

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.