

# Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment Advisory Board

Minutes | Wednesday, April 26, 2017

## ATTENDEES

Senator Deb Soholt – Chair; SD Legislature	Carrie Sanderson; CPCM Director
Sharon Chontos; Sage/CPCM	Carole Cochran; SD Kids Count
Cameron Corey; DCI	Daniele Dosch; FBI
Nancy Free; Child’s Voice/Avera St. Mary CACs	Tanya Fritz; Children’s Home CAC
Peggy Gibson; Advocate	Krista Heeren-Graber – SDNAFVSA (Network)
Mary Beth Holzwarth; Advocate	Wendy Kloepfner; State’s Attorney
Michael Lawler; USD Health Sciences	Angela Lisburg; Avera St. Mary’s Central SD CAC
Jolene Loetscher; Advocate	Casey Murschel; CAC - SD
Rachel Oelmann; Sage/CPCM	Senator Alan Solano; SD Legislature
Suzanne Starr, UJS	Hollie Strand; Pennington County Sheriff’s Office
Virgena Wieseler; SD Dept of Social Services	

The following advisory board members were not able to attend: Sheriff Hilestad (Sheriff’s Association), Ann Larsen (SD Dept of Education), TateWin Means (Pine Ridge Reservation), Jay Perry (SD Board of Regents), Jill Thorngren (SDSU Education and Human Sciences); and Colleen Winter (SD Dept of Health).

The following guests were also in attendance: Jessica LaMie (SD Legislative Research Council), Kathy LaPlante (USD), Amy Schweinle (USD), and Chelsea Wesner (SD).

## Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Lawler provided opening remarks and noted this is the first meeting of the CPCM Advisory Board since the Center’s inception and completion of the Jolene’s Law Task Force. Dr. Lawler acknowledged leadership in the room and combined expertise and commitment since 2014. He recognized commitment of Jolene Loetscher and her willingness to share her story to lay the bedrock for this work. He also recognized shared leadership and chairmanship of Senator Deb Soholt and Senator Alan Solano. He thanked Senator Soholt for her vision and leadership, and stated she will continue as the Chair of the CPCM Advisory Board.

Senator Soholt, Advisory Board Chair, thanked members for their continued involvement. Senator Soholt will drive leadership of the Board and the agenda. She noted this Advisory Board is centered around the original premise of the Jolene’s Law Task Force. The Board will keep the urgency and action continuing forward.

On behalf of Senator Solano and Senator Soholt, feedback from the Governor was shared. Secretary Malsdom-Rysdon and Secretary Valenti were also present for the Jolene’s Law Task Force presentation regarding the work plan. The Governor and Secretaries were pleased with the outcome of the Task Force. Senator Soholt noted this effort contributes to the Governor’s legacy and extraordinary platform of work in the State of South Dakota. Jolene’s Law and now the Center for the Prevention of Child

Maltreatment serves as an example of how work can continue through to the community from legislative roots.

Senator Soholt recognized the new Center director, Carrie Sanderson, and acknowledged her background, expertise, and applied approach. The Center has retained Sage Project Consultants for project management support.

The branding and imaging for the group will be a subject of continued discussion; we want to maintain legacy of Jolene's leadership and 'face' to the work and will evaluate that naming/branding in that context.

### **Special Award**

Tanya Fritz awarded Casey Murschel the Children's Home Society award – Partners in Protecting Kids Award. Tanya acknowledged personal and professional commitments to children throughout the many facets of her life, and her commitment to always 'show up' and give it her best. Tanya recognized Casey's skill of understanding timing, her patience, and her relationship-building. Tanya noted her gratefulness to Casey's commitment to protecting kids for our state.

### **USD Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment**

Carrie provided her background as well as her devotion to being an advocate for South Dakota's children. She graduated from USD with a JD and MPA (Masters in Public Administration). She worked as the Executive Director for the SD Association of County Officials and therefore has experience with lobbying and education, as well as relationship-building within the county system. From there she went into private practice. She chaired the Board of Mental Health and worked on the STOP DUI and drug court teams in Pierre. She then worked at the US Attorney's Office and focused on violent crime prosecution in Indian Country. Carrie explained her transition from practicing attorney to Center Director and the events that shaped that transition.

Carrie made the following updates regarding the Center:

- The goal is to move the 10-year plan forward. She encouraged members to look at the plan as a working document. Currently the charge is focused on child sexual abuse in SD, and how to prevent it. This mission will expand to child maltreatment more broadly.
- The Center is located with USD; the physical office is in Sioux Falls. Professionally, it's a good spot for us to make inroads and communicate with professionals around the state and the area.
- The Director is responsible for organizing the information that the workgroups are putting together, and can assist with providing resources needed to accomplish goals. USD is welcome and open to sharing professionals. They will also be looking for an office manager for the Center who will aid in scheduling, budgeting, creating and maintaining an online presence, grant tracking, and other duties. Carries has submitted a job description to the SD BOR and hopefully will post soon/onboard this summer.
- The Center will continue to use Sage Project Consultants to facilitate meetings and continue to work on the work plan and fund development.
- Center infrastructure is in development; will have its own phone and website in the future.
- The work itself will only move forward with the support of the Advisory Board members. Carrie acknowledged the membership of the group will ensure continuity, and that each member is vital to this effort.

- The Advisory Board will hold quarterly meetings in April, August, November, and one during legislative session. The next meeting is August 15 (Tuesday) in Chamberlain and Thursday, November 16 (week before Thanksgiving) also in Chamberlain.
- The Board will plan to set bylaws and operating rules in August.
- The Center will carefully discern and consider branding and image. They will utilize resources they have at the University including website resources, their marketing department, and some of their branding. At this point, the business cards or documents will initially have a major USD presence. This will shift once we develop our own brand. The goal is to be independent with a USD supporting role.
- Senator Sohlt remarked that the initial USD branding is not to imply it is a USD-exclusive activity; it is a statewide effort and everyone is welcome at this effort. Dr. Lawler echoed this sentiment. Efforts will be paved to ensure the Center is recognized as an independent center among statewide and national audiences.
- Board will be tasked to help define web content.

### **CPCM Advisory Board Mission, Vision, and Values/Principles**

Jolene's Law Task Force was disbanded at the end of 2016 once the 10-year work plan was completed. The Task Force members as well as Mary Beth Holzwarth were invited to serve on the CPCM Advisory Board. In order to launch this effort, the Board began defining the CPCM vision, mission, principles, and Board ground rules in working together.

Below is just a start and will be refined before the August Board meeting.

**Vision:** To end child maltreatment, beginning with child sexual abuse, in South Dakota.

**Mission:** The mission is to know about, respond to, and prevent all forms of child maltreatment in South Dakota. -or- The Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment's mission is to stop all maltreatment against South Dakota children in order to foster resilient ~~and~~ families.

### **Principles:**

- The Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment at USD will be the driving force to coordinate the work plan and remove barriers to completing objectives.
- The implementation of the work plan will require a collaborative effort between agencies across the state. Collaboration with tribal partners in the planning, execution and evaluation will be integral to the plan's success.
- All efforts – materials, programming and training – will ensure that the diversity of our state is reflected and that outcomes are culturally inclusive.
- The Center's Advisory Board will be comprised of many of the stakeholders across the state to ensure continuity and sense of urgency.
- The Center will promote awareness and understanding of poly-victimization.
- The collaborative efforts of the Center and its stakeholders will promote healing and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments.
- Our efforts will give a voice to children making it safe for kids to tell.
- The Center's efforts will assist South Dakota communities an environment that promotes prevention and healing through trauma-informed strategies.
- The collaborative efforts will address historical trauma.
- The foundation of CPCM and its partners' projects begins with good data.

- The Board will include anybody that cares about this issue to work towards a common goal alongside us.
- CPCM and its partners will promote and implement evidence-based, promising practice, and best practice solutions.
- CPCM's goal is to improve the health and well-being of South Dakota children and families.

**Board Ground Rules.** The ground rules in which the Board members will work with each other and the Center's director and staff will be as follows:

- Include the Center Director regarding communication about objectives in the work plan.
- Be timely and honest in communication. Know and communicate limits to set realistic expectations.
- Collaborate with the partners at the table, particularly in the pursuit of sponsored funding. Disclose conflicts as they arise, and work through them for the good of the mission of the Center.
- Work in concert with identified leads.
- Foster health of all organizations that are involved.
- Supplement and support in the spirit of collaboration.
- Work with integrity and transparency.
- Be responsive to what works and what doesn't work in implementation.
- Leverage trauma- and poverty-informed practices.
- Focus on policy and process (versus personality).
- Include voices from Indian country – make a concerted effort to invite and engage.

### **Grant Strategies**

Rachel (Sage) issued a CPCM Funding Opportunity Research document which documented 44 federal grants, corporate foundations, and private foundations in addition to listing local and regional foundations. The Board agreed to work together in searching for grants and developing proposals aligned with the Jolene's Law 10-year work plan objectives. Refer to attached grant search report.

Two grants were highlighted. The first is the FY 2017 Vision 21: Linking Systems of Care for Children and Youth State Demonstration Project (Dept of Justice/Office of Justice Programs/Office for Victims of Crime). The SD Department of Social Services has agreed to be the fiscal agent. The focus of the grant application will be Goal A.1 – A.3 from the 10-year work plan: single point database. The Phase 1 award is \$500,000 per year during the 15-month planning phase. If successful, Phase II is 5 years to implement the plan. The Vision 21 approach will ensure that every child entering any of the participating systems is assessed for victimization, that children and their families are provided comprehensive and coordinated services to fully address their needs, and that practices and policies are established to sustain this approach long-term. Second time this grant has been issued; first awards made in 2014. \$500,000 to both Montana and Virginia. The grant is due May 11, 2017.

The second highlighted grant was presented by Dr. Kathy LaPlante and Dr. Chelsea Wesner, USD. They submitted a grant in March 2017 under the CPCM umbrella. The National Quality Improvement Center (QIC) for Prevention Services and Interventions in Indian Country (Dept of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau) is a five-year cooperative agreement beginning September 2017 and ending September 2022. The purpose is to establish a national QIC on the prevention and intervention of child maltreatment in American Indian and Alaska Native community. USD would provide technical assistance and capacity building for 2 – 5 tribal

demonstration projects. The research question proposed was “What are the jurisdictional, programmatic, and community awareness combinations that lead to system-wide prevention and intervention of child maltreatment in Indian Country?” The total award would be \$9 million. USD should know the outcome of the application this summer.

### **Multidiscipline Team (MDT) Process Map**

The Board walked through the MDT process and identified challenges within the process. The Board members recognized the process differs with each MDT. Cam walked through the NE SD MDT pilot process that relies on a strong teamwork approach of Child Protection Services, local law enforcement, Division of Criminal Investigation, Child Advocacy Center, mental health, States Attorney, and other stakeholders that support the victim and his/her family. The team will meet to manage cases several times per month. The resulting action plan of the discussion will be to:

- Create a process map that recognizes variations of current processes.
- Identify problems and / or barriers and begin addressing at a regional level.
- Identify best practices from the NE SD pilot and communicate and translate to other MDTs.
- Define common language.

### **Objective Updates**

Board members provided the following update on objective progress:

- **Carole Cochran | Single point data collection and analysis.** Goals A.1 – A.3 were not funded by the VOCA funds as we originally assumed last fall. The SD DSS – CPS is applying for the Vision 21 grant (see above) with Kids Count/USD as a subcontractor. The focus will be determining feasibility and structure of the single point data collection.
- **Dr. Nancy Free and Angela Lisburg | Pediatric sexual assault kits.** Dr. Free and Angela identified a kit they approve and it is cost effective. Dr. Free will connect with Colleen and Linda regarding next steps and clarifying questions.
- **Sharon Chontos | SANE training.** Sharon summarized the SANE-P information gathering teleconference on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. The attendees on the call were Sharon, Scarlett Bierne (DOH), Casey Murschel (CAC-SD), Tonya Ellingson (SANE- A; Avera McKennan Hospital), and Sandra Ruesch (SANE-A; Brookings Health System). There are currently eight (8) certified SANE-A nurses in South Dakota. Five (5) are located in Sioux Falls, and one each in Brookings, Aberdeen, and Pine Ridge. There are no certified SANE-P nurses in the state. Angela recommended CPCM and DOH should collaborate to increase the number and capacity of SANE, specifically SANE-P personnel, in the state. The CAC providers work business hours (M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.). Although they do take calls and perform exams after business hours, additional competent SANE-P nurses would prevent burnout of CAC personnel, particularly if handoffs are seamless. The Board addressed challenges including:
  - Understanding of acute situation and what needs to be done. Additionally, referrals are dropped at times between the medical providers, law enforcement, and CACs. Law enforcement and medical providers need to ensure a forensic exam as well as a head-to-toe medical exam and comprehensive services provided by the CAC are completed;
  - Lack of comfort and information/know-how by medical providers;
  - Fear and comfort of having to appear in a court of law to talk about a kit;

- Connection to the tribes and IHS is more with the nurses vs providers as the nurses are more permanent staff (higher retention);
- Require a mechanism of how to respond to children that need acute care prior to going to a CAC.

The Network is facilitating SANE-A training this spring and summer. Krista provided information to the Advisory Board members.

- **Dr. Amy Schweinle | K-12 school mandatory reporter survey.** Refer to handout. Amy reviewed the survey that was distributed to K-12 public schools in first quarter 2017. Another survey will be distributed regarding available training. Virgena noted that perhaps additional surveys could ask familiarity of the DSS online mandatory reporter training. Amy also noted that a sample of stakeholders are also going to be interviewed.
- **Tanya Fritz | ENOUGH Campaign and Trauma-Informed Community.** Taxi-ing right now – done what we can do until we have funds to move forward. Reviewed high-level structure of the ENOUGH Campaign if funded through VOCA. Can we capture ACES as baseline data? Would be interesting to conduct ACES on kids in boxes 2 or 3 in the MDT structure... where is the tipping point?
- **Carrie Sanderson | Tribal outreach.** Noted that all conversations need to have tribal relations... we are excited to open that conversation.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 15 at 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the AmericInn in Chamberlain, SD. The following meeting will be Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the AmericInn in Chamberlain, SD.