

Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment

Minutes: 2Q 2022 Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Zoom/Pierre, SD

ATTENDANCE

Attendees: Rep. Tim Reed, SD Legislature, Chair; Haifa AbouSamra, USD; Pamela Bennett, CPS DSS; Beth Dokken, SD DOH; Daniele Dosch, FBI; Nikki Eining, Advocate; Krista Heeren-Grabber, SDNAFVSA; Mary Beth Holzwarth, Advocate; Brooke Jones, Child's Voice; Sara Kelly, UJS; Wendy Kloppner, State's Attorney; Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary's CAC; Jolene Loetscher, Advocate; Tatewin Means; Teresa Nieto, Advocate; Brittany Novotny, CAC-SD; Tifanie Petro, Children's Home Society; Toby Russell, ICAC; Laura Scheibe SD DOE; Paul Stevens, Law Enforcement; Virgena Wieseler, SD DSS

Not in Attendance: Shana Cerny, Advocate; Cameron Corey, SD DCI; Sen. Helene Duhamel, SD Legislature; Sheri Fischer, Sanford Health; Rebecca Hoey, SD BOR; Kathy LaPlante, Advocate; Stacy Reitmeier, Avera Health; Michelle Seten, Advocate; Ashley Termansen, Advocate

Guests & CPCM Staff: Darla Biel, Assistant Director; Kristi Kranz, Training Manager; Tracey McMahan, Data Manager; Carrie Sanderson, Director; Susan Smith, Program Specialist; Tracy Thomes, Program Coordinator; Kelly Bass, USD DSW; Katie Hubbard, SD BOR; Nathan Lukkes, SD BOR; Karl Jegeris, CHS; Taylor Rehfeldt, SD Legislature

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome: Advisory Board Chair, Representative Tim Reed, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM CT. Roll call of Advisory Board Members found 21 members present. Advisory Board Members, Guests and CPCM Staff were introduced.

The August 26, 2021, November 28, 2021, and February 18, 2022 minutes were discussed by the committee. Angela Lisburg moved to approve the minutes and Tifanie Petro seconded the motion. *There was no additional discussion and the motion passed.*

ADVISORY BOARD CPCM & PARTNER REPORTS & UPDATES

ACE Cohort: Tifanie Petro provided the ACE Cohort report to the committee. Dr. Robert Anda is completing ACEs and Resiliency training for the first two tribal cohorts on April 21, 2022. The South Dakota Department of Social Services (SD DSS),

Behavioral Health Services, will be sponsoring an additional tribal cohort in the fall of 2022.

Community Response to Child Abuse Conference (CRCAC): Sara Kelly and Kristi Kranz provided the CRCAC report to the committee. The conference will be held October 6-7, 2022, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. The planning committee is in the process of securing breakout and keynote speakers. Please contact Kristi Kranz to recommend current or future topic ideas. Registration will open in July 2022.

Court Improvement Program (CIP) Committee: Sara Kelly provided the CIP report to the committee. The CIP committee continues to provide monthly Lunch & Learn sessions to court professionals regarding the abuse and neglect process. The committee reviewed the Lunch & Learn data sheet listing the number of registrations, attendees, cities, and organizations reached.

Mandatory Reporter: Tracy Thomes provided the mandatory reporter update to the committee. CPCM is creating a workgroup to facilitate discussions on improvements, needs, and changes to mandatory reporting in South Dakota. The discussions will be facilitated by a consultant throughout the summer. The goal of the workgroup is to develop a product that will guide the mandatory reporting strategic plan for the next three to five years.

South Dakota Department of Education (SD DOE): Laura Scheibe provided the SD DOE report to the committee. The Office of Student Wellness is working with DSS and Department of Health (DOH) on child wellbeing and mental health resources. The department has received \$740 million in COVID-19 funds through three stimulus bills. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Round 3 (ARP ESSER) funding provided \$344 million directly to South Dakota schools. Some of the funds will be used for student wellness and mental health initiatives. A mental health toolkit will be created with the funding and be accessible on the SD DOE website.

South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH): Beth Dokken provided the SD DOH report to the committee. The [Bright Start Program](#) was awarded \$2.5 million during the 2022 legislative session. The funding will assist in expanding the service statewide. Avera Health has applied for a HRSA grant to lower the infant mortality rate by implementing a safe sleep curriculum into the Pine Ridge community. The committee reviewed the [Monthly Infectious Disease Dashboard](#). The syphilis infection rates in South Dakota have increased approximately 2,000%. The congenital syphilis cases have increased due to lack of seeking prenatal care. The DOH is partnering with the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations (SDAHO) to provide syphilis education and medication to emergency departments across the state. The [2021 Suicide Surveillance Provisional Report](#) has been released on the DOH website. There were 198 suicides in 2021, compared 185 in 2020 and 2019. COVID-19 was a contributing factor to the higher rates along with the increase of substance abuse and overdoses. A multiagency Action Workgroup has been formed with DOH, DOE, DSS, South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA), South Dakota Department of

Agriculture (SDDA), and the Department of Tribal Relations (DTR) to review data and identify counties that have reached or exceeded their 10-year average in suicide rates. Nine counties were identified in 2021. The workgroup has contacted those counties to offer assistance in suicide education and ensure the proper resources are available in the community. The DOH, DSS, Division of Behavioral Health, in partnership with other state agencies, will be hosting the [Start the Conversation: Suicide Prevention Conference](#) on August 11-12, 2022 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center.

South Dakota Department of Social Services (SD DSS): Virgena Wieseler provided the SD DSS report to the committee. Since the implementation of the [Mandatory Reporting Program](#) in 2016, 31,492 people have completed the program. A vendor has been selected to assist with developing and implementing the Family First Prevention Services Act in FY 2023. This will allow Child Protection Services (CPS) to use Title IV funds to focus on mental health, substance abuse, and parenting to prevent the removal of children. On March 11, 2021, the foster and adoptive parent recruitment campaign "[Stronger Families Together](#)" was launched. The campaign has a goal of recruiting 1,200 new families over the next four years (300/year). To date, 239 newly licensed foster homes have been secured with an additional 69 homes currently in the approval process. The Child Support Commission has drafted two pieces of legislation. [HB 1133](#) was approved at the 2022 legislative session to clarify the cost of required home studies for adoption are the responsibility of DSS. DSS was awarded \$300,000 (\$3,000/home study) from the legislature starting July 1, 2022. The department received \$100 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stabilization grant. \$64 million of the funds will be used for existing childcare providers, and \$36 million will be allocated to assisting startup daycare centers and childcare for underserved areas of the state. To date, 676 licensed or registered childcare providers have received assistance for three months of operating expenses (total of \$35.3 million). Tiffany Wolfgang has replaced Laura Ringling as the Division Chief of Behavioral Health Services. Alex Mayer will replace Virgena Wieseler as the Chief of Children and Family Services on May 9, 2022.

South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (SDNAFVSA): Krista Heeren-Graber provided the SDNAFVSA report. The Sexual Violence Institute is hosting a free conference April 20-21, 2022 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre. The [Domestic Violence Institute](#) conference is scheduled for September 8, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Sioux Falls. Addressing abusive partners intervention, multilingual victims of violence and survivor forward focus will be the three tracks provided at the conference. SDNAFVSA has grown to 72 member agencies across South Dakota. The projects currently in progress are listed on the [SDNAFVSA website](#).

Student Engagement: Kristi Kranz provided the student engagement report to the committee. CPCM has secured grant funding for two USD law fellows, Rex Schlicht and Mia Hockel. Megan Goetz from the Rise Up Program through the Center for Disabilities will be joining CPCM in the summer to assist Darla Biel with the ECCS grant. Susan Smith is currently working with Lesly Abarca-Valladares from SDSU on

social media for CPCM. Tracey McMahon will be working with Beth Bruggeman, a MSW student, in the fall to assist with CPCM data.

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Nikki Eining and Darla Biel provided the Resilient Communities Guidebook draft to the committee for review. The guidebook will be used for facilitating teams in communities engaged with CPCM Resilient Communities and is a South Dakota Implementation tool built upon the CDC's framework for preventing ACEs. TateWin Means will be contacted to assist with tribal content for the guidebook.

Action Item: Review the Resilient Communities Guidebook to ensure it includes culturally relevant content specific to South Dakota Tribal Nations.

DIVERSITY & CPCM; TRIBAL COMMUNITIES LIAISON

Carrie Sanderson started an open dialog to gather feedback on how CPCM can become more inclusive and enhance their partnerships with tribal communities in South Dakota. CPCM has been looking into creating a permanent Native Liaison position for the department. Due to limited appropriation funds and grant funding through USD, completing a capital campaign to create an endowment for the position would ensure it is properly funded (\$800,000 minimum endowment). Tatewin Means is in favor of the Native Liaison position and feels making it permanent will send a message to the Tribal Communities that CPCM is serious about creating partnerships. Tifanie Petro provided an update on her work with Dr. Robert Anda on creating culturally relevant ACEs and Resiliency training. Tatewin Means offered to provide meeting space and training to the Advisory Board in Thunder Valley. Krista Heeren-Graber suggested CPCM also be mindful of all types of diversity and ensure that CPCM is reaching all populations in South Dakota.

Action Item: Create a survey to solicit Advisory Board member feedback on an in-person diversity training in the fall.

Action Item: Ensure CPCM broadens support of all diversities across the state as an inclusive organization.

2022 NEW MEMBER SELECTION

Representative Reed summarized the process for electing positions during the annual Advisory Board meeting. There are currently three Community Advocate positions and one County Advocate position open. Two board members filling Community Advocate roles are being recommended to continue their service on the advisory board. The

Nominating Committee reviewed applications for the positions and are recommending the following slate of candidates:

Community Advocate Positions: The community advocates can serve for three successive two-year terms (total of 6 years) before having to take a break in board membership.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Shana Cerny	3 rd
Nikki Eining	2 nd
Taylor Rehfeldt	1 st

County Advocate Position: Professional Advocates have unlimited terms.

<u>Name</u>
Pauletta Red Willow

Representative Reed and Carrie Sanderson provided an overview of the recommended Community Advocates and County Advocate to the board. Teresa Nieto moved, and Wendy Kloeppner seconded the motion to elect. *The motion was approved by the committee.*

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The committee broke into four groups and rotated through each topic discussion to provide valuable input to CPCM on current issues and needs.

Topic 1: Training Platform for CPCM & Partners: Kristi Kranz presented the CPCM training platform information to the committee. The Community Response to Child Abuse Conference on October 6-7, 2022 is offering the following ticket types:

In-Person: Attend the conference at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. This ticket will also include on-demand online access after the conference.

On-Demand: Access to the in-person conference material post-conference only. August 1 – December 31 is the purchase window for an on-demand ticket. A confirmation email is generated with password access to the conference materials. Materials are available until the next year’s conference. The following year, attendees can purchase a new conference ticket that will allow for access to both new and past conference content.

CPCM will continue providing free videos that were originally no cost on the public website.

During the small group sessions, board members recommended recruiting additional trainers throughout the state, ensuring specific content is being covered that was requested, and certifying the content is aligned with CPCM’s mission and values.

The committee discussed CPCM as a training organization and providing onboarding to various leadership agencies throughout the state to communicate the core competencies.

Board members expressed support for the CAASt scholarship sustainability through fundraising. Ideas included partnering with employers across the state to provide scholarships for their employees and creating a concerted fundraising effort with tribal colleges for scholarships.

Recommendation: Continue developing and be a leader in the state for training programs/platforms and ensure sustainability of the CAASt scholarships through fundraising.

Topic 2: Shared Language and Objectives: Darla Biel presented the shared language and objectives information to the committee. The following Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) National Center for Trauma-Informed Care definition was reviewed:

Trauma: Individual trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.

Trauma Informed: A program, organization, or system that is trauma-informed realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery; recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system; and responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices, and seeks to actively resist re-traumatization.

The SAMHSA definition was created by a large-scale national workgroup through the CDC and is the baseline of the work completed through CPCM and the DOE. During the small group discussions, some board members felt the definitions focused on the individual and didn't include communal, historical, or intergenerational trauma. There was also a suggestion to change the term trauma informed to healing centered. Carrie Sanderson noted CPCM should be the state leaders in promoting a unified definition that could be adopted by all agencies in South Dakota.

Recommendation: The committee will continue discussions on unified language.

Topic 3: Fundraising Initiatives: Susan Smith presented the fundraising initiatives information to the committee. During the small group sessions, the committee discussed support for the Tribal Liaison position capitol campaign and, the need for CPCM to increase awareness of the value the organization provides throughout the

state. Dr. Haifa AbouSamra supports the work of CPCM and discusses the organization to donors in her position as the Dean of USD School of Health Sciences. There was discussion on creating a secondary CPCM fundraising board. Suggestions for smaller scale fundraising are silent auctions, donation jars at the Sturgis Rally, and designing a t-shirt for sale at the annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference.

Recommendation: Develop a capital campaign to ensure sustainability of a Tribal Liaison position at CPCM.

Topic 4: Policy Drafts - Using Data to Drive Decisions: Tracey McMahon presented the policy draft for using data to the committee. During the small group sessions, the various systems being used to enter data was discussed. Startup funding and sustainability for data projects and data ownership was a common theme. The group identified, data gaps, information sharing, qualitative/quantitative needs, common goals, continuous quality improvement, nonreporting of child abuse/maltreatment information, and data harmony as issues throughout the state. Tatewin Means reported Canadas First Nations is assessing child/community wellbeing, and Indigenous Determinates of Health. This is an expansion on the Social Determinates of Health by including the impact of racism colonization and intergenerational historical trauma.

Recommendation: CPCM to be a leader in helping agencies define what should be collected to ensure data harmony and collaboration.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Action Items: Carrie Sanderson recapped the following action items to the Advisory Board:

- Review the Resilient Communities Guidebook to ensure it includes culturally relevant content specific to South Dakota Tribal Nations.
- Create a survey to solicit Advisory Board member feedback on an in-person diversity training in the fall.
- Ensure CPCM broadens support of all diversities across the state as an inclusive organization.

Recommendations: Carrie Sanderson recapped the following recommendations from the breakout sessions to the Advisory Board:

- Continue developing and be a leader in the state for training programs/platforms and ensure sustainability of the CAASt scholarships through fundraising.
- The committee will continue discussions on unified language.
- Develop a capital campaign to ensure sustainability of a Tribal Liaison position at CPCM.

- CPCM to be a leader in helping agencies define what should be collected to ensure data harmony and collaboration.

NEXT MEETINGS

The CPCM Advisory Board will meet quarterly on the following dates:

- February 18, 2022 (virtual)
- April 21, 2022 (in person – Pierre, SD)
- August 18, 2022 (virtual)
- November 17, 2022 (virtual)