

Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment  
Minutes: 4Q2020 Advisory Board Meeting  
Thursday, November 19, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

**ATTENDEES**

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

Haifa AbouSamra, USD  
Beth Dokken, SD DOH  
Krista Heeren-Graber, SDNAFVSA  
Mary Beth Holzwarth, Advocate  
Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary’s CAC  
Wendy Kloepner, State’s Attorney  
Paul Stevens, Law Enforcement  
Shana Cerny, Advocate  
Ashley Termansen, Advocate  
Rep. Tim Reed, SD Legislature

Not in attendance:

Ashley Termansen, Advocate  
Virgena Wieseler, SD DSS  
Michelle Seten, Advocate  
Stacy Reitmeier, Avera Health

Cameron Corey, SD DCI  
Tatewin Means, Oglala Sioux Tribe  
Sheri Fischer, Sanford Health  
Sen. Helene Duhamel, SD Legislature

Guests & CPCM Staff:

Brittany Novotny, Midwest Solutions  
Kristi Krans, CPCM Project Coordinator

Susan Smith, CPCM Project Specialist  
Carrie Sanderson, CPCM Director

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Welcome.** Advisory Board Chair, Senator Deb Soholt, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM CT. Roll call of Advisory Board Members found 19 members present. New Advisory Board Members and CPCM Staff were introduced. Each Advisory Board Member and staff present provided information about their job and roll on the board.

*Action Item: CPCM will provide a contact list for Advisory Board members.*

Meeting minutes from the August 20, 2020, meeting were discussed. Brent Gromer moved to approve the minutes and Ann Larsen seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

## ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATES

**Children's Day at the Capitol:** The 2021 Children's Day at the Capitol will be held on February 1, 2020, in Pierre, SD. Contact Susan Smith at [Susan.Smith@usd.edu](mailto:Susan.Smith@usd.edu) if you would like to help sponsor the event or for more information.

**Prevent Child Abuse America:** Carrie Sanderson and Wendy Kloepfner met with PCA representative Anita Odom to discuss concerns and questions for CPCM becoming the SD Chapter of PCA. The major concern was if CPCM would be able to meet the criteria for advocacy and fundraising that PCA would require. Some policy items from the national PCA campaign does not align with the culture in South Dakota at this time. Ms. Odom provide information on how the criteria for becoming a chapter is graded by PCA. Specifically, there may be some requirements state chapters are weaker at or unable to fulfill, but that would not prohibit a chapter from being organized; stronger areas of performance within the requirements would allow an organization to become a chapter. Ms. Kloepfner stated she felt it was in CPCM's best interest to consider becoming a PCA chapter as the benefits outweighed the concerns. Additionally, CPCM could dissolve the chapter in the future if it turned out to not be a strong fit. Senator Sohlt echoed Ms. Kloepfner's remarks and suggested Dr. Nancy Free be a part of discussions moving forward, if available.

Ms. Odom organized a meeting for CPCM on December 1, 2020, to continue with questions and discussion. Ms. Sanderson asked for volunteers to attend the meeting. Representative Tim Reed and MaryBeth Holzwarth volunteered to take part in the meeting.

*Action Item: CPCM will provide meeting invitation to volunteering board members.*

**ACEs and Resiliency:** Tifanie Petro provided an update on the ACEs and Resiliency program. The SD Department of Social Services, Behavioral Health, will support the ACEs and Resiliency program by providing funding for the re-licensure. Dr. Anda and the national program provided permission for South Dakota to move the training online. Children's Home Society (CHS) pivoted to the online platform and have been able to continue trainings with communities and schools. Cassie Nagel with CHS has helped create structure and guidelines for ACE presenters and South Dakota now has approximately 140 trained ACE, including a cohort at Ellsworth Air Force Base. Over 15,000 South Dakotans have been trained to date. Additionally, CHS will be participating in a grant that will evaluate the ACE program and provide data regarding ACEs in the Rapid City area.

**Enough Abuse Campaign:** Ms. Petro provided an update for the Enough Abuse Campaign. The SD Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services, is providing funding for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of licensure for the Enough Abuse Campaign. MassKids, the creator of Enough Abuse materials, gave Ms. Petro approval to implement a train-the-trainer approach for the state. Ms. Petro has begun training the second cohort of trainers and will add 23 trainers to the state this year. Approximately 2,000 South Dakotans have been trained to date.

**CAAST Certificate Program:** Dr. Shana Cerny reported on the Child and Adult Advocacy Studies (CAAST) Certificate Program at USD. Dr. Cerny is the co-creator of the program and announced the first cohort of participants will begin in January 2021. Dr. Cerny described the program and desired outcomes. Dr. Cerny requested board members to distribute information about the certificate program to their networks and colleagues. The CAASt Certificate is designed for working professionals and graduate students alike. Senator Soholt commented on the value of receiving a CAASt certificate and encouraged board members to help build momentum on having professionals in our state trained in CAASt. To learn more about CAASt, visit:

<https://www.usd.edu/usd-online/online-programs/graduate-certificate-in-child-and-adult-advocacy-studies>.

*Action Item: CPCM will send flyer to Advisory Board members. Please distribute to your networks.*

**Court Improvement Program (CIP) Committee:** Sara Kelly discussed updates to from the CIP Committee. The updated Abuse and Neglect Case Manuals (Green Books) are available in both print and online. The CIP Committee is also working on attorney education for A&Ns, including updating the training video and working with the State Bar CLE committee to host trainings. The CIP Committee will also support the idea of having a course at the law school where students can learn about the impact of trauma through the lifespan; a CAASt course for law students. Ms. Kelly provided information on a pilot court project in Codington County to create a family court. The family court would be similar to dependency treatment courts, but applied to all A&N cases. The goal is to help the family work through skill building to become a stronger and healthier family unit.

**2020 Community Response to Child Abuse Conference (CRCAC):** Ms. Kelly reported on the CRCAC, held virtually September 30-October 1, 2020. The virtual platform was a success and the over 650 participants enjoyed the new format. Conversations are in place for how to proceed with the 2021 conference, deciding between virtual, online or a hybrid. Senator Soholt thanked Ms. Kelly for her continued support of the CPCM efforts and commented on how joint efforts such as the CRCAC allows us to move forward additional projects through cost savings and financial support.

**Resilient Communities:** Nikki Eining provided an update on the progress of Brookings County to receive the state's first "Resilient Community" award. Ms. Eining also discussed the efforts to expand "Resilient Communities" across South Dakota. The Mental Health coalition in Brookings has become the pilot coalition to implement the Resilient Communities framework. Brookings County had a tremendous amount of support through stakeholder meetings. The goal is to make sure we have a toolbox established for community partners to access. One area in terms of expansion is to work with CPCM in highlighting community and agency champions across South Dakota who are doing trauma-informed work. Director Sanderson commented that CPCM will reach out the Advisory Board members to help promote the award, including sharing the Resilient Communities program with the Governor's Office.

Representative Reed brought up the importance of building sustainability within the communities. Senator Soholt echoed the remark and encouraged the board to continue identifying ways to promote the interconnected work of Resilient Communities.

**Tribal Communities and Partnerships:** Director Sanderson updated the board on the adjustment to the strategic plan surrounding tribal communities and partnerships in response to the strong and productive conversation of the Advisory Board during the August meeting. The success of the Community Response to Child Abuse Conference opened up funding to begin work for efforts surrounding tribal communities and partnerships. CPCM is in the process of contracting with Chadwick Ratigan from Rapid City, SD, to help with facilitating the conversation and efforts in this area. Ms. Sanderson provided a brief background for Mr. Ratigan and called for volunteers to begin working with Mr. Ratigan on designing how to move forward.

*Action Items: CPCM board members previously working on tribal partnerships would continue working with Mr. Ratigan. Those involved include Kathy LaPlante, Teresa Nieto, and Tatewin Means. Danni Dosch, Angela Lisburg, and Tifanie Petro would also like to participate.*

**Text4Hope:** In August, the Advisory Board discussed at length measures to get resources to children in South Dakota who may be out of school and needing help at home due to Covid-19. Director Sanderson explained the Text4Hope program from the 211 Helpline. Text4Hope is designed for any South Dakotan to reach out for help through texting. Text4Hope is marketed to high school students through information shared at school. Director Sanderson was able to testify at a Covid-19 Health and Human Services committee hearing and at a Legislative Mental Health Resource committee hearing to advocate for the expansion of Text4Hope to all children ages 12-17 in South Dakota. The expansion would include a direct marketing campaign to the children through social media. The idea is to let children know they can text the 211 Helpline to get resources and help, if needed. There was brief discussion on how we could identify funding to help support Text4Hope. Representative Reed commented the Text4Hope program may be outside the scope of the Legislative Mental Health Resource committee, but encouraged continued discussion on how to fund the program. Senator Soholt concurred that Text4Hope may not fit within a direct legislative funding No action items.

**Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS):** The Department of Health is leading the discussion for what questions to include on the 2021 YRBS. Including ACE questions on the YRBS was listed as a major initiative within the strategic plan since the inception of Jolene's Law Task Force. Ms. Sanderson provided the update that she was meeting with representatives from DOH to advocate on behalf of including ACE questions. A final decisions has not yet been made. You can find additional information on YRBS by visiting the DOH website.

**Legislative Updates:** Ms. Sanderson discussed a bill to add dental hygienists to the mandatory reporter list. Representative Erin Healy will likely sponsor this bill. Representative Reed discussed a bill to create a crime for sexual violence by a person

of influence. Rep. Reed also discussed a bill to increase the penalty for repeat domestic violence offenders. Krista Heeren-Graber, Executive Director for the Network, outline a few bills impacting victims of sexual violence. There is proposed legislation that will further define language within current rape statutes. For example, consent is not defined within SDCL. Additional legislation through the Network includes to provide confidentiality protections for victims of violence when registering to vote; to waive fees for getting a replacement birth certificate for victims of violence; and to address issues for missing and murdered indigenous women. Wendy Kloepfner asked if board members could see draft language for bills, specifically the definitions for rape statutes. Rep. Reed will share language for bills one-on-one and will also share the bills through the CPCM Policy and Advocacy committee.

### **Strategic Plan**

**Role of CPCM Advisory Board:** The updated draft of the CPCM strategic plan was sent to Advisory Board members prior to the meeting. Ms. Sanderson asked board members to look at specific areas of the plan and provide feedback for how CPCM as a movement should be addressing issues across the state. Additionally, Ms. Sanderson asked board members to identify areas within the CPCM 10-year plan that also correlate to strategic efforts in partner agencies. This will help both board members and agencies identify leaders in bodies of work across the state. Ms. Sanderson called for volunteers to help with areas of the strategic plan CPCM is looking to move forward in the next 6 months.

Senator Soholt commented that the strategic plan is a living document and is ready to evolve to the next stage. She strongly encouraged board members to provide feedback and commit to areas of the plan. Senator Soholt challenged board members to take leadership within the plan. With the feedback, we will be able to begin making decisions at the January meeting. Senator Soholt called for all feedback to be provided to Director Sanderson by December 18, 2020.

*Action Items: Board members are to provide feedback on the updates to the strategic plan and areas that overlap with their agencies by December 18, 2020.*

**Directed Work Initiatives:** Ms. Sanderson discussed areas off work within the strategic plan that will occur within the next 6 months or so. Ms. Sanderson called for volunteers to help make decisions and lead areas of work.

Data Initiative: Ms. Sanderson called for 2-3 volunteers who would be willing to determine where CPCM goes from here with Goal A. Sara Kelly, Teresa Nieto, and Beth Dokken volunteered. Ms. Kelly also suggested a Department of Social Services representative. Nikki Eining suggested contacting Amber Rienst (unknown spelling) with Avera Behavioral Health.

Trauma Informed Collaborative and No Hit Zones: Ms. Sanderson described the multiple conversations occurring across South Dakota regarding screening for trauma. CPCM has an initiative to discuss trauma screening in medical

settings and has produced recommendations for screening in the school setting. The group would also discuss the implementation of No Hit Zones in medical facilities.

There needs to be a more cohesive approach across South Dakota to how and when we will screen for trauma. Additionally, there seems to be a need for cohesive conversations and overlapping strategic efforts surrounding trauma. Ms. Sanderson shared the example of the Early Childhood Trauma Collaborative in Connecticut. Representative Reed provided guidance that the issue has two facets: a larger conversation of building trauma collaborative and the specific issue of trauma screening. Rep. Reed encouraged the board to make the decisions of where to go from here. Senator Soholt cautioned that there may need parties to the discussion before we can move forward. Nikki Eining provided background for what was happening at Avera Behavioral Health. Further discussion from Senator Soholt and Rep. Reed, as well as MaryBeth Holzwarth, identified the need for strong leaders, hopefully from the medical setting to work on collaboration. The end result will be a better connection to community resources.

*Action Items: Carrie will work with Rep. Reed to bring together a group surrounding trauma collaborative. The group will have representatives from healthcare settings, as well as boots-on-the ground mental health providers. The goal is to bring information back to the January Advisory Board meeting.*

Training Video: Ms. Sanderson reported on the development of a training video for mandatory reporters that discusses the importance of reporting and how the systems work together. The video could be used at universities and for professionals. The video script is a deliverable from the PK12-YSO task force. The production of the video is funded through the Department of Education. Ms. Sanderson called for volunteers to critique and provide feedback on the video once it is finalized. Ann Larsen, Wendy Kloepfner and Danni Dosh volunteered. Ann Larsen suggested a representative from CPS.

Policy and Advocacy Committee: Ms. Sanderson brought up the topic of legislative advocacy for board members. Ms. Sanderson shared a document on the role of non-profit board members who advocate. The advocacy we are asking for is the continued alignment of strategic efforts across South Dakota and opening the doors for additional networking opportunities for CPCM projects. Senator Soholt provide feedback on how advocacy can be a significant role for board members and outline how this may look during legislative session. The policy group would articulate the relationship between the advisory board members and advocacy, as well as creating the unified front. Senator Soholt called for training to advisory board members on a quarterly basis to create leadership and unified advocacy for the safety of children.

Board members who volunteered for the advocacy committee included Nikki Eining, Wendy Kloepfner, MaryBeth Holzwarth, Representative Reed, Krista Heeren-Graber, Dr. Haifa AbouSamra.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

The CPCM Advisory Board members expressed appreciation to Senator Soholt for her leadership and dedication to the CPCM movement. Senator Soholt, thank you for helping to create public policy and to change cultural norms surrounding the safety of children in South Dakota.

### **Next Meeting.**

The CPCM Advisory Board will meet quarterly in 2021 on the following dates:

January 21, 2021; April 15, 2021; August 19, 2021; November 18, 2021