff Matt Lewis**, Mesa County, said that the Mesa 51 school district is now back in-person and the college is doing their best to navigate in-person classes.

**Mr. Wilderman** asked for any final thoughts from the CSSRC staff who expressed their appreciation for the Board’s support. He then thanked everyone for participating in the meetings and working so hard to support the students, families, and communities of Colorado.

**The next meeting on April 6th is also expected to be virtual.**

**Next Scheduled Meetings:**  
April 6, 2021  
August 3, 2021  
October 5, 2021