

**Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment**

Minutes: 1Q2022 Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2022

Zoom

**ATTENDANCE**

**Attendees:** Rep. Tim Reed, SD Legislature, Chair; Haifa AbouSamra, USD; Shana Cerny, Advocate; Cameron Corey, SD DCI; Beth Dokken, SD DOH; Daniele Dosch, FBI; Sen. Helene Duhamel, SD Legislature; Brook Jones, Child’s Voice; Nikki Eining, Advocate; Sheri Fischer, Sanford Health; Brent Gromer, SD DCI; Krista Heeren-Graber, SDNAFVSA; Rebecca Hoey, SD BOR; Sara Kelly, UJS; Wendy Kloepfner, State’s Attorney; Kathy LaPlante, Advocate; Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary’s CAC; Tatewin Means; Teresa Nieto, Advocate; Karen Cudmore, CAC-SD; Tifanie Petro, Children’s Home Society; Stacy Reitmeier, Avera Health; Paul Stevens, Law Enforcement;

**Not in Attendance:** Mary Beth Holzwarth, Advocate; Jolene Loetscher, Advocate; Toby Russell, ICAC; Laura Scheibe SD DOE; Michelle Seten, Advocate; Ashley Termansen, Advocate; Virgena Wieseler, SD DSS

**Guests & CPCM Staff:** Darla Biel, Assistant Director; Kristi Kranz, Program Coordinator; Carrie Sanderson, Director; Katie Schroeder, Program Assistant; Susan Smith, Program Specialist; Tracy Thomes, Program Coordinator; Taylor Rehfeldt. SD Legislature; Darin Sinner, DCI

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

**Welcome:** Advisory Board Chair, Representative Tim Reed, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CT. Roll call of Advisory Board Members found 23 members present. Advisory Board Members, Guests and CPCM Staff were introduced.

The August 26, 2021, and November 28, 2021, minutes will be approved at the April 21, 2022, meeting.

**ADVISORY BOARD PARTNER REPORTS & UPDATES**

**Legislative Update:** Representative Tim Reed provided the legislative update. Wednesday is crossover day for 2022 legislative session with over 550 bills and resolutions pending consideration. Rep. Reed provided an overview of HB 1068, HB 1099, HB 1100, HB 1200, HB 1201, HB 1278, HB 1279, SB 155. Carrie Sanderson thanked board members who participated in Children’s Day at the Capitol on January 20, 2022. There was a brief discussion on continued partnership with the Early Learning initiative for Children’s Day. Sanderson will continue discussions on plans for Children’s Day in 2023 with statewide partners. Sanderson encouraged board

members to continue building relationships with legislators outside of Children's Day and increase individual contacts.

**ACE Cohort:** Tifanie Petro provided the ACE Cohort update. Tifanie relayed conversations with Dr. Robert Anda and Lora Porter to return to South Dakota to potentially adapt ACEs and Resiliency curriculum to be inclusive of information specific to tribal communities. Dr. Anda is excited about the opportunity and willing to partner with South Dakota to advance the initiative. The SD Department of Social Services, Behavioral Health Services, will assist in funding the project. Tifanie will provide regular updates on partnerships created across South Dakota to advance the project as well as the creation of an advisory group to help guide infrastructure and content. Tatewin Means shared a request to develop an ACEs curriculum that starts from a Lakota perspective instead of adapting current curriculum to include Lakota culture. Ms. Petro thanked Ms. Means for input and acknowledged the need for further conversation on how to address the evidence-based curriculum while honoring the Lakota perspectives. Kathy LaPlante suggested conversation with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and the Native Nations Children's Trauma Center in Montana. Director Sanderson shared communication CPCM has had with both groups.

Sanderson continued the discussion regarding the Tribal Liaison position with CPCM. The Tribal Liaison position needs to be full-time (or close to) and focused on building relationships in our state. The Tribal Communities committee must be extremely involved in selecting the correct person. Sanderson acknowledged the need to make the Tribal Liaison position a priority and discussed various partnerships and grant opportunities to potentially fund the position. She also addressed creative funding opportunities such as salary savings from general appropriations funds, which indicates buy-out of time from other CPCM staff to generate the salary savings, and the potential for a fundraising campaign or an endowed position. Sanderson requested the board members to be creative in how we can address the position. Rep. Reed suggested conversation with other Board of Regent Universities to try to share a position. Sanderson also addressed the use of graduate students to assist with building out the CPCM website to aid tribal communities as a potential.

Kathy LaPlante asked about projects with the Department of Social Services, specific to increasing relationships between social work programs and CPS workers. Sanderson provided a short overview of a potential to look into the use of Title IV-E funding to create a pipeline for social work students to move into CPS roles. Sanderson requested the conversation continue when DSS was able to join the call.

**CPCM Listserv:** Tracy Thomes reported on efforts to create a listserv for information and updates received from CPCM. The goal is to identify stronger "buckets" or channels of information the user can receive from CPCM. The user will be able to select which channel/ topic to get updates from.

**Virtual Training Options:** Kristi Kranz provided an update on the recorded sessions from the Community Response to Child Abuse Conference. Kristi indicated for 2022, the conference committee has decided to forgo live streaming due to the expense. In 2021, online attendees did not engage in asking questions of presenters or communicating with other virtual attendees. The result was participants essentially viewing a recording of the presentations. Therefore, the committee decided to record sessions for 2022 and, for a fee, participants will be able to watch the sessions between the end of conference 2022 and the start of conference 2023 – creating a paid training library.

**Court Improvement Program (CIP) Committee:** Sara Kelly reported on trainings available through the CIP Committee. Monthly Lunch & Learn sessions provide education to court professionals regarding the Abuse and Neglect process. The CIP Committee is also partnering with the USD Law School and CPCM to host a Child Welfare Legal Workshop in April. The workshop is open to all professionals but geared toward educating law students prior to entering their careers. Ms. Kelly also addressed SB 155, which will increase funding for CASAs. Cam Corey asked Ms. Kelly a question regarding law enforcement involvement with Momentum Court in Watertown, SD. There was a brief discussion surrounding the roles of CASAs, as well as multidisciplinary team members. Ms. Kelly addressed the question and agreed to reach out to the Momentum Court team to discuss further involvement with local law enforcement. Additional board member questions included access to resources from the CIP Lunch and Learns, as well as input on future topics for training.

**Division of Criminal Investigation:** Cam Corey provided an update regarding DCI staffing. Chad Moesteller has been promoted to the Assistant Director of DCI overseeing administrative functions. The law enforcement training administrator position is currently open. Darin Sinner has been promoted, leaving the MDT Coordinator position open. There has been approximately 10% turnover rate for DCI within the past year, which creates multiple open positions. Corey did report on a positive training occurring at Northern State University to increase understanding of sexual violence and how to intervene. The training was in relation to Title IX training requirements for student athletes. Carrie Sanderson suggested replicating the training as an effort to increase prevention through building Men and Boys as Allies.

**Department of Health:** Beth Dokken provided a report from the SD Department of Health. An infant mortality report is available on the DOH website. The report highlights a trendline that is slightly increasing for infant mortality rates. However, the overall American Indian infant mortality rate is slightly decreasing, which is good news. The DOH will continue to focus on safe sleep practices for infants. Another update is an increase for Medicaid funding to expand the Bright Start nurse home visiting program. This will help support case management for pregnant mothers and hopefully address referral and support systems for families.

**Department of Education:** Carrie Sanderson provided the DOE update from a written report submitted by Laura Scheibe. The DOE Office of Student Wellbeing continues to

develop, and they are excited about the outcomes of providing training and services through that lens. DOE continues to meet with DSS – BHS, DOH and other advocacy agencies to discuss the needs of mental health/ behavioral health training for K-12 school staff. The collaboration hopes to align programming for mental health and student safety and wellness. A major deliverable is a list of trainings available to educators regarding student wellness and mental health needs. DOE also highlighted the work of the Department of Public Safety to launch the Handle with Care initiative.

### **UNIFIED LANGUAGE AND DATA COLLECTION: HRSA, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND ACES**

Carrie Sanderson provided an overview of creating standardized objectives in South Dakota utilizing shared language and understanding of ACEs. The conversation is meant to be a precursor to work being done in 2022. Jolene's Law Task Force and, as a result, CPCM, developed the strategic plan with the goal to unify bodies of work across South Dakota in regard to response to harms against children. The result is building resilience for families. The effort creates collaborative change in our state relating to trauma informed practices, response to traumatic events, and overall efforts to improve child wellbeing. The CPCM strategic plan is designed to help prevent ACEs and implement strategies to have holistic impact on a child. CPCM Advisory Board members are challenged to try to create unity in language and program objectives to enhance the collective action or collaborative change. Sanderson suggested the board adopt common language and data indicators to assist partners in building commonality across programming. When there is commonality of language and data collection points, we as a state will be able to build a better picture of health and wellbeing for children. Darla Biel provided an overview of the HRSA ECCS Grant and how the creating of stronger referral systems relies on commonality of data indicators and language. Sanderson asked if there was advisory board buy-in to create standardized language, coordinating objectives, and baseline terminology to be used by professionals in south Dakota when implementing responses to traumatic events.

Shana Cerny suggested CPCM provide the board with an outline of terminology and data indicators that can be used and then ask for specific feedback on the terminology. Sanderson agreed and committed to readdressing the topic during the April 2022 Advisory Board meeting.

### **SUMMER STUDY POTENTIALS**

**Reporting Child Abuse Workgroup:** Carrie Sanderson provided an update on mandatory reporter work in South Dakota. Multiple conversations stemmed from the potential of bringing legislation to remove chain of command reporting. The outcome was the identified need to have a plan for what the next steps must be – both programmatically and legislatively - to address mandatory reporting in our state. CPCM committed to sponsoring a summer workgroup to develop a strategic plan.

**Holistic Victim Services Workgroup:** Sanderson reported on a series of conversations surrounding best efforts to unify large-scale efforts at strengthening

response services. Legislative session brought the opportunity to address responses to child victims of human trafficking as well as MDT approaches and the creation of a human trafficking coordinator for SD. CPCM has had multiple conversations regarding a SANE Coordinator for the state as well. The summer study or workgroup could address how the bodies of work are coming together to agree on what type of legislation would be strong for South Dakota and to determine how to operationalize responses. The progress of a summer study or workgroup will hinge on legislative outcomes and project partner support.

### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH EVENTS**

Blue Ambassador Recruitment – event promotion  
Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast – April 1  
Wear Blue Day – April 1  
Child Welfare Legal Workshop – April 4  
CPCM Advisory Board Annual Meeting (in person) – April 21

### **ELECTION**

Rep. Reed outlined the process for electing positions during the Annual Board Meeting in April. There are currently three Community Advocate positions and one County Advocate position open. Two board members filling Community Advocate roles are being recommended to continue their service on the advisory board. The Nominating Committee will meet to identify a slate of candidates to fill the remaining open positions. Elections will occur in April per the CPCM Bylaws.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

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

- February 18, 2022 (virtual)
- April 21, 2022 (in person – Pierre, SD)
- August 18, 2022 (virtual)
- November 17, 2022 (virtual)