

Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment

Minutes: 4Q2021 Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Attendees: Rep. Tim Reed, SD Legislature, Chair; Cameron Corey, SD DCI; Beth Dokken, SD DOH; Nikki Eining, Advocate; Sheri Fischer, Sanford Health; Brent Gromer, SD DCI; Krista Heeren-Graber, SDNAFVSA; Rebecca Hoey, SD BOR; Mary Beth Holzwarth, Advocate; Sara Kelly, UJS; Wendy Kloepfner, State's Attorney; Kathy LaPlante, Advocate; Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary's CAC; Tatewin Means; Teresa Nieto, Advocate; Tifanie Petro, Children's Home Society; Stacy Reitmeier, Avera Health; Laura Scheibe SD DOE; Paul Stevens, Law Enforcement; Virgena Wieseler, SD DSS

Not in Attendance: Haifa AbouSamra, USD; Shana Cerny, Advocate; Daniele Dosch, FBI; Sen. Helene Duhamel, SD Legislature; Nancy Free, Child's Voice; Jolene Loetscher, Advocate; Brittany Novotny, CAC-SD; Michelle Seten, Advocate; Ashley Termansen, Advocate

Guests & CPCM Staff: Rex Schlicht, CAASSt & CIP Law Fellow; Darla Biel, Assistant Director; Kristi Kranz, Program Coordinator; Carrie Sanderson, Director; Katie Schroeder, Program Assistant; Susan Smith, Program Specialist; Tracy Thomes, Program Coordinator

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 20 members present. Advisory Board Members, Guests and CPCM Staff were introduced.

Carrie Sanderson reported Brent Gromer will be retiring in December 2021.

The August 26, 2021, minutes will be approved at the February 18, 2022 meeting.

CPCM PROJECT REPORTS & UPDATES

CPCM Staff: Carrie Sanderson reported Darla Biel, Assistant Director, joined the CPCM team in September 2021.

USD Child and Adult Advocacy Studies (CAASSt) Program: Tracy Thomes provided the CAASSt report. The program was awarded \$200,000 from the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI) to support the development of case studies. Five

case studies were created for the CAASt curriculum based on feedback from the multidisciplinary focus group session held on October 27-29, 2021. The NCWWI grant will be supporting ten CAASt certificate program scholarships to multidisciplinary professionals in South Dakota. The [application](#) deadline is December 1, 2021. The [K-12 CAASt webinar series](#) is scheduled for December 22, 2021. The training will use CAASt competencies to provide school personnel with applicable knowledge for working in multidisciplinary teams within the school, and tools on how to create trauma informed and resilient settings for children. Maxwell Strategies has been contracted to assist CPCM in integrating the CAASt K-12 trainings into the Board of Regents institutions across the state. The CAASt program is partnering with Tifanie Petro and Cassie Nagel from the Children's Home Society of South Dakota to develop vicarious trauma training for educational institutions across the state.

Children's Day at the Capitol: Susan Smith provided the Children's Day at the Capitol update. The event will be held in partnership with Early Learns South Dakota on January 20, 2022, in Pierre, SD. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with lawmakers, join committee meetings, listen to Early Learners South Dakota and foster parents programming, and attend the Starting at Zero movie screening. Please contact Susan Smith to sponsor the event or purchase a booth.

Community Response to Child Abuse Conference (CRCAC): Sarah Kelly provided the CRCAC report. The conference was held on September 29-30, 2021, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. National and regional speakers provided around 650 attendees education on various topics related to child maltreatment and prevention. The conference [highlight reel](#) can be found on the CPCM website.

The 2022 conference is scheduled for October 6-7, 2022, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. There are discussion to hold the conference in-person only with the option to purchase an on-demand ticket to watch the videos post event. Kristi Kranz is collaborating with the CPCM web developer and continuing education credit agencies to develop the on-demand options.

State of Wellbeing of Children Data Initiative: Carrie Sanderson provided the Data Initiative report on behalf of Tracey McMahon. Contracts to partner with Benchmark Data Labs and ParaUX have been completed. Over 150 responses were received from professionals across the state during a data use and needs survey. Eleven epidemiologists attended a focus group session on October 28, 2021, in Pierre, SD to discuss children's health data gaps and sovereignty. The survey and focus group session results will be provided in the first grant report due in January 2022.

McMahon is also participating in significant initiatives being facilitated with Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. OVC grant funding has been secured through the tribe to build a youth victim tracking system and expand services in the area. A four-year Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) systems of care expansion and sustainability grant is in the process of being transferred from SDSU to USD due to McMahon's new role with CPCM. The grant is currently in year two and is

working towards establishing youth shelter care, expanding mental health services for children and families, enhancing the teen pregnancy prevention curriculum, and improving collaboration across state agencies.

HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Grant: Darla Biel provided the HRSA grant report. A needs assessment with state departments and partner groups will be completed in year one of the grant to crosswalk prenatal to three populations and identify gaps. Effective national policies and strategies will also be reviewed. The Lake Traverse Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate First 1,000 Days ECCS initiative will be reviewed to gather feedback and identify areas for improvement.

Resilient Communities South Dakota: Darla Biel and Nikki Eining provided the Resilient Communities report. Sioux Falls and Charles Mix County are in the first phase of identifying partners to lead the initiative. The Watertown location is currently in the third phase of the program and will be facilitating bringing stakeholders together to discuss evidence-based CDC prevention components.

SD Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) Collaborative: Kristi Kranz provided the SANE Collaborative report. The program received another three-year grant from the Office on Violence Against Women. The grant will include acute Technical Assistance (TA) support for rural nurses and hospitals through partnerships with Avera Health and Child's Voice, as well as non-acute support through Avera Health and Sanford Health. The SANE Steering Committee is currently reviewing the adult and adolescent sexual assault kits for changes. The pediatric kits will be reviewed in 2022. On November 8-9, 2021, eight rural nurses completed a SANE clinical skills lab in Sioux Falls through a partnership with Avera Health and Hennepin Healthcare.

ADVISORY BOARD PARTNER REPORTS & UPDATES

Court Improvement Program (CIP): Sara Kelly provided the CIP report. The monthly lunch and learn CIP trainings have been successful in 2021. Judge Carmen Means will be presenting on the Codington County Family Court Pilot Project (Momentum Court) at the December 29, 2021, training. A contract with CPCM will be facilitated to continue the trainings from January-September 2022. The clerks and deputy clerks were provided an ACEs review training during the 2021 Clerks Institute. Indian Child Welfare Association (ICWA) training will be provided and recorded for future use at the May 2022 Judicial Conference. The Chief Justice was impressed with Lundy Bancroft's presentation at the CRCAC in September 2021. The Judicial Branch Educator has been contacted to coordinate additional training sessions for judges in 2022. Greg Sattizahn, State Court Administrator, will be bringing the following change to codified law [26-8A-20](#) during the 2022 legislative session:

- If a child has been adjudicated an abused or neglected child and is removed from the child's home with the child's parents, guardian or custodian, the court ~~shall~~ may appoint a guardian ad litem or a special advocate to represent the best interests of the child and to assist the child's attorney.

The change is to reflect the special advocate (CASA) resources that are currently available.

South Dakota Department of Education (SD DOE): Laura Scheibe provided the SD DOE report. The department has received \$740 million in COVID-19 funds through three stimulus bills. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Round 3 (ARP ESSER) funding provided \$344 million directly to South Dakota schools. At least twenty percent of funds must be reserved to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. The DOE recently reorganized and created an Office of Student Wellness. [School-based mental health provider resources](#) are available on the department website to provide teachers and administration guidance on working together with professionals in supporting students. Approximately 350 educators have signed up for the Mandatory Reporter 201 training provided by DOE and DSS on November 22, 2021. The quarterly collaboration meetings between DOE, DSS, DOH, DPS, USD, and CPCM have been beneficial and are now being held monthly.

South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH): Beth Dokken provided the SD DOH report. The Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block grant completed a federal review over the summer of 2021. Efforts will continue to focus on prevention to enhance parent education and support, along with family and community engagement. Jennifer Folliard, Maternal and Child Health Director, and Carrie Churchill, Home Visiting Program Manager are collaborating with Darla Biel on the HRSA grant. The [Communities That Care \(CTC\) application](#) deadline has been extended to November 23, 2021. Four communities are currently participating, and the program will expand to an additional ten communities with COVID-19 funding. The DOH is focusing on multiagency suicide prevention in the youth communities across the state. Realtime data is being reviewed to identify communities with increased suicide rates that need additional prevention engagement. The DOH is partnering with DSS on an opioid abuse campaign to educate the public on the signs and symptoms of overdosing. A new program is available for the public to receive Naloxone at pharmacies throughout the state. The department continues to focus efforts on creating materials and educating the public on the dangers of vaping and medical cannabis. The COVID-19 funded Health Disparities grant was awarded to DOH and will be used to expand the Community Healthcare Worker Program.

South Dakota Department of Social Services (SD DSS): Virgena Wieseler provided the SD DSS report. The department received \$100 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stabilization grant. \$64 million of the funds will be used for existing childcare providers, and \$36 million will be allocated to assisting startup daycare centers and childcare for underserved areas of the state. The Human Services Research Institute is midway through their gaps analysis. The Institute has completed around 90 stakeholder interviews. The final report will be completed in February 2022. The "Stronger Families Together" campaign launched on March 22, 2021, to recruit 1,200 new families over the next four years (300/year), has currently reached

38% of the yearly fiscal goal with the hopes of being at 50% by December 31, 2021. The last meeting for the Commission on Child Support is scheduled for November 18, 2021. The group will be working on a legislative package for presentation in 2022.

South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (SDNAFVSA):

Krista Heeren-Graber provided the SDNAFVSA report to the committee. The West River SDNAFVSA WAVI administrative [office opening](#) is scheduled for November 18, 2021, 5-7 pm in Rapid City.

CPCM TRAINING & COLLABORATION GOALS

The Advisory Board reviewed the following 2021 and 2022 CPCM focus points:

2021 FOCUS POINTS				
INITIATIVE	STRATEGIC	PARTNERS	FUNDING SOURCE	OUTCOMES
Training: Attorneys & Law Enforcement	B.9 C.5 C.6	CIP Committee, SANE program, Knudson School of Law, State Bar, Rapid City Police Department, Sara Kelly (partner lead), Carrie S. & Tracy T. (CPCM leads)	CIP Grants OVW Grant CARES Act	1. Monthly Lunch and Learn Sessions 2. Event at Conference 3. Law Fellows & Law School Partnership
CAAST Graduate Certificate & Training	B.3 B.4 B.6 B.7 B.8 B.9 C.8	All CPCM Partners, Kelly Bass & Shana Cerny (partner leads), & Tracy T. (CPCM lead)	Self-Support Tuition NCWII Grant	1. Graduate 1 st Cohort 2. Identified 10 scholarships 3. Curriculum Expansion
Resilient Communities	B.9 C.9	All CPCM Partners, Nikki Eining (partner lead), & Darla B. (CPCM lead)	CPCM Salary Savings HRSA	1. Launched in Brookings 2. Building Partnerships 3. Community Expansion
Tribal Communities Committee	All of Plan C.5 E.4	All CPCM Partners, Teresa Nieto (partner lead), & Carrie S. & Tracey M. (CPCM leads)	CPCM Salary Savings DOH ACE Grant	1. Funding Not Secured 2. CPCM Grant Search underway
Data	All of Goal A D.2 D.3	All CPCM Partners, DOE, Callie S. (partner lead), & Tracey M. (CPCM leads)	CAREs Act Grants	1. Survey of Needs 2. Epi Focus Group 3. Partnership Building
HRSA Coordinated Systems	Goal B Goal C	All CPCM Partners, DOH, Jennifer Folliard (partner lead), & Darla B. (CPCM lead)	HRSA Grant	1. Beginning Stages of 5-year grant to unify referrals and services for P-3 population statewide

CPCM received approximately \$4 million in grant funding during 2021. The center continued to grow partnerships to assist in building cohesion across communities and programs in South Dakota.

2022 FOCUS POINTS				
INITIATIVE	STRATEGIC	PARTNERS	FUNDING SOURCE	OUTCOMES
Tribal Communities Committee & ACEs Cohort	All of Plan C.5 E.4	All CPCM Partners, Teresa Nieto & Tifanie Petro (partner leads), & Carrie S. & Tracey M. (CPCM leads)	CPCM Salary Savings TBD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify Funding for Workgroup and Tribal Liaison 2. Build CPCM Web Infrastructure to support Tribal Needs 3. Partner with CHS and Tribal Communities Workgroup for ACE Cohort & Curriculum
Child Response MDT	B.9 B. 11 C.3 C.4 C.5 C.7	DCI, CAC-SD, Network, Call to Freedom, Cam Corey CAC-SD (partner leads), Carrie S. & CPCM Team (CPCM leads)	Partner Supports General Appropriations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify core project lead 2. Survey of Current Work 3. Strategic Plan Implementation 4. CAASt & Simulation Training
Public Awareness & Collaboration	All of Plan C.5 D.3 D.4	All CPCM Partners, Jolene Loetscher (partner lead), Susan S., Darla B. - 4/1, & Carrie -TC (CPCM leads)	CPCM Salary Savings TBD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement Communication Plan (ongoing) 2. April 1, 2021, Event 3. Trauma Collaborative
Training Initiatives & CAASt	All of Goal B Goal C (training needs)	All CPCM Partners, TBD (partner lead), Kristi K. & Tracy T. (CPCM leads)	CPCM Salary Savings TBD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop Training Capacity and Expansion Plan 2. Solidify Training Library Structure 3. Build Partnerships 4. CAASt Year 2 Initiatives & Expansion of Curriculum
Data	All of Goal A D.2 D.3	All CPCM Partners, DOE, Callie S. (partner lead), Tracey M. (CPCM lead)	CAREs Act Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year 2 initiatives 2. Publication of State of Child Wellbeing Report
HRSA Coordinated Systems	Goal B Goal C	All CPCM Partners, DOH, Jennifer Folliard (partner lead), & Darla B. (CPCM lead)	HRSA Grant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of Advisory Council 2. Systems and Funding Mapping 3. Family Engagement 4. Resilient Communities tie-in

The Tribal Communities Committee & ACEs Cohort grant funding will be a priority in 2022. The goal is to create a second cohort of Master Trainers through the ACEs and Resiliency program in order to integrate culturally appropriate materials specifically for the tribal communities in South Dakota. CPCM will be holding a breakfast on April 1, 2022, to raise funds for the MDT CAASt scholarships.

The Advisory Board reviewed the CPCM Strategic Plan and identified the following action items:

- Goal B: Training & Professional Development
 - B.9 SANE Training

- The committee agreed CPCM should continue seeking out opportunities to develop partnership training and investigate becoming a training center.
 - B.11 Multidisciplinary Team Training
 - *B.11.g:* Create a mock house to serve as training hub. Investigate using space at regental universities. Determine feasibility on location. If viable, secure funding to equip or find alternative location.
 - The committee agreed CPCM should investigate available partnerships with existing organizations (Project Harmony and Lake Area Technical College) along with researching the feasibility of securing funding for a mock house, equipment, and locations as a training center.
 - B.12 Annual Conference & Training
 - *B.12.e:* Maintain database of trainings, including location and number of people in attendance. Work with appropriate licensing agencies to offer continuing education units.
 - *B.12.g:* Create training library with videos and presentation materials from the annual conference and other supported trainings.
 - The committee agreed a needs assessment should be completed for the training library and database to gather information on fee for services versus a free platform, partner resources, and training types.
- Goal C: Interprofessional Response to Child Maltreatment
 - C.1 Trauma Screening: Establish routine screening for trauma within medical and mental health professional practices.
 - C.5 Criminal Justice Response: Optimize the process and timeframe for resolution of criminal child abuse cases in South Dakota. Develop law enforcement processes for the collection of corroborating evidence in child maltreatment training. Launch at the Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC) and other education training venues.
 - C.8 Vicarious Trauma Response: Recommend that public and private employers of professionals working with child victims of violence develop and implement written plans specifically for vicarious and secondary trauma prevention and intervention practices within their organizations and agencies.
- Goal D: Public Awareness
 - D.1. Develop the “Courage Coalition” campaign to establish the shared responsibility by communities and stakeholders in South Dakota to know, prevent and respond to child maltreatment while also removing the stigma for survivors.
 - The committee agreed CPCM should initiate the process to develop and implement trauma informed language and framework across state and private agencies in South Dakota.

2022 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

2022 Public Policy Position Statement: The committee reviewed the 2022 Public Policy Position Statement. The document reflected the following changes suggested at the August 26, 2021 meeting. *See attached.*

2022 Legislative Initiatives: Representative Tim Reed and Carrie Sanderson presented the following potential legislation initiatives to the committee:

- Anonymous Rape Kits – Age 16 & 17: In 2020, [SDCL 22-22-26.3](#) (House Bill 1103) allowing 16-17 year old minors to consent to a forensic medical examination without parent consent, and [SDCL 23-5C-2/23-5C-3](#) (HB 1074) extending the time anonymous rape kits are stored before being destroyed (seven years or until the victim is 25) was passed. To avoid potential conflicts in law and maintain mandatory reporter statutes, the ability for an anonymous kit should be changed to persons who are 18 and older. The Advisory Board agreed Representative Reed will move forward individually with the initiative in 2022.
- Sexual contact – Intimate Parts: The committee reviewed the sexual contact with intimate parts legislative considerations. The committee agreed to move forward with the amended wording for the 2022 legislative session.
- Chain of Command Mandatory Reporting: Representative Taylor Rehfeldt has reviewed the changes with healthcare organizations, school systems, and lobbyists in South Dakota. The committee debated on the logistics of large organizations removing chain of command reporting and the possibility of multiple staff members reporting to DSS and overwhelming the system. The importance of ensuring victim reports are not diluted through chain of command reporting was discussed. The Advisory Board agreed to stay neutral on the initiative. Carrie Sanderson will communicate the Advisory Board's concerns to the representatives and assist with any necessary language modifications to the initiative.
- Corporal Punishment in Schools: The committee discussed concerns with the changes impacting teachers and staff at the Children's Home Society, LifeScape, and juvenile detention centers. The terms "correction" and "restraint" need to be defined to ensure the initiative's objectives are being interpreted correctly. The committee agreed to not move forward with the initiative in 2022.
- Other Topics (No current legislative proposal):
 - Abuse of Child in Utero – Ingestion and Sexual Violence: A fetus is not included in the term "child" under the civil abuse and neglect statutes, therefore a report to child protective services is not required when harm occurs in utero. Law enforcement officers have voiced concern over not being able to move forward with charges (A&N court or criminally) for mothers who may harm their child through the ingestion of drugs or substances during pregnancy.

- Victim/Witness Shields for Courtrooms: The committee has had ongoing discussions on methods to enhance psychological safety for child victims and witnesses in courtrooms. Tifanie Petro is drafting a potential legislative bill through her practicum in the CAASt program. The bill would allow for additional accommodations as circuits see fit.
- Childcare Relief Supports: Safe and competent childcare are identified protective factors for preventing ACEs and building resilience in children. Childcare is also identified as a preventative factor for many forms of violence (community, gun, and sexual). A lack of childcare providers and associated costs are listed as a reason for workforce shortages. Multiple organizations including Early Learner South Dakota and the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce are exploring options for recruiting additional childcare providers, increasing education opportunities for providers, and supplying stipends for childcare payments. CPCM has been involved in the discussions due to the direct relation to childcare and ACEs and Resiliency.
- Tuition Payment Schedules for Public Universities: Currently the self-support courses (on-line, through one of the three university centers/remote locations) are charged at a higher rate than state-support courses (face to face through one of the six main campuses) as outlined in [BOR policy 5.5.1](#). The Board of Regents follows [SDCL 3-20-1](#) and [SDCL 13-55-23](#) regarding reduced tuition for qualifying state employees. A state employer/department may allow employees to complete state-supported reduced tuition rate university courses if the department has the budget to cover the expenses. Due to the difference in self-support vs. state-support, state employees who attend classes in person on one of the six main university campuses would qualify for the reduced tuition. Board of Regents employees who are technically state employees, do not qualify for the reduced tuition (unwritten Board of Regents rule). The CPCM CAASt certificate is a self-support program only offered online, therefore no state employee would qualify for reduced tuition to complete the course. This hinders the targeted MDT (state employees) audience from completing the certificate.

Legislative Committee: Carrie Sanderson provided the Advisory Board an overview of the Legislative Committee duties. The committee is called annually during the legislative session to provide the CPCM director direction, decision making assistance, and reports to the Executive Committee. The committee regularly reviews CPCM legislative reports to assist in watching, supporting, or opposing bills. Currently Tifanie Petro, Nikki Eining, and Krista Heeren-Graber have expressed interest in joining the committee. Interested board members should contact Carrie Sanderson to join the committee.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Action Items: Carrie Sanderson recapped the following action items to the Advisory Board:

- Director Sanderson will move forward with legislative recommendations and continue preparing for legislative session.
- CPCM Goals
 - B.9: Seek out opportunities to develop partnership training and investigate becoming a training center.
 - B.11: Investigate available partnerships with existing organizations (Project Harmony and Lake Area Technical College) along with researching the feasibility of securing funding for a mock house, equipment, and locations as a training center.
 - B.12: Complete a needs assessment for the training library and database to gather information on fee for services versus a free platform, partner resources, and training types.
 - D.1: Initiate the process to develop and implement trauma informed language and framework across state and private agencies in South Dakota.

NEXT MEETINGS

A survey link was provided to the Advisory Board members on September 21, 2021, to gather feedback on the preferences of the Advisory Board for the 2022 meeting format. Based on the survey results, three virtual and one in-person meeting will be held in 2022. The in-person meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2021, in Pierre, SD.

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)