

Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment  
Minutes: 3Q2020 Advisory Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 20, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

**ATTENDEES**

Sen. Deb Soholt – Chair  
Tifanie Petro, CHS  
Virgena Wieseler, SD DSS  
Katie Hubbert, SD BOR  
Ann Larsen, SD DOE  
Cameron Corey, SD DCI  
Daniele Dosch, FBI  
Sara Kelley, UJS  
Kathy LaPlante, Advocate  
Jill Thorngren, SDSU

Haifa AbouSamra, USD  
Dr. Nancy Free, Child’s Voice  
Krista Herren-Graber, SDNAFVSA  
Mary Beth Holzwarth, Advocate  
Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary’s CAC  
Wendy Kloepfner, State’s Attorney  
Paul Stevens, Law Enforcement  
Shana Cerny, Advocate  
Ashley Termansen, Advocate

Not in attendance:

Tim Reed, SD Legislature  
Brent Gromer, ICAC  
Michelle Seten, Advocate

Colleen Winter, SD DOH  
Teresa Nieto, Advocate  
Tatewin Means, Oglala Sioux Tribe

Guests:

Rachel Oelmann, Sage Project Consultants  
Katelyn Strasser, DOH

Brittany Novotny, Midwest Solutions  
Karen Cudmore, Midwest Solutions

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Welcome.** Advisory Board Chair, Senator Deb Soholt, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CT. Roll call of Advisory Board Members found 19 members present. Guests introduced themselves.

The April 2020 meeting was canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Meeting minutes from the January 2020 meeting were posted online.

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATES**

**CPCM staff provided an update for board member review. The full CPCM update is attached to these minutes.**

**Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS):** Katelyn Strasser, a maternal/ child epidemiologist with the SD Department of Health (DOH), presented information on adverse childhood experiences collected through the PRAMS. PRAMS

reports can be found on the DOH website. The DOH intends to use the data to support increases in trauma-informed care and training for employees. Senator Soholt suggested the PRAMS data may be used to support the work of resilient communities. Kathy LaPlante asked about plans for Trauma-informed trainings for nurses. Trainings are being finalized by DOH and may take place in 2021.

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program:** Kristi Kranz, CPCM, reported on the SANE program. There are currently six certified SANEs in South Dakota, with multiple medical professionals who are increasing training in this area and serving on the SANE task force. Two in-person clinical skills labs were held at USD in 2020. The labs allowed 20 medical professionals to receive SANE training. Additionally, the USD Nursing Program developed curriculum to integrate SANE training into classes and to increase awareness and support for forensic nursing.

The SANE program is partnering with SD DOH to track victim and offender demographic data based on SANE kit tracking. The SANE task force is also working with the Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault to advise on legislation related to the SANE program.

**ACEs and Resiliency:** Tifanie Petro, with Children's Home Society, provided an update on the ACEs and Resiliency program. Due to the coronavirus, the ACEs and Resiliency training moved online. From March to July 2020, over 1,100 participants trained in the program through the online platform. In total, over 15,000 South Dakotans have been trained since January 2018. The license renewal for the program is due in January 2021 and will cost \$16,000. CPCM requested agencies to evaluate the re-licensure funding request to see if they could support the program.

*Post-meeting Update: DSS Behavioral Health Services will support the program by providing the \$16,000 re-licensure fund.*

**Enough Abuse Campaign:** Tifanie Petro, CHS, reported she received approval to be a master trainer so she can train a second cohort of preventers for the Enough Abuse campaign. The goal is to have more trainers invested in communities. The Department of Education, CPCM, CHS and a school out of Brookings County joined together to support a grant application for South Dakota to receive additional online Enough Abuse training. We should be informed in October regarding the grant.

*Post-meeting Update: the grant was not awarded.*

**Justice Center:** Tifanie Petro, CHS, reported that Rapid City is moving forward with the creation of a community justice center. Children's Home Society will be lead on the project, with community support. Sara Kelly, UJS, suggested we communicate with representatives who created a similar center in Michigan.

**Court Improvement Program (CIP) Committee:** Sara Kelly, UJS, reported the CIP committee completed the South Dakota Guidelines for Judicial Process in Child Abuse

and Neglect Cases. The guidelines were provided to circuit court judges, state's attorneys, CASAs, Department of Social Services, and Child Protection in January 2020. The CIP committee is also working to revise attorney training video for child abuse and neglect cases. The committee is hoping to film the video in September and have it available on the DHS website in October 2020.

**Annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference:** The conference will be held virtually on September 30 and October 1, 2020. CPCM is working with the Event Company to help with the transition to a virtual platform. Presenters include Chief Justice David Gilbertson, Dr. Chamberlin and DJ Vanis. Sponsors for the conference include the CIP Committee, Child's Voice, CAC SD, the SD Department of Education, and CHS. Kristi Kanz, CPCM, requested that all members share information through their social media and virtual networks.

**Department of Education:** Ann Larsen, SD DOE, provided an update for the Department of Education. The DOE is once again sponsoring scholarships for educators to attend the Community Response to Child Abuse conference. The SD Department of Health is continuing to work with other state agencies on suicide prevention policies and DOE is updating the mental health web page. DOE continues to support trauma-informed communities work through trainings and some of the CARES funding provided by the state is being used to address student and employee mental health concerns and for suicide prevention. Jacquie Larson from DOE attended the CAASt training and gave extremely positive feedback on it.

**Child and Adult Advocacy Studies:** Shana Cerny, Advocate, provided an update on the CAASt program. The CAASt Certificate program was approved by the Board of Regents and the first cohort will begin in January 2021. A 5-hour webinar series for teachers and teaching staff was held August 10-14, 2020. Carrie Sanderson, CPCM; Dr. Kelly Bass, USD Master of Social Work Program, Dr. Kari Oyen, USD School of Education, and Dr. Cerny, USD Occupational Therapy, facilitated the training. Sessions focused on the current state of South Dakota youth. Additional CAASt training is in development and requests for guest lecturers will be forthcoming.

**The Network:** Krista Herren-Graber, SDNAFVSA, provided an update on the Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault. The next sexual assault state-wide task force meeting will be held September 1, 2020. On September 2, the Network will host a training on multi-disciplinary teams. The Network's offices have moved to a bigger space in Sioux Falls and the agency is in the process of investigating opening offices in Pierre and/or Rapid City. Network partners are working on a project through the Office of Violence Against Women with the goal of establishing sexual assault advocacy and medical services and response in the area where the Keystone Pipeline is being built. Response work is planned to begin in early 2021.

**CPCM Office:** Carrie Sanderson, CPCM, provided an update on the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment office. CPCM offices have moved to a larger space on the first floor of the Health Science Building in Sioux Falls. CMCP will utilize School of Health Science staff for administrative support. The Program Assistant position will transition to a Project Specialist position, who will help with community outreach. Interviews for the position will begin next week.

### **PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA**

The Advisory Board reviewed the requirements to become a Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA) chapter. Discussion included the benefits of being a part of a national organization as well as some potential issues regarding co-branding, required policy implementation, and advocacy. Dr. Nancy Free provided the history of South Dakota's path to considering having a PCA Chapter. Wendy Kloepfner expressed concern regarding advocacy and participation in national policy considerations. Conversation focused on the ability to create strength for South Dakota while maintaining the individuality needed for ending child maltreatment in our state. Senator Sohlt expressed concern for the time CPCM staff may commit to fulfill the needs of PCA. Ms. Kloepfner add concern for additional fundraising requirements for PCA.

*Action Item: Director Sanderson and advisory board members will discuss questions and concerns with PCA. We will report at November Advisory Board meeting.*

### **ELECTIONS**

Senator Sohlt provided the report from the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is recommending Nikki Eining, a mental health professional from Avera, as the community advocate. The Nominating Committee is also recommending the Chair and Vice-Chair positions remain with state legislators. In order to keep continuity throughout the transition, the committee recommends Senator Sohlt remain as Chair throughout the remainder of her tenure as South Dakota Senator. When Senator Sohlt retires, Representative Tim Reed will become CPCM Advisory Chair. The new legislative representative will become the Vice Chair. Virgena Wieseler, SD DSS, provided comment that the plan was well thought out and will provide strong leadership.

Per CPCM Bylaws, Senator Sohlt called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Wendy Kloepfner moved the board accept the recommendations from the Nominating Committee for the election of the community advocate position and CPCM Advisory Board Officers. Virgena Wieseler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was held and the recommendations from the Nominating Committee were unanimously approved.

## **10-YEAR PLAN**

CPCM Director Sanderson presented information on an update to the CPCM Strategic Plan. Director Sanderson provided a PowerPoint as an overview for the changes to the plan. As noted, the hope was to allow the board members to have an introduction to the plan without feeling overwhelmed by the vast nature of the plan. The major change was a restructure of the plan from six goals to five goals: A) Data Collection; B) Training and Professional Development; C) Interprofessional Response to Child Maltreatment; D) Public Awareness; E) Infrastructure Design. Director Sanderson brought attention specifically to the training initiatives and public policy initiatives. A question is presented in how CPCM should respond to the need in the state for advocacy in general for the health and wellbeing for children.

Senator Sohlt provided comment on the growth of CPCM and the importance of recognizing the wellbeing of children as a whole. Wendy Kloepfner expressed pride in the work occurring through CPCM and support. Tatewin Means asked for an update on CPCM's approach to outreach in Tribal Communities. Director Sanderson discussed objective E.4 Tribal Relations. After feedback, it was discussed to change E.4 to Tribal Communities and Partnerships in order to be more inclusive and intentional. Ms. Means expressed concern that we continue to be mindful of including tribal partners throughout the entirety of the strategic plan. Kathy LaPlante echoed Ms. Means' concern and also provided feedback that we need to be more engaged with tribal nations. Ms. LaPlante encouraged the connection with the Indian Trauma Training Center. MaryBeth Holswarth also echoed concern and desire for continued efforts to partner with tribal communities. Ms. Means, Ms. LaPlante, and Angela Lisburg provided feedback with potential information for

*Action Items: Develop better and more cohesive plan for outreach to tribal communities.*

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Director Sanderson discussed Resilient Communities: Brookings County and the reporting child maltreatment handbook.

Virgena Wieseler provided an update for the Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services. Virgena reported there are 13 intake specialists across SD and we have 4 intake specialist that work in a centralized intake line. South Dakota is the first state in the country to have danger threats recorded in a comprehensive way and put into the CPS data system. This allows DSS to identify what supports are needed for the family and what might be bringing the family to the door of CPS. There will be better data that will allow for preventative measures. DSS did receive funding for the family first prevention act which will allow SD to determine how we would like to move forward in the area of prevention. CPS has issued a request for proposals to review CPS in order to improve outcomes.

The board had a general discussion on the psychological and physical safety for children as we move into response from Covid-19. The board discussed measures for impact and challenged the group to move forward with support for children and families. The board suggested continued support for the 211 helpline.

The meeting concluded at 12:30 PM CT.

**Next Meeting.**

The CPCM Advisory Board will meet on November 19, 2020.



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## Advisory Board

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## INTRODUCTION

### NOTE FROM CPCM DIRECTOR

Greetings! The year 2020 has challenged South Dakota, the nation and the world to the core. While we all grapple with the “new normal” brought by Covid-19, children around the state continue to need assistance and support. South Dakota child advocates have risen to the challenge and continue to find new and creative ways to help our children. CPCM maintains efforts to assist our partners in creating safe, stable and loving environments for children. While initiatives may have shifted due to the pandemic, our mission is clear: we must all work together to help our children thrive.

The following information covers much work being done in South Dakota surrounding knowing about, responding to, and preventing child maltreatment. Please do not hesitate to contact the CPCM office with questions or ideas on how to better help children in our state.

Thank you!

Carrie Sanderson, Director  
Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment

## MEETING STRUCTURE

### **Zoom Meeting Details**

According to the [CPCM Bylaws](#), the CPCM Advisory Board shall meet quarterly. The August CPCM Advisory Board Meeting will be held via email and Zoom meeting. The following document includes updates\* provided by board members and is designed to inform the board about ongoing CPCM projects. The Zoom meeting will be held on August 20, 2020, at 9 AM CT, to allow Board members to ask questions and provide feedback on the update.

The next regularly scheduled CPCM Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020, in Chamberlain, SD. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, meeting details are subject to change.

*The 2nd Quarter 2020 board meeting in April was canceled due to Covid-19. To view meeting minutes from past meetings, please visit the [CPCM Advisory Board webpage](#).*

### **Election of Officers and Selection of Community Advocates**

The CPCM Advisory Board will vote to fill the positions\* of Chair and Vice-Chair. The board will also select three Community Advocates. Pursuant to the CPCM Bylaws, a report from the CPCM Nominating Committee was sent to the full board on July 31, 2020. The CPCM Advisory Board currently has 26 seated members and a quorum of 14 is needed for an official vote. If a quorum is not met during the meeting on August 20, 2020, a vote will occur via email.

*\*Agency positions may be filled internally by the agency. The Nominating Committee is working with the designated agencies to determine members for open agency positions on the CPCM Advisory Board.*

## INITIATIVES

### RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

The Resilient Communities: South Dakota is a framework to provide a comprehensive outline and a suite of tools for community coalitions in order to:

- **Know** – Understand your community and build a coalition
- **Respond** – Begin to build resiliency in your community
- **Prevent** – Continue to build and transform your community to be resilient

The goal is to create resilience in South Dakota families and communities, ensuring our children have safe, stable, and loving environments in which to grow and thrive. The framework outlines example strategies for communities to follow in order to put programs, policies, and trainings in place to help build resiliency for our children and families. As a result, community members and professionals from all sectors become trauma-aware and we can help combat adversity for children. The outcome is a stronger, healthier community.

Resilient Communities will be unique to each community. The Resilient Communities framework complements other coalition-building campaigns in South Dakota, including Candidates for Care (DSS) and Communities that Care (DOH).

Brookings County is set to become South Dakota's first Resilient Community. Brookings County has a well-organized coalition that is supported by the medical systems, law enforcement, schools systems, community advocates and South Dakota State University. CPCM hopes to broaden the Resilient Communities program to at least four additional communities in the next year.

Action Items: Secure support from the Governor's Office regarding Resilient Communities designation; continue outreach to identified communities; formalize media information

### SANE PROGRAM

The SD SANE Program is administered in collaboration with the SD Department of Health and the SD Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault. CPCM Program Coordinator Kristi Kranz is lead for the SANE program. Additional support comes from multiple SANE medical professionals from across South Dakota and the nation. The SANE Program coordinates resources and trainings for healthcare professionals across the state in order to improve the access and the delivery of services to both child and adult victims of sexual assault.

The SANE Program maintains a state-wide roster of SANE-trained and SANE-certified healthcare professionals. Additionally, the SANE Program initiates quarterly trainings and a Clinical Skills Training lab. The SANE Program has also partnered with the USD Nursing Department to offer scholarship and training to students at the university starting in 2021.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS - DATA COLLECTION

In January 2019, CPCM and the SD Department of Health partnered to begin tracking sexual assault kits (pediatric and adult) administered within South Dakota. The first full year of information became available in the spring of 2020. With support from the SD Network Against

Family Violence and Sexual Assault and Dr. Bridget Diamond-Welch, we were able to analyze distribution and usage of kits for the first time in South Dakota. Importantly, a strategic plan to increase the methodology for tracking of sexual assault kits was written into the *SAKI* grant (see grant section below).

The initial analysis for tracking data was attached as pre-read materials. Unfortunately, analysis for tracking of pediatric kits was unable to be performed due to a miscommunication of where the tracking number was located on pediatric kits. The information should be available for data after July 1, 2020. Thank you to Dr. Diamond-Welch for performing the primary data analysis.

## NO HIT ZONES

The development of No Hit Zones continues to be a priority for CPCM. The information for establishing a [No Hit Zone](#) can be found on the CPCM website. Avera Health has developed a process for establishing No Hit Zones system-wide. The process includes training for staff and marketing of the program. The implementation was delayed due to Covid-19.

The theme for the 2020 Children's Day at the Capitol was educating about the value of No Hit Zones. No Hit Zone training is included in the Resilient Communities package and Brookings County is working toward implementation. Student workers for CPCM will be dedicated to advancing this cause in the upcoming year.

Action Item: Develop an implementation plan for No Hit Zones in retail settings.

## CHILD RESPONSE MDT EXPANSION / REACH TEAM

In January 2020, Governor Noem announced the initiative to support child response multidisciplinary expansion in South Dakota. An FTE was appropriated for the Division of Criminal Investigation to house the state-wide MDT coordinator. DCI Special Agent and CPCM Advisory Board Member Cam Corey was hired for the MDT coordinator position. Special Agent Corey will transition to his new role in the upcoming months.

CPCM staff continues to meet with members of the REACH Team to outline plans for creating a system of regional child response MDTs in South Dakota. Importantly, team members are also taking part on committees for multiple organizations across the state in an effort to coordinate plans for child response MDT training and expansion.

The need for clarity regarding language used to describe MDT response is essential. There are multiple agencies working on "multidisciplinary" expansion across the state. For the purposes of CPCM, MDT refers to the response unit for a child found to be in harm. We will use the term "child response MDT" moving forward when working on efforts for the REACH Team and regionalized child response units.

Action Item: Continue to support MDT training and expansion activities with partners.

## MANDATORY REPORTER TRAINING

### HANDBOOK

CPCM has had multiple requests to assist organizations on developing child maltreatment reporting policies. CPCM created a draft mandatory reporting handbook that can be modified based on the audience. A draft of the mandatory reporting handbook was provided with the pre-read materials.

### REPORTING VIDEO

As part of the PK-12/ Youth Serving Organization task force and the Mandatory Reporter task force for college curriculum, CPCM worked to develop a training video to discuss roles and responses to harm against children. The goal of the video is to supplement the Mandatory Reporter training video provided by DSS. The video audience is designed for professionals in the field and for those in secondary education training to go into the professional settings. The idea is to share basic information on 1) understanding the impacts of ACEs, 2) how to respond once an ACE or maltreatment is identified, 3) how to report maltreatment and the process after the report, and 4) what are the resources available to the teacher/ professional.

The Department of Education has generously agreed to fund the development of the video. The script is in final stages and we are working with an agency to produce the video.

Action Items: Communicate mandatory reporter training to the Mandatory Reporter Committee; complete development of the supplemental training video.

## DATA IN SOUTH DAKOTA

### DATA TASK FORCE

The Child Maltreatment Data Task Force was launched in 2019. The primary purpose of the task force was to research, identify, and, if feasible, develop an integrated database solution capable of receiving and monitoring data related to child maltreatment in South Dakota. The task force met in person at Dakota State University. The task force partners are:

Kevin Atkins, Center for Advancement of Health Information Technology; Dakota State University

Tonia Bogue, SD Department of Social Services; Child Protection Services Carole Cochran, SD KIDS COUNT

Dan Friedrich, Center for Advancement of Health Information Technology; Dakota State University

Gary Goeden, SD Bureau of Information Technology Sara Kelly, SD Unified Judicial System

Amanda Leibl, Child's Voice / REACH MDT Judy Merriman, SD Department of Education

Tyler Neuharth, SD Division of Criminal Investigation Teresa Nieto, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Becky Rasmussen, Call to Freedom

Nathaniel Steinlicht, Sanford School of Medicine

The result of the meeting included heightened information on what data is tracked in South Dakota. CPCM requested further information from DSU regarding the feasibility of launching an effort to unify data sources in South Dakota. We are unable to move forward with work in this area until funding is identified.

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## SAS ANALYTICS

In March, Senator Soholt attempted to host a meeting with state leaders and [SAS Analytics](#). Covid-19 delayed the possibility of the meeting in the spring. CPCM representatives were able to meet virtually with SAS Analytics in June to learn more about their programing.

SAS Analytics specializes in helping organizations make productive decisions based on the analysis of data sets. The mission of SAS Analytics is to make it easier for more people to use powerful analytics every day, to shorten the path from data to insight – and to inspire bold new discoveries that drive progress. The result is analytics that breaks down barriers, fuels ambitions and gets results. SAS Analytics has the capability to unify data systems state-wide. However, utilization of a system this large will require coordinated efforts from all state agencies and a significant investment of funds.

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## CDC ACES DATA TO ACTION GRANT

The Center for Disease Control offered a robust Data to Action grant for states in an attempt to create better surveillance and utilization of data surrounding ACE risk and protective factors. CPCM gathered an interprofessional team to investigate applying. The grant NOI required commitment from the SD Department of Health regarding the inclusion of ACE data on the 2021 YRBS instrument. The DOH respectfully could not commit to including an ACE question(s) on the 2021 survey. CPCM did not ultimately apply for the grant.

Regardless, the end result was extremely positive. CPCM team members have enhanced knowledge of data systems in SD. We were introduced to Dr. Katie Edwards from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, who is running multiple projects surrounding ACE data in South Dakota. CPCM will continue to work with DOH on inclusion of ACE question(s) on the 2021 YRBS. Finally, CPCM is working with DSS on analyzing ACE data collected during the initial family assessment.

Action Items: Investigate funding opportunities to support data efforts in SD; finalize information exchange with DSS re: ACE data.

## PK-12 & YSO TRAUMA-INFORMED SUPPORT

The School and YSO Task Force was established in May 2019. The Task Force held its final meeting in April 2020. Results are reported below. Partners include the following:

- SD Department of Social Services,
- South Dakota School Counselor Association, USD Occupational Therapy,
- SD Kids Count,
- SD Department of Education, Avera Health,
- SD Association of School Psychologists, SD Department of Education,

SD Education Association, School Administrators of SD, Children’s Home Society,  
Associated School Boards of SD,  
Community Mental Health Center.

The School and YSO Task Force focused on four objectives:

1. Mandatory Reporter Training
  - A script for a supplemental training video was produced. DOE is supporting the development of the video.
2. School Policies
  - ASBSD has rolled out the updated model policies. For more information and to gain access to the policies, contact Wade Pogany, ASBSD Executive Director, at [wpogany@asbsd.org](mailto:wpogany@asbsd.org)
3. Behavioral Health Supports in Schools
  - Recommendations are published on the CPCM website at <http://www.sdcpcm.com/schools/>.
  - Special “thank you” to Dr. Kari Oyen on her contributions to the recommendations.
4. Prevention Education
  - Significant efforts were taken to gather information on prevention programming across the state. In conjunction with the SD 211 Helpline, the programming can be found by using the SD Child Abuse Prevention & Response Services Portal: <https://www.sdcpcm.com/portal/>.

Action Item: Publicize results from PK-12/ YSO Task Force.

## TRAININGS AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

### STATE-WIDE CONFERENCES

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#### COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO CHILD ABUSE CONFERENCE – VIRTUAL MEETING

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference will be held virtually on **September 30 and October 1, 2020**. We are confident the conference will continue to draw large numbers of attendees. The SD Department of Education will again sponsor scholarships for teachers. The SD Department of Social Services will also send staff to the training. The Event Company will help organize the conference and we are excited to announce that **vender booths will still be available**.

Visit the CPCM website [here](#) for up-to-date information on the conference. Organizers include Child’s Voice at Sanford Health and the UJS CIP Committee. Thank you for your hard work!

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#### CHILDREN’S JUSTICE CONFERENCE

The 2020 Children’s Justice Conference scheduled for May in Rapid City was canceled due to Covid-19. The UJS CIP committee will reevaluate a conference for spring 2021 as we know more about the impact of the coronavirus.

## CHILD & ADULT ADVOCACY STUDIES CERTIFICATE

On June 24, 2020, the South Dakota Board of Regents approved the Child & Adult Advocacy Studies Certificate (CAAST) at the University of South Dakota. The CAASt Certificate is an online, graduate-level certificate aimed to help students develop multidisciplinary approaches to working with various response organizations. The certificate is open to both students and practicing professionals in the industries of health care, child protection advocates, attorneys, and law enforcement. The curriculum is based from the [Zero Abuse Project](#) – formally Gunderson Training Center. Organizers hope to collaborate with other universities to expand the CAASt curriculum in SD.

The first cohort of students will begin in January 2021. The certificate includes the following classes: Traumatic Stress Across the Lifespan, Perspectives of Child and Adult Maltreatment: A Multidisciplinary Approach, Professional and System Response to Maltreatment, and Practicum in Child and Adult Advocacy Studies. Professors for the courses include Dr. Bass, Dr. Cerny, and CPCM Director Carrie Sanderson. Registration information:

<https://www.usd.edu/graduate-school/apply-now>

The projects for the practicum course will be aligned with the CPCM strategic plan or the Resilient Communities Program, depending on the student's interest. For more information, please contact Dr. Bass at [Kelly.Bass@usd.edu](mailto:Kelly.Bass@usd.edu).

## SANE CLINICAL SKILLS LAB

In January, USD hosted South Dakota's first SANE Clinical Skills Lab approved by the International Association of Forensic Nurses. The two-day program increased the skills and confidence of medical professionals performing examinations on adult and adolescent sexual assault patients through hands-on training with live models. The original plan was to hold the SANE Clinical Skills Lab event once annually. Due to the success of the January training and based on demand from SANE-trained professionals in South Dakota, a second SANE Clinical Skills Lab was held in August 2020 at the USD Health Science Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

The August SANE Clinical Skills Lab utilized six trainers who currently work as SANE-certified professionals in health care facilities across South Dakota. The trainers receive support from their employers, communities, and the state of South Dakota in order to participate in this event. An additional twelve medical professionals from across the state will travel to Sioux Falls to attend the training. Participants must have completed the 40 hour IAFN approved didactic training prior to attending the clinical skills lab. For more information, contact Kristi Kranz at [Kristi.Kranz@usd.edu](mailto:Kristi.Kranz@usd.edu).

## ACES AND RESILIENCY TRAINING

Jan 2018 to date: 525 trainings, 13,014 adults and 205 youth trained

Master Trainers: 26

Presenters: 131 (trained in total)

*\*not all trainers/presenters are actively presenting\**

We are not ones to let a pandemic slow us down! We have been hard at work moving the information forward for ACES. In March, we completed online refresher courses for those trainers who were interested. ACES 101 allowed us to support those trainers in becoming reacclimated to the material and ACES: Diving Deeper allowed us to roll out additional content to presenters. This was the important first step in the development of the ACES Framework. We also conducted two online Presenter training courses. Although there can be limitations to this format, we had a fantastic and committed group of new presenters that helped us connect in a new way. These will be courses that we continue to provide bi-annually to those trained in the material.

We have also been working hard to establish new protocols and procedures for the Train the Trainer model. This will allow the CHS Prevention staff to better support the development of presenters and ensure the needs of those partnering with CHS/CPCM are being better met. Once this has been piloted with the ACES team, we will create a similar model with Enough Abuse. Please read more in the attached policy manual.

As we look forward to the next quarter of this work, we will be examining the geographic location of our current trainers/presenters and looking to target specific areas in need of having an ACES expert locally. We will be establishing a system of evaluation of where currently trained presenters are at with their willingness to share the information, and then taking this information to strategically plan how to continue to reach individuals across the state. If you have any ideas or input, it is always welcome! Please contact Tifanie at [Tifanie.petro@chssd.org](mailto:Tifanie.petro@chssd.org)

The license for the ACEs and Resiliency program will end in December 2020. We are actively looking for partners and support to purchase the license to use the materials for an additional three years. The cost to purchase the license is \$16,000. If your agency is willing to support the purchase of the license, please contact Carrie Sanderson at [Carrie.Sanderson@usd.edu](mailto:Carrie.Sanderson@usd.edu)

## ENOUGH ABUSE TRAINING

May 2019 to date: 91 trainings, 1530 adults trained

Presenters: 30

*\*not all trainers/presenters are actively presenting\**

The online platform has been extremely helpful in sharing the EA Campaign material. Tifanie was approved to be the “master trainer” for South Dakota. With that approval from MassKids we will be able to plan for our second cohort this Fall or next Spring for additional trainers. We have already had some initial interest in additional trainers. This approval from MassKids will save South Dakota money and create additional access to creating informed communities. If you are interested or would like to refer a training please contact Tifanie at [Tifanie.petro@chssd.org](mailto:Tifanie.petro@chssd.org).

We continue to remain connected with the leadership at MassKids. CHS and CPCM have a pending CDC Grant in consideration with MassKids. If selected, South Dakota will be one of four states to research the impact/effectiveness of CSA prevention programming.

A special thank you to our partnering agency through Justice Committee for Children, Department of Social Services, and others for committing to continue to support the licensure of this prevention education.

### CAAST WEBINAR TRAINING

The CAASt certificate program and CPCM were pleased to offer a 5-hour CAASt webinar series to support the work of school staff seeking to create or work within trauma-informed school settings during COVID-19. The training was offered online from August 10-14, 2020.

Continuing Education Credits were available. Over 200 educators signed up for the training and we had approximately 100 people on the webinar each day it was offered. Recordings of the webinar are available for participants on the CPCM Website. The SD DOE supported the training through the Project Aware Grant.

The DOE will support up to 3 additional CAASt webinar trainings for schools. The funding also includes in-person training for schools looking to support multidisciplinary response.

The SD DSS is in negotiations with CPCM to offer CAASt training for CPS staff and to develop training for fathers.

If you would like more information or would like an individualized training for your organization, please contact Carrie Sanderson at [Carrie.Sanderson@usd.edu](mailto:Carrie.Sanderson@usd.edu).

### LENNOX COMMUNITY TRAINING

CPCM Program Coordinator Kristi Kranz developed the Facebook group: KNOWing Comes First for Lennox Area parents. Over 160 people have joined the informational group. Kristi organized 5 trainings over the course of 5 weeks to educate members of the group. Education sessions included information on child maltreatment in SD, ACEs, Enough Abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, and community response.

If you would like more information or would like help establishing a Facebook group for your community, please contact Kristi Kranz at [Kristi.Kranz@usd.edu](mailto:Kristi.Kranz@usd.edu).

### FACEBOOK LIVE SESSIONS

The Covid-19 pandemic challenged many to find creative ways to connect with community members and professionals. CPCM partners continue to educate and share messages of compassion through weekly Facebook Live sessions. The sessions can be viewed by visiting the CPCM Facebook Page [here](#). CPCM Facebook Live trainings include:

**Terry Liggins**, founder of Hurdle Life Coach  
*Building a Community-Based Justice System*

**Dr. Staci Born**, SDSU professor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and registered play therapist supervisor

*Play, do, connect: Harnessing the power of play to improve children's mental health*

**Krista Heeren-Grabber**, Executive Director for the Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault  
*Promoting Victim's Safety during Covid-19*

**Dr. Shana Cerny**, Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy at USD  
*Keeping Your Mind and Body Healthy While at Home*

**Kendra Gottsleben**, Marketing Communications Specialist for USD Center for Disabilities  
*Empowering Youth with Disabilities during Covid-19*

**Jennifer Canton** and **Samantha Konechne**, forensic nurses with Avera Medical Center  
*Caring for Yourself After a Sexual Assault*

**Janet Kittams**, Director for the South Dakota 211 Helpline  
*Responding to Covid-19: Resources that Can Help*

**Dr. Kelly Bass**, USD Master of Social Work Program Director  
*Brain Fog and How to Tips on how to Parent Through*

**Special Agent Brent Gromer**, Commander of the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce  
*Internet Safety for Children*

**Dr. Kari Oyen**, Assistant Professor of School Psychology at USD  
*How to Talk to Kids about Covid-19*

**Tifanie Petro**, Director of Advocacy and Prevention at SD Children's Home Society  
*Learning about ACEs*

## GRANTS

### PROJECT AWARE

Project AWARE is a grant from SAMHSA through the SD Department of Education and SD DSS- Division of Behavioral Health. The goal is to partner with school districts and community mental health centers to improve access to mental health services.

CPCM and partners are participating in the Project Aware Grant in two ways: 1) ACE and Enough Abuse training in schools and 2) CAASt Webinar trainings for educators.

With DOE support, Children's Home Society has been able to initiate contact with every school district in the state to offer ACEs and EA. We have had some schools already reach out to plan for their professional development days. To learn more check out [Project Aware](#).

### SANE

The SD SANE program is supported in partnership with the SD Department of Health and the Office of Violence Against Women. The SANE grant is a multi-year grant designed to impact health providers offering assistance to survivors of sexual assault. For more information on the SD SANE program, visit <https://www.sdcpcm.com/program/sane-program/>.

### UTILIZING DATA IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Dr. Kari Oyen served as PI for CPCM and received a South Dakota Community Foundation Community Innovation Grant Award. The grant was offered to analyze and evaluate data from the Child Protection Services (CPS).

The CPCM and CPS aim to identify the characteristics of children who experience maltreatment in rural settings to determine which characteristics may put them at risk. The other primary goal for this project is to better understand the protective factors that may alleviate the potential risk to maltreatment.

CPCM wrote a second letter of support for a SDCF grant for Dr. Oyen to continue research in addressing the impact of Covid-19 on Child Maltreatment in South Dakota.

## A CONTROLLED INTERRUPTED TIME SERIES TRIAL OF ENOUGH! EDUCATOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION PROGRAM

CPCM provided a letter of support for Simmons University, Boston, MA, in an application for a CDC grant to study a new Enough Abuse training course. If awarded, the national study will evaluate the efficacy of an online prevention course geared toward teachers. The goal is to track learning outcomes from pre and post-tests for the Enough! course. If successful, the online course would be approved by the CDC as an evidence-based option for sexual abuse prevention training. Simmons University selected South Dakota because of the rural nature of our state combined with relatively weak laws regarding sexual abuse prevention. Combined with the high rate of sexual abuse in our state, we are an excellent candidate to track the efficacy of training for professionals.

## RIGOROUSLY EVALUATING APPROACHES TO PREVENT ADULT-PERPETRATED CHILD SEX ABUSE

CPCM provided a letter of support for the University of Kansas Center for Community Health and Development's grant application to evaluate the Enough Abuse Campaign. If the University of Kansas is awarded the grant, CPCM will be a sub-awardee and will aid in the national evaluation of the Enough Abuse Campaign.

## USING TELEHEALTH TO IMPROVE CARE, ACCESS AND QUALITY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS

Avera Health was awarded a Department of Justice grant to help develop telehealth processes for performing sexual assault examinations. The title of the grant application is: *Using Telehealth to Improve Care, Access and Quality of Sexual Assault Forensic Exams*. CPCM submitted a letter of support for the grant and the development of the eSANE project. CPCM is a member of the Advisory Board for the grant.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE (SAKI)

Beadle County was awarded a Bureau of Justice grant to implement training and tracking regarding sexual assaults in South Dakota. The grant was supported by the Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, as well as DCI, USD Criminal Justice program, and CPCM. The purpose is to find out what happens to sexual assault kits from beginning through case dispensation and will work to provide prosecutorial technical assistance on sexual assault cases across the state. CPCM is a partner in the SAKI grant.

## YOUTH AND TRIBAL COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF ALL FORMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Call to Freedom received DOJ OVC funding to conduct efforts against the human trafficking of minors in South Dakota. CPCM is a partner in the grant to provide training & technical services.

## VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

CPCM wrote a letter of support for Volunteers of America in their bid to provide training through two grants: FRAMEWORKS and READY4Life.

## VOCA FUNDING

CPCM wrote letters of support for the SD East River Legal Services and for the Child Advocacy Centers of SD to receive VOCA funding. Both were awarded.

## ACES RESEARCH - CHS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNL

CHS, Working Against Violence, Inc (WAVI), and Youth and Family Services are being considered for a CDC grant with Dr. Katie Edward from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The grant will research the impact of ACES on the reduction of the transmission of ACES. This is information that will be shared with CPCM.

## PARTNERSHIPS

CPCM staff strive to make connections across South Dakota. In an effort to continue to reduce silos of work happening in regard to ending child maltreatment, CPCM staff serve on multiple committees and planning efforts in South Dakota. The following represents organizations CPCM supports through membership.

Head Start State Planning Team - Member

State Bar of SD, Continuing Education Committee - Member

Unified Judicial System, Court Improvement Program - Member

SD Kids Count - Advisory Committee Member

East River Human Trafficking Task Force - Member

Youth Committee and Education Committee

SD Sexual Assault Task Force - Member

Sioux Land Candidates for Care - Member

Project Aware Advisory Committee - Member

Rapid City Police Department Youth Outreach - Participant

South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault - Member

## ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

### SD DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- I. The DOE has been looking at possible supports for summer and start of school
  - A. Suicide Prevention, tele-mental health and other wrap around resources
1. In connection with SD DOE's work in the Governor's Suicide Prevention Charter, there are several educator and student supports planned for the fall semester.
  - On our [SD DOE Mental Health web page](#), we've posted a link to the [Model School District Policy on Suicide Prevention](#), created by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), American School Counselor Association, National Association of School Psychologists, and The Trevor Project.

- The department has coordinated with AFSP to provide two webinars on Wed., Sept. 29 (10am and 2pm CST) on implementing a model policy. We will record one of the webinars to post online for future viewing. There is a plan to conduct a quick survey before the webinars to gather questions they may have that can be addressed in the webinars.
2. The department's [SD DOE Mental Health web page](#) has many other details for supports also available.
  3. Tele-mental Health partnerships with schools has been developed.
    - Community Mental Health Centers are building capacity and set up agreements to serve schools. See Community Mental Health Centers Brochure at <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community/mentalhealth.aspx>
- B. Project AWARE paid programming for mental health awareness is being moved to virtual platforms where appropriate during spring and summer of 2020.
1. [Trauma-informed Communities](#)
    - ***This training is available to all South Dakota schools at no cost.*** Schools and school districts may request trainings for educators or school communities by contacting the Advocacy and Prevention Program Director at the Children's Home Society (CHS) to provide the date, time, location, and desired training option. One or all options are available to districts. Virtual options are being developed. Tifanie Petro at Children's Home Society would be contacted to schedule a session at [Tifanie.petro@chssd.org](mailto:Tifanie.petro@chssd.org) Children's Home Society holds a national licensing for ACES training.
      1. Basic ACEs and Resiliency - 1 hour
      2. Advanced ACEs and Resiliency - 2 hours
      3. Paper Tigers Film - 2 hours
      4. Resilience Film - 1.5 hours
      5. Enough Child Sexual Abuse: Strategies for your school and community - 2 hours
      6. Enough Child Sexual Abuse: Strategies for youth serving organizations - 2 hours
  2. [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) (YMHFA)
    - ***This training is available to all South Dakota schools at no cost.*** Designed for adults who regularly interact with adolescents (teachers, administrators, coaches), this eight-hour program introduces participants to the risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge. YMHFA meets the suicide awareness and prevention training requirement for educator certification. To request a Youth Mental Health First Aid training for your school, [complete this form](#). Questions? Contact [Jana Sprenger](#) at DSS's Division of Behavioral Health. Districts who would like to have a person as a designated trainer at no cost may select a person to attend the virtual train-the-trainer now available for summer dates, and the DOE contact person is Teresa Rowland [teresa.rowland@state.sd.us](mailto:teresa.rowland@state.sd.us).

### C. Recommended in-person

#### 1. [NAMI Ending the Silence Program](#)

- *This training is available to all South Dakota schools at no cost.* NAMI-SD (National Alliance on Mental Illness-South Dakota) is a partner in the Project AWARE grant and offers this 50-minute program, which is appropriate for middle and high school students. In the presentation, a young adult living with a mental illness tells their story about mental health challenges, including what hurt and what helped, and how they are living in recovery. A lead presenter also shares information that helps students understand mental health conditions and warning signs, as well as how to talk to caring adults to get help for themselves and their friends. Questions? Contact Mallory Flanigan, South Dakota's Ending the Silence coordinator, at 605-271-1871. Two other presentation options are available to community and educators also.
- II. School districts are also able to use the CARES funding from the US Dept. of Education for mental health services in their schools. Equitable services for non-public schools are also part of this funding which goes to the public school districts and mental health services could be requested from the non-public schools during their consultation process.
- III. The DOE (Jacquie Larson, Andrea Diehm, Ann Larsen) participated in the PK-12 & Youth Serving Organizations workgroup in April to review the CPCM website: Universal Trauma Screening in Schools. We walked through the video script and talked about changes, what's still needed, vendor for the project. DOE is in the contract process for providing funding to help with the video. We also reviewed the Resilient Communities guidebook.

## CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

Overall, the Prevention program made a complete pivot when COVID-19 eliminated the possibility of in community/ in person trainings. We quickly shifted online to continue providing free educational opportunities. The feedback from professionals was positive, as teams were looking to get caught up on educational programming, and their required training hours. This format allowed us to access a variety of new counties across the state. Since March of 2020 until 7/31/2020, CHS and trained fellows have trained 812 individuals in ACES and 373 in Enough Abuse. We plan to continue to offer online training opportunities in the future. To learn more about all the available trainings through CHS check us out [here](#).

Most importantly we had a brand-new addition to the CHS Prevention team. Cassie Nagel came to us from CPCM to be our full time Prevention Education Specialist located in the Sioux Falls office. Although, it was not a typical transition or learning period, she has continued to help push the movement forward and has been such an impactful part of the team so far. The position in Rapid City will be filled within the next couple weeks.

CHS has had lots of changes in the past quarter. Our Executive Leadership team implemented CHS University, working with Sagency, to implement an internal leadership development program. The first cohort has started and is working through becoming a more resilient and balanced leader.

Former Rapid City Police Chief, Karl Jegeris, joined our Senior Leadership team in July of 2020. He is the Director of Collaborative Experience, ensuring the development and cohesive operations of the various programming.

We have a new Chief People Officer, Mark Niemeyer, and he will take over our Human Resource Department. We are currently seeking a Chief Financial Officer.

The Justice Center project, with research being led through Rapid City Police Department, has returned with the feasibility analysis. The report is not quite ready for full release, but the initial report supports the development of a collaborative community response to victims, children, and families.

CHS no longer holds the PRIDE contract through the Department of Social Services (contract to recruit, conduct home studies, and license foster parents for DSS) and began looking to create new programming to fill the needs of communities across the state. There have been some exciting new developments in the potential for expansion of current programs in addition to the creation of new programs. Although, initial conversations with key partners have taken place, and the feedback has been positive. When final approval for our Executive Leadership and Executive Committee has been received; more will be shared publicly..

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### CPCM STAFF CHANGES

#### PROJECT SPECIALIST

CPCM is hiring a Project Specialist to help support communication and messaging of CPCM programs with the public. Interviews for the Project Specialist will begin next week, with the hopes of onboarding the finalist by mid-September.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

In March, CPCM Administrative Assistant/ Office Manager Cassie Nagel took a position with Children's Home Society. Congratulations Cassie! CPCM will be sharing Administrative Support resources as needed from other departments within the School of Health Sciences.

#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Sharon Chontos, co-owner of Sage Project Consultants, has taken the position of Interim President for the SD Mines Foundation. Congratulations Sharon! CPCM will continue to contract with Sage Project Consultants on an as-needed basis for support with project management, grant writing, and analysis. Questions regarding any projects may be directed to Carrie Sanderson.

#### STUDENT SUPPORT

CPCM staff will be supervising three masters-level students through their practicum experience. The students are from the Master of Public Health program (joint between SDSU and USD) and the Master of Social Work program (USD). Students will be assigned tasks within the strategic plan to help advance the efforts of CPCM.

## USD SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

CPCM currently functions administratively as an independent center within the School of Health Sciences. CPCM Advisory Board member, Dr. Haifa AbouSamra, serves as the Dean of the USD School of Health Science. With Dean AbouSamra's leadership, CPCM Director Sanderson has been extensively involved with the strategic planning for the School of Health Sciences.

## WEBSITE

The CPCM Website is growing into a resource tool for South Dakota. The website is home to extensive information for multiple projects, and we expect to continue to grow the use and function of the website. CPCM staff will continue to reach out to CPCM Board Members to update bios and information on the website.

In response to Covid-19, CPCM developed CovidKidsHelp.org. [CovidKidsHelp.org](https://CovidKidsHelp.org) is designed to be a catch-all for resources for families and communities. Here you can find information on internet safety for children, how to talk to children about Covid-19, and building resilience in families in the midst of trauma. You will see information from national agencies and experts, as well as local professionals helping families in South Dakota. If you have resources for CovidKidsHelp.org, please email [CPCM@usd.edu](mailto:CPCM@usd.edu).