

Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment
Minutes: 1Q2021 Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021
Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES

Cameron Corey, SD DCI – Interim Chair	Sheri Fischer, Sanford Health
Shana Cerny, Advocate	Brent Gromer, ICAC
Wendy Kloepfner, State’s Attorney	Krista Heeren-Graber, SDNAFVSA
Mary Beth Holzwarth, Advocate	Sara Kelley, UJS
Kathy LaPlante, Advocate	Daniele Dosch, FBI
Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary’s CAC	Jolene Loetscher, Advocate
Nancy Free, Child’s Voice	Tifanie Petro, CHS
Stacy Reitmeier, Avera Health	Teresa Nieto, Advocate
Jill Thorngren, SDSU	Nikki Eining, Advocate

Not in attendance:

Beth Dokken, SD DOH	Sen. Helene Duhamel, SD Legislature
Virgena Wieseler, SD DSS	Rep. Tim Reed, SD Legislature
Michelle Seten, Advocate	Joelle Lien, SD BOR
Paul Stevens, Law Enforcement	Shana Cerny, Advocate
Ashley Termansen, Advocate	Ann Larsen, SD DOE
Haifa AbouSamra, USD	

Guests & CPCM Staff:

Brittany Novotny, Midwest Solutions	Susan Smith, CPCM Project Specialist
Kristi Krans, CPCM Project Coordinator	Carrie Sanderson, CPCM Director

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome. Advisory Board Interim Chair, Special Agent Cameron Corey, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM CT. Roll call of Advisory Board Members found 18 members present. Advisory Board Members, Guests and CPCM Staff were introduced.

Meeting minutes from the November 19, 2020, meeting were discussed. SA Corey had a typographical correction. Brent Gromer moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Wendy Kloepfner seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

PARTNER REPORTS AND UPDATES

Tribal Communities Workgroup: Tresa Nieto is the CPCM lead for the Tribal Communities. Tifanie Petro provided– The committee has met twice and outlined starting points for ways to continue work for contacting tribal communities. The work will focus on connections and networks from the Tribal Communities workgroup. The group will continue to meet monthly. Chad Ratigan is a consultant for CPCM

Prevent Child Abuse America: Wendy Kloeppner reported that a small group from CPCM met with PCA in December. The PCA representatives answered many concerns and the outcome was the decision to move forward with PCA membership.

Action Item: CPCM Staff will meet with PCA to complete formal Request for Membership

Trauma Informed Collaborative: Carrie Sanderson discussed again the need for collaborative efforts in South Dakota for trauma informed training, care, and screening (medical, school, response systems). The idea of a Trauma Informed Collaborative is to set a series of objectives and standards for the state in order to work cohesively in responses. The pre-read materials included a guidebook on how to create inter-systems work across state agencies. The discussion included the differentiation on CPCM's work from the Trauma Collaborative. CPCM was created to address child maltreatment and abuse & neglect in South Dakota. The Trauma Collaborative would include work in prevention and response to ALL forms of trauma, integrating mental health, behavioral health, and trainings for community based organizations outside of child maltreatment. The goal is to help

Tifanie Petro and Nancy Free commented in the chat box CPCM needs to be integrally involved in this line of work.

Tatewin Means encouraged and challenged the group to change the language around the topic as “healing” collaborative. The idea is to move beyond the identification of trauma to becoming a healing classroom/ community. Nancy Free concurred. Dr. Free also added that universal screening should include screening for resiliency factors. Ms. Sanderson asked for Board Members to provide suggestions for shifting the language from trauma informed to building healing/ resiliency.

Action Item: Board Members will send CPCM recommendations for shifting language to healthy and resiliency.

CIP Committee Training: Sara Kelly reported the CIP Committee will move forward with hosting trainings for attorneys. Ms. Kelly and Carrie Sanderson met with the CLE Committee of the State Bar to discuss potential collaboration. Current plans include another 4-hour Abuse & Neglect Trainings as well as monthly trainings for attorneys. In April, the CIP Committee will partner with the CLE committee to have child abuse training for the state bar.

2021 CRCA Conference: The 2021 Community Response to Child Abuse Conference will move forward with a hybrid conference – hosting both virtual and in person events. The conference is scheduled on September 29th from noon to 5 PM and on September 30th from 8 AM to noon. The format will include general sessions and breakout sessions. Ms. Kelly asked for volunteers from the Advisory Board to help with a fundraising committee and a guest outreach committee. Continuing education will be handled again through CPCM.

Ms. Sanderson discussed the potential for an evening event open to the committee. The evening event would be held in conjunction with the conference and provide an opportunity for raising awareness of issues surrounding child maltreatment. The evening event could also be used as a fundraiser. Ms. Sanderson asked Advisory Board members for comments on expanding the conference to include an evening gala or keynote speaker. Nikki Eining commented the idea was strong but cautioned what 2021 will look like with Covid-19. Ms. Eining was willing to reach out to Dr. Stanley for suggestions. Tatewin Means suggested also look to local artisans and survivors of child maltreatment to share their story of growth.

Action Item: Please contact the CPCM office if you would be willing to participate on a fundraising committee or guest outreach committee. Also, please consider working with CPCM to create a larger event for the evening of September 29, 2021.

REACH Team: SA Cam Corey provided a REACH Team update. The REACH clinic modified work due to Covid-19 and the MDT did not meet for 4 months. However, evaluation numbers were not down as much as expected. Approximately 95 patients were seen by the team, with the majority of children been seen for sexual abuse. SA Corey discussed the need to continue working with CPS on reports. The REACH Team trained law enforcement and partners in Flandreau, SD, regarding MDTs. SA Corey commented on the good developments in Rapid City. Tifanie Petro with Children's Home Society provided an update on the Family Justice Center in Rapid City, SD. Many groups are attending community meetings and key partners are beginning to hone in on specific needs for continued development.

SA Corey is still transitioning to his new role as state-wide multidisciplinary coordinator. He has a large case load currently and will not be able to fully transition until another agent is hired in the Watertown area.

YRBS and CPS Data: Carrie Sanderson discussed the inclusion of an ACE question on the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey to be administered by CPS. Additionally, CPS is collecting ACE data from children within the CPS system. As a result, the state of South Dakota has an opportunity to

Department of Education: Carrie Sanderson provided a report from Ann Larsen with DOE as Ms. Larsen was unavailable to attend the meeting in person. DOE will continue to support CAASt trainings for teachers for the next several years. DOE will

also support the publication of findings from the PK-12/ YSO task force. Additionally, the mandatory reporter training will now be available on the CPCM website as well as the DSS website. The CPCM website will have the ability to track specific users who are watching the video (i.e. voluntary log-in information) in an effort to help organizations track which staff/ volunteers are completing the video.

Nikki Eining shared a success in the movement to have organizations trained as reporters. In Brookings County, the United Way organization is requiring any non-profit that works with children to take mandatory reporter training prior to receiving funding. SA Corey commented this is the first example of community buy-in for the need of reporter training. This is a result of the Resilient Communities work.

Department of Social Services: Carrie Sanderson provided a brief announcement from Virgena Wieseler, DSS, who was not able to join the meeting. The Department of Social Services is piloting a program in the Yankton School System to have a dedicated staff member who can help students and families access services. The Yankton community is a good area to continue providing addition programing and services.

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: ADVOCACY TRAINING

The CPCM Policy and Advocacy committee discussed the development of CPCM's first position statement. The goal was to create a guideline for what policies, procedures, and social movements CPCM will support during legislative session and in developing relationships throughout the year. The 2021 Legislative Policy Position Statements were provided as pre-read materials for the board. Wendy Kloepner discussed the process of developing clear, concise statements for what CPCM will support. Krista Heeren-Graber commented on the importance of short and simplified statements. She noted the statements will benefit CPCM though out the year as well. Ms. Heeren-Graber posed the question to the board on where CPCM was going to stand for the 2021 legislative session. Specifically, the question on focusing on best interest of children was discussed, including a shared parenting bill.

SA Corey asked the procedure for CPCM to lobby. Ms. Sanderson outlined the procedure: the CPCM Director requests permission to lobby from the Board of Regents (BOR). Upon approval, the BOR requests a state lobbying badge from the SD Secretary of state. Any CPCM bill packages are presented to the BOR, hopefully in September of the year prior to session. CPCM will notify the BOR and the President of USD offices when major bill issues arise.

Sara Kelly commented that the Unified Judicial System would not be taking an opinion as the Chief Justice would need to be aware of all bills prior to approval. Ms. Kelly would share legislative reports with the UJS leadership and let CPCM know if there are any conflicts.

Tatewin Means commented that the CPCM Advisory Board bylaws do not speak directly to authority for advocacy and suggested the Advisory Board is just that – advisory in nature. Ms. Means commented it was within the purview and realm of staff to set the policy and lobbying priorities. Ms. Sanderson agreed the board is advisory in nature. Ms. Means suggested the question presented to the Advisory Board should state if the Advisory Board Members present were in favor of the policy position for CPCM and to ask for feedback on the position statements.

Krista Heeren-Graber commented that it is possible to give fact-driven and neutral positions on bills that refer back to policy position statements. If the best interest of the child is a policy position for CPCM, testimony for a bill can technically be a proponent or opponent while respectfully stating the neutral facts and statements for advocacy at the legislature.

SA Corey supported the internal policy statement as it gives guidance to the executive director to make quick decisions on during legislative session. Ms. Sanderson commented on the use of the Policy and Advocacy committee to guide decisions and provide feedback for the director. CPCM will continue to publish weekly updates for the public on what bills are being tracked and CPCM’s stance on each bill.

Tatewin Means moved the approval for the policy positions, with the addition of the wording “culturally relevant” before policies to address instances of abuse, neglect and household dysfunction. The addition of the wording will allow for discussion on the appropriateness of a household in different cultures. Nikki Eining seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sanderson reviewed current bills being brought before session. *See first CPCM legislative report.* CPCM will work to educate at all times when being asked to testify.

Early Learner’s Week and Children’s Day at the Capitol: The 2021 Children’s Day at the Capitol will be held on February 1, 2020, in Pierre, SD. CPCM will partner with Early Learners SD to promote Early Learners Week and Policy Forum events from January 25 – February 1, 2020. Contact Susan Smith at Susan.Smith@usd.edu if you would like to help sponsor the event or for more information.

BYLAW AMENDMENT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Director Sanderson introduced the first reading of a proposed bylaw amendment to create an executive committee for the CPCM Advisory Board. The executive committee would help guide direction for the strategic plan between Advisory Board meetings. Decisions of the executive committee would be brought before the board at large. Sheri Fisher commented she serves on the Great Plains Zoo Board, which also has an executive committee. With a larger board, the executive committee helps move actions forward in a timely fashion.

The bylaw amendment will be sent to the Advisory Board 20 days prior to the April meeting, in order to allow for official consideration.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: FINAL APPROVAL

CPCM Advisory Board members were asked to provide feedback by December 18, 2020, for the revised strategic plan and how CPCM as a movement should be addressing issues across the state. All edits were incorporated in a final document and presented to the board as pre-read material. Ms. Sanderson reviewed substantive changes and asked for comments from the board members. Dr. Free commented on the areas of the plan surrounding the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners program. Kristi Kranz addressed questions and asked for additional input to this area from Dr. Free. Additional questions and comments surrounded the data initiative and pediatric screening. The hope would be to create uniform systems to provide trauma-informed care.

The Advisory Board chose to hold a vote on the strategic plan at the next meeting. All board members were asked to again provide feedback and comments to CPCM.

Action Items: Board members are to provide feedback on the updates to the strategic plan and areas that overlap with their agencies by March 25, 2021.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Nikki Eining announced Brookings County will receive the South Dakota Resilient Community award on April 14, 2021. Nikki will continue to provide updates as plans for the celebration are finalized.

Next Meeting.

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

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