# Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment Minutes: 3Q2019 Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, August 22, 2019 Meeting held via video/teleconference

#### **ATTENDEES**

Sen. Deb Soholt - Chair Shana Cerny, Advocate Carole Cochran, SD Kids Count Daniele Dosch, FBI Dr. Nancy Free, Child's Voice Krista Herren-Graber, SDNAFVSA Mary Beth Holzwarth, Advocate Katie Hubbard, BOR (Jay Perry Proxy) Sara Kelley, UJS Kristi Kranz, CPCM Ann Larsen, SD DOE Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary's CAC Jolene Loetscher, Advocate Tatewin Means, Oglala Sioux Tribe Jamie Miller, CAC-SD Cassie Nagel, CPCM Teresa Nieto, Advocate Tifanie Petro, CHS Carrie Sanderson, CPCM Director Michelle Seten, Advocate Virgena Wieseler, SD DSS Colleen Winter, SD DOH

Not in attendance:

Haifa AbouSamra, USD

Cameron Corey, SD DCI

Brent Gromer, ICAC

Wendy Kloeppner, State's Attorney

Jay Perry, SD BOR

Ashley Termansen, Advocate

Sharon Chontos, Sage/CPCM

Terry Friend, Advocate

Barry Hillestad, Law Enforcement

Kathy LaPlante, USD

Sen. Alan Solano

Jill Thorngren, SDSU

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Welcome.** Chair Deb Soholt called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM CT.

Tatewin Means moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 9, 2019 and Jolene Loetscher seconded the motion. Motion to approve carried by unanimous vote.

#### GOALS AND GRANTS UPDATE

Pre-read materials provided an extensive update, including information on CPCM Goals and Grant activities. The pre-read materials are attached to the minutes.

## **RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

Director Sanderson provided an update on the Resilient Communities project. An online forum is in development through the CPCM website which will house all

Resilient Communities' resources, including No Hit Zones and MDT/SART information. Ms. Means asked the group to consider our use of the term "resilience" as it has a connotation that bad things will continue which can be traumatic in itself. She advised that within some Native American communities, she is seeing a shift in language to "thriving" or "healing" which is more positive and forward thinking. Director Sanderson thanked Ms. Means for her input and advised that she will reach out individually to some individuals about the project name to get additional engagement. Senator Soholt also thanked Ms. Means and expressed her agreement that we need to be thoughtful about the naming of this project. *Question on Resilient Communities should be directed to Sharon Chontos*.

**Action Item -** Director Sanderson will reach out to individuals regarding the name.

### 2019 COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO CHILD ABUSE CONFERENCE

Information for the 2019 Community Response to Child Abuse Conference, including registration, can be found at <a href="www.sdcpcm.com/conference">www.sdcpcm.com/conference</a>. Kristi Kranz asked board members to consider how they can support the conference through registrations and vendor/sponsorships. The conference committee is excited about the speaker line up and hoping to reach 650 attendees this year. CPCM will once again present an Outstanding Service Award at the conference. Board members are asked to consider making a nomination and sharing the nomination form with their networks. The form will be available early next week and will be emailed out.

**Action Item -** Board members share registration announcement and consider vendor/sponsorships. Board members to share nomination form early next week.

# MANDATORY REPORTER CURRICULUM

Director Sanderson provided a brief history of the work done by Jolene's Law Task Force and CPCM with Victor Vieth to bring Mandatory Reporter Curriculum to South Dakota higher education. After Mr. Vieth visited in May, two University of South Dakota (USD) faculty, Dr. Shana Cerny and Dr. Kelly Bass, created a proposal for a Child and Adult Advocacy Studies (CAAST) certificate at USD. Dr. Cerny advised that the core curriculum will include four courses which will be aligned with the CAAST requirements. All certificate courses will be offered online. Dr. Cerny requested board members to t write a letter of support for the certificate program.

Funding will be necessary for course development. Victor Vieth advised there may be a grant offering through his organization Zero Abuse; however, the grant is not yet available. Dr. Cerny expressed hope that CPCM and partners can assist by supporting professionals in attaining the certificate and providing tuition for the first cohort, with the hope of having at least fifteen students per cohort. The goal is to have support in place and submit the proposal by end of October. Letters of support should be submitted by October 1.

Senator Soholt expressed appreciation to USD leadership in moving this forward and committed to help gather letters of support and work with employers to identify candidates. Soholt reiterated the importance of educated mandatory reporters and an educated community to the movement and expressed her support of the plan to propose the certificate then a minor. Soholt advised board members to take the draft letter and reach out to their circle of influence.

**Action Item -** Support the CAAST certificate development via letter of support, funding, or identifying certificate candidates. Dr. Cerny will provide draft of letter of support to CPCM staff to send out to the board along with a description of the curriculum.

CPCM is investigating the possibility of an updated, interactive video for mandatory reporting education for both students and professions. Staff is working with JoLynn Bostrom at the South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) to understand possible cost. The Mandatory Reporter 201 course from last year's fall conference is being utilized to build the video. Four Board of Regents schools have agreed to include the DSS video within their core education

### DATA COLLECTION AND SD KIDSCOUNT

CPCM Board Member Carole Cochran is the long-standing director of SD Kids Count. Unfortunately, the Annie Casey Foundation (ACF) will no longer be funding SD Kids Count as ACR is transitioning from financially supporting data organizations to organizations that do more advocacy work. ACF plans to consolidate the data organizations for South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana regionally in Helena, Montana. As of December 31, 2019, SD Kids Counts will no longer exist as it currently is in South Dakota.

Data collection and Ms. Cochran's expertise has been essential to the 10-Year plan. CPCM's hopes to pull together a work group to include professionals and experts from the areas of early childhood, JDAI, higher education, researchers, and appropriate state agency representatives to discuss what data needs to look like in South Dakota and where it should be housed. CPCM will begin organizing that group in September and plan to hold one or two meetings to develop a plan by the end of December.

Senator Soholt added that discussions are taking place with several state agencies to keep this at the fore front of thought and expressed that Ms. Cochran has been an integral piece of the work being done and this is a big loss for CPCM. Jolene Loetscher added that Allen Cohan leads the Child Poverty Action Lab (CPAL) in Dallas, Texan. CPAL has similar issues and found funding in unique ways to look at data issues around child poverty and offered to make an introduction or reach out for additional information. Director Sanderson anticipates that there will be a strong ask for data funding as a part of any grant related to the health of South Dakota. Director Sanderson suggested there may be an opportunity for CPCM to be repository for the

information related to health and wellness of SD children. Ms. Cochran will remain on the board through December. The Nomination Committee will determine how to handle the SD KidsCount position on the board as named in the by-laws.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Director Sanderson welcomed Jaime Miller to the board as the Executive Director and MDT Coordinator at Child Advocacy Centers of South Dakota.

Senator Soholt congratulated Director Sanderson on the birth of her daughter and thanked Director Sanderson for hosting the virtual meeting during her maternity leave.

Director Sanderson asked for feedback on the Zoom meeting format. Colleen Winter, Virgena Wieseler, Dr. Nancy Free and Shana Cerny all expressed their support in continuing to use the virtual format. Director Sanderson suggested that others could follow up via email if they had additional thoughts.

Senator Soholt again thanked everyone for their involvement, Director Sanderson for her leadership and CPCM staff for moving the work forward. Senator Soholt expressed her anticipation of seeing many board members at the upcoming 19th Annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference in October.

**Next Meeting**. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 at AmericInn & Suites, Chamberlain. Senator Soholt reminded board members to schedule the November meeting in their calendar as there will be comprehensive agenda with many decisions to be made.

Colleen Winter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Free seconded. With unanimous support, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.