

Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment

Minutes: 4Q 2022 Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Attendees: Rep. Tim Reed, SD Legislature, Chair; Pamela Bennett, CPS DSS; Pamela Carriveau, SD BOR; Cameron Corey, SD DCI; Nikki Eining, Advocate; Sheri Fischer, Sanford Health; Krista Heeren-Graber, SDNAFVSA; Mary Beth Holzwarth, Advocate; Brooke Jones, Child's Voice; Sara Kelly, UJS; Kathy LaPlante, Advocate; Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary's CAC; Jolene Loetscher, Advocate; Tatewin Means, Advocate; Tifanie Petro, Children's Home Society; Pauletta Red Willow, Advocate; Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt, Advocate; Toby Russell, ICAC; Laura Scheibe SD DOE

Not in Attendance: Haifa AbouSamra, USD; Shana Cerny, Advocate; Beth Dokken, SD DOH; Daniele Dosch, FBI; Sen. Helene Duhamel, SD Legislature; Wendy Kloepfner, State's Attorney; Teresa Nieto, Advocate; Brittany Novotny, CAC-SD; Stacy Reitmeier, Avera Health; Paul Stevens, Law Enforcement

Guests & CPCM Staff: Teri Beeson, SANE Coordinator; Darla Biel, Assistant Director; Kristi Kranz, Training Manager; Tracey McMahon, Data Manager; Brandi Miller, Program Specialist; Carrie Sanderson, Director; Katie Schroeder, Program Assistant; Tracy Thomes, Program Coordinator

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome: Advisory Board Chair, Representative Tim Reed, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CT. Roll call of Advisory Board Members found 19 members present. Advisory Board members, guests and CPCM staff were introduced.

The April 21, 2022 minutes will be approved at the February 10, 2023 meeting.

ADVISORY BOARD CPCM & PARTNER REPORTS & UPDATES

ACE Cohort: Tifanie Petro, Pauletta Red Willow, and Kathy LaPlate provided the ACE cohort report to the committee. Discussions continued over the last year around the use of the ACE interface curriculum in South Dakota tribal communities. In April 2022, a collaboration with Project Aware through the SAMSA grant was established to train staff as master trainers. The group has partnered with the Division of Behavioral Health to support the third cohort of master trainers. In November 2022, with the support of the Tribal Advisory Board, 27 individuals who either self-identify as indigenous or are serving relatives in indigenous communities were trained as master

trainers. Additional funding is needed to support a statewide tribal ACEs cohort collaborative. The group plans to continue working with the tribal elders to have a community versus westernized approach for training and partnerships.

Child & Adult Advocacy Studies (CAAST): Tracy Thomes presented the CAASt report to the committee. Five cases were developed from the CAASt focus group session held in 2021. An interprofessional simulation case has been created and filmed to enhance the program curriculum. A student focus group and poster session will be held on December 8, 2022 in Sioux Falls. The CAASt certificate application deadline is December 1, 2022. The CAASt team has provided K-12 training to over 470 educational professionals throughout seven training opportunities. Two additional trainings have been scheduled for early 2023. Vicarious trauma training has been developed and is offered through CPCM's partnership with the Children's Home Society. The mandatory reporter video has been developed and is in final stages of feedback from the task force.

Children's Home Society of South Dakota (CHS): Tifanie Petro provided the CHS report to the committee. Since 2018, 862 ACEs trainings have been conducted for 21,039 adults and 553 youths. There have been 202 Enough Abuse trainings conducted for 3,887 adults and 76 youths since 2019. CHS has partnered with the DOE and CAASt program to provide vicarious trauma training for educators. A multidisciplinary team's best practice conference will be held in Rapid City on February 9, 2023.

Community Response to Child Abuse Conference (CRCAC): Sara Kelly and Kristi Kranz provided the CRCAC report to the committee. The conference was held October 6-7, 2022, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. An estimated 400 people attended the conference in-person. Based on the post-conference evaluation data, the event was successful, and participants rated the speakers and content provided very highly. In-person attendees have free access to the [on-demand portal](#) to view the speaker presentations. Access is available to professionals and students who did not attend the conference for a fee. The content will be available to view through September 2023.

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 tentative date for the Child Welfare Legal Workshop is March 28, 2023. During the 2022 legislative session, the South Dakota CASA Commission received one million dollars in general funds to expand the CASA program throughout the state.

Data Initiative: Tracey McMahon provided the data initiative report to the committee. The indicator selection for the next annual report is being finalized. In 2023, there will be a focus on evaluating outcomes of children in South Dakota. The connecting the dots model is being used for the indicator selection. A focus group was held with epidemiologist for feedback on data quality. The interactive data dashboard is in the

process of being developed. The data team has expanded and added an additional CPCM employee, MPH student, and a computer science student. Sustainability planning continues to be discussed to ensure the projects can be developed and maintained.

HRSA’s Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS): Darla Biel provided the ECCS report to the committee. The Health Integration Prenatal-to-Three Program is in year two of the five-year grant designed to improve processes and outcomes for families with young children. The [ECCS panel webinar series](#) featuring content experts in six core areas impacting children is available to view on the CPCM website. A strategic planning focus group session was held on October 5, 2022 in Sioux Falls with the ECCS Family Leadership Group. A Cross-Sector Advisory Council has been formed and will be expanded to include health care associations and providers. The draft System Asset and Gap Analysis Summary Report will be finalized by the end of the year.

Mandatory Reporter: Tracy Thomes provided the mandatory reporter update to the committee. CPCM created a task force of twelve professionals including representation from state and tribal child protection, child advocacy centers, medical and mental health facilities, state agencies, law enforcement, disabilities, and prosecution to address the following goals:

- Execute a mandatory reporting needs assessment to better understand current state and any gaps in mandatory reporting training, awareness, or policy.
- Provide feedback and guidance in small and large group discussions to provide direction to the needs related to mandatory reporting in South Dakota.
- Give feedback on mandatory reporting supplemental video for South Dakota.
- Develop a strategic plan to organize and support investments and efforts related to mandatory reporting.

A needs assessment was conducted through an online survey (274 respondents). Based on the results, the task force developed the following guidance and recommendations:

- Education/Public Awareness
 - Develop consistent interagency messaging related to mandatory reporting (screening, reporting, post-report) for public dissemination through multi-agency collaboration.
 - Develop language on what agencies can/cannot do and the parameters/limitations each may be working within.
 - Educate general public on poverty vs neglect, risk vs harm, well-being vs safety, etc.
 - Promote an increased responsibility for all citizens to report; increased public awareness and community involvement.
- Resources/Technical Assistance
 - Increased interagency cooperation related to reporting.
 - Determine ways to build confidence across response systems.

- Determine ways to address some of the most common reporting barriers, including reporting wait times and belief in the system.
- Increase supports for families and reporters following a report.
- Training
 - Uniform training of best practices coupled with awareness on who is providing training, how it is offered, how it is tracked, etc.
 - Interagency mandatory reporting training in college programs, LE Academy, and other disciplines.
 - Increased methods and availability of trainings especially including mock/hands-on components as well as region/tribe/MDT specific processes.
- State Policy
 - Greater focus on training, education, and technical assistance before policy change.
 - Concerted efforts to relate outcome data to practice changes to understand effects before policy change.
 - Consider adding additional roles to state statute (ie clergy).
- Tribal Considerations
 - Support grassroots efforts of community movements to impact change based on priorities developed by tribal members.
 - Increased training availability for these communities, both state and tribal focused mandatory reporting training.
 - Develop increased understanding of variation in mandatory reporting practices amongst individual tribal communities.
 - Increased support for follow-up resources required – mental health services, foster homes, mitigate staff turnover, community support, parenting classes, transportation, etc.

Components of the guidance will be integrated into the CPCM strategic plan and provided to the Advisory Board for approval in 2023.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE): Kristi Kranz and Teri Beeson presented the SANE report to the committee. A clinical skills lab was held on October 18-19, 2022 at the Sanford School of Medicine’s Parry Center. Fourteen nurses were trained by four professionals and six live models. The next training is scheduled for March 6-7, 2023. The Understanding the Role of Courtroom Testimony four-part training series was held in partnership with SDNAFVSA and USD School of Law. The training focused on the fundamentals of sexual assault laws and how to testify as a witness in a court trial. Forty attendees completed three virtual sessions, and 17 attendees completed the in-person mock trial. Tifanie Petro will be providing the SANE nurses vicarious trauma training on December 5, 2022.

South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (SD DCI): Cameron Corey provided the SD DCI report to the committee. South Dakota Attorney General-Elect Marty Jackley has named Dan Satterlee as the new SD DCI Director. Mary Beth Holzwarth has accepted the SD Human Trafficking Coordinator position. There are

currently eleven positions open for agents. The substantial raise from the legislature has helped with retention. The department has been working with the Children's Home Society to co-locate Trista Dupres as a DCI agent within the Child Advocacy Center in Rapid City. The department conducted an online undercover child sex sting during the Sturgis Rally. The majority of people arrested during the operation were residents of South Dakota.

South Dakota Department of Education (SD DOE): Laura Scheibe provided the SD DOE report to the committee. The department is heavily focused student engagement and learning loss projects funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Round 3 (ARP ESSER) funding. The Office of Student Wellness is working with DSS and Department of Health (DOH) on child wellbeing and mental health [resources](#). The DOE, DSS, and UJS hosted a joint conference to share a consistent message to court service officers, educators, and community mental health providers.

South Dakota Department of Social Services (SD DSS): Pamela Bennett provided the SD DSS report to the committee. The department will be giving significant attention and resources to comply with the passed ballot initiative for Medicaid expansion. Cabinet Secretary Laurie Gill will be leaving her position in January 2023. The [Child Protection Services Data](#) is available on the DSS website for FY 2022. The foster and adoptive parent recruitment campaign "[Stronger Families Together](#)" continues to make progress in the goal of recruiting 1,200 new families over four years (300/year). A vendor has been selected for the Family First Plan. The program will provide evidence-based programs to support children that are determined to be at risk for entering foster care. The department has been developing a plan for the Safe Care program that works towards the continuum of care for infants impacted by substance abuse. Staffing recruitment and retention continues to be a challenge particularly in the child protection field.

South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (SDNAFVSA): Krista Heeren-Graber provided the SDNAFVSA report to the committee. The agency has hired four new staff members and received multiple grants through the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). Discussions are underway with the Board of Regents (BOR) to partner on prevention education and awareness activities. Lara Roetzel will be joining the West River office to provide training to victim advocates and service professionals on the civil and legal processes. The agency is collaborating with the Department of Public Safety to establish minimum standards for victim and professional standards.

CPCM STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Carrie Sanderson presented the CPCM strategic plan review to the committee. CPCM staff will be completing a routine review of the strategic plan before the end of 2022. The updated plan will be reviewed by board members at the April 2023 meeting to ensure there is overlapping strategies in addressing childhood adversity.

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2023 Public Policy Position Statements: The committee reviewed the following 2023 Public Policy Position Statements with the addition of two items under bullet #2:

All policy issues point to the goal of ending child maltreatment in South Dakota. We understand that what is predictable is preventable. We need to strengthen what we know about, how we respond to, and how we prevent child maltreatment in our state. The following initiatives align with the CPCM strategic plan and the CDC strategies for preventing ACEs.

1. Preventing Childhood Maltreatment in All Forms
 - a. Strengthen sexual abuse prevention programs and laws.
 - b. Create holistic and culturally appropriate responses and strengthen laws and policies to address instances of abuse, neglect, and household disfunction.
 - c. Strengthen and support resources, laws and initiatives to address the co-occurrence of child physical abuse and domestic abuse.
 - d. Support and strengthen laws focusing on the best interest of the child.
2. Supporting Risk & Protective Factors for Building Resilience in Children & Families
 - a. Increase access services to families such as home visiting, early childhood education, and parent education.
 - b. Promote access to mental health services to parents and all those affected by childhood trauma.
 - c. Support efforts to increase safe, affordable childcare and early childhood education. Increase funding for evidence-based family support services and other necessary resources so that they can be established in all communities and made available to all families.
 - d. Promote the notion of a shared societal responsibility for investing in the healthy development of children and providing all families with the support and resources they need and deserve.
 - e. **Creating a task force on coordinating victim services.**
 - f. **Creating a multi-agency coordination team for children's mental health services.**
3. Reporting Child Maltreatment
 - a. Increase training for mandatory reporters in South Dakota.
 - b. Increase public awareness for permissive reporting of child maltreatment.
 - c. Increase the list of professions included in SDCL.
 - d. Increase and support bystander awareness training.
4. Data

- a. Support data collection, analysis, and sharing to create opportunity within the community and the state for increasing protective and decreasing risk factors for children.

Juvenile Justice Study Committee: Representatives Tim Reed and Taylor Rehfeldt presented the [Juvenile Justice Study Committee](#) recommendations. The goal of the committee is to develop alternatives for the placement of juvenile offenders. The committee broke into three workgroups to cover education, mental health, and legal topics. Taylor Rehfeldt reported the mental health workgroup discovered there is not adequate data on the mental health workforce in South Dakota. The ratio of students to psychologist, counselors, and mental health services is not sufficient at school sites. Children in the juvenile justice system are potentially waiting up to 30 days for an analysis of their psychological state. The group has recommended creating a scholarship similar to the Dakota Corps Scholarship Program to fund mental health education for individuals serving children in South Dakota. The following [workgroup legislation and recommendations](#) were reviewed by the committee:

Listing of legislation adopted by the committee:

- A Concurrent Resolution to study a potential optional educational path. (Draft 141)
- An Act to require law enforcement notice to school officials when a student is suspected of violating state drug or alcohol laws or of threatening violence. (Draft 148)
- An Act to modify a court's authority to commit a habitual juvenile offender to the Department of Corrections. (Draft 149)
- An Act to expand the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council. (Draft 151)
- An Act to authorize community response teams to recommend alternative community-based resources for children alleged to be delinquent and children alleged to be in need of supervision prior to adjudication. (Draft 152)
- An Act to make an appropriation to fund scholarships for individuals entering into the mental health field. (Draft 155)
- An Act to make an appropriation to fund telehealth mental health services in rural communities. (Draft 158)
- A Concurrent Resolution to encourage the Executive Board of the Legislature to continue researching childhood mental health and mental health services available to children in this state. (Draft 154)

Listing of recommendations adopted by the committee:

- Recommend continued collaboration between the Unified Judicial System and South Dakota law enforcement groups to provide additional education on how the South Dakota JDAI Risk Assessment tool can be used more effectively and how overrides can be applied to achieve better outcomes for justice involved youth, with a report provided to the Executive Board of the Legislature on what actions have been taken by December 31, 2023.
- Endorse the plan set forth by the Department of Education to expand the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for early learners across the state.

- Request collaboration between the Department of Education, Unified Judicial System, and representatives from the South Dakota State's Attorneys to develop a best-in-class approach to addressing truancy, with findings and recommendations reported to the Legislature and thereafter shared statewide with school districts, diversion programs, and those involved in the juvenile justice system by Month, Day, Year.
- Recommend the Unified Judicial System amend the South Dakota JDAI Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) to include an additional override category: "Victim in the school of attendance and there is an immediate safety concern."
- Recommend the Joint Committee on Appropriations examine ways in which additional funds can be directed to further support public mental health providers.
- Request collaboration between members of the mental health professions and legislators to examine current licensure requirements and explore ways to reduce barriers for qualified professions and to expedite the entry of mental health professionals into South Dakota's workforce, with findings and recommendations reported to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee by Month, Day, Year.

Review of known 2023 Legislation: Representative Tim Reed and Carrie Sanderson presented the following review of known legislation for 2023. The committee discussed forming summer study committees to address victim services and training.

TOPIC	LEGISLATOR	SUPPORTERS	NOTES
Digital Evidence Bill	Helen Duhamel	Brent Gromer	ICAC
SAKI Kit Tracking	Linda Duba	Network	Initial conversations surrounding payment; pertains to Victim Services
Secure Safety/ Storage – Firearm	Linda Duba		See email 10/25/22
Red Flag Law/ Extreme Protection order	Linda Duba		See email 10/25/2
Birth Certificates	Helen Duhamel	Anita Deranleau	
Consent/ Sexual Contact	Tim Reed?	Roxanne Hammond	Consent – will come back this year with potential support from SAs Contact – extend def.
Courtroom Modifications for Children	Tim Reed	Tifanie Petro	Tifanie working with SAs.
Grooming	Tim Reed Sydney Davis	ERHTTF, ICAC, WRHTTF	How to address conversations on “grooming” for LGBTQ+. See event in Brookings
Victim Services Task Force		(can this be intertwined with behavior health?)	Sexual assault crimes; Single payor system for forensic kits; response systems.
Scholarship for MH Providers	Taylor Rehfeldt		Juvenile Justice WG
Multi-agency coordination team for Children’s Mental Health			Imperative to have appropriate crisis response

Training Funds: Law Enforcement	Tim Reed Taylor Rehfeldt	DCI	Discuss with undergraduate programs re: LE training
Title IX investigations		DCi, Child's Voice	Independent investigation through school AND DCI/CAC; see federal admin; Victim service task force?

2023 Children's Day at the Capitol: Katie Schroeder provided the [Children's Day at the Capitol](#) update to the committee. In partnership with the Children's Home Society, South Dakota After School Network, and Early Learner South Dakota, the event will be held on January 11, 2023 at the Capitol Rotunda. The theme is centered around empowering South Dakota children and families. The event will feature twelve booths, lunch, a short program, and a reception sponsored by the After School Network in the evening.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

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

- CPCM will continue to collaborate with the Advisory Board on legislative issues.

NEXT MEETINGS

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

- February 10, 2023 (virtual)
- April 13, 2023 (in person – Pierre, SD)
- August 17, 2023 (virtual)
- November 16, 2023 (virtual)