

SCCGP Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2021

Time: 11:00am-1:25pm

Location:

Virtual (Zoom)

<u>Present</u> <u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u> <u>Absent</u>	
P	Lisa Moore	P	Andrew Burns
P	Brenda Miltenberger	A	Jennifer Quintana
A	Tammy Lawrence	A	Kim Medina
P	Carl Einhaus	P	Shauna Hobbs
P	Lauren Jones	P	Diane Stutey

CDE Staff: Andy Tucker, Amy Miglinas, Alena Barczak

Guest: Sarah Wilson, School Counselor Doherty Colorado Springs D-11

Welcome, Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 11:05am
- Introductions by everyone including what we're thankful for
- Quorum declared

Approval of Agenda

- Lauren motioned to approve the agenda. Diane seconded.

Approval of Minutes

- Shauna motioned to approve the minutes. Brenda seconded.

Remarkable Moments:

- Sarah Wilson, Doherty High School, Colorado Springs D-11
 - Invited by Amy because of the good work she's doing at her district.
 - Presentation by Sarah: Summer Access Initiative
 - SAI is a skeleton crew of school counselors who work the summer
 - They prepare at the admin level to secure funding, meet with counselors, partner with local community college to support students
 - During summer: set goals, check in calls with recently graduated students, send texts via Signal Vine, track contacts in spreadsheet for upcoming counselors, meet weekly with summer employees

- Results of 2020 data: 1300 contacts made; before contact, 36% reported intent to attend college/uni. After contact, 47% reported the same. →Outcome: Outreach helped students earn diplomas
- Success stories: 1st gen US citizen able to complete FAFSA and attend college. A student who scraped by on credits and ICAP registered at Pikes Peak CC, now an EMT and works for Fire Dept. One student got his friend to attend a summer college workshop and enroll at Pikes Peak CC.
- Lessons Learned: Individual contacts rated as greatest accomplishments; set up communication platforms during school year (senior exit survey to get their cell numbers for later follow-up); target groups of students (think of who is not matriculating); and plan for sustainability.
 - Sarah exited the meeting

Old Business

- **Grant Evaluator**

Andy T: Overview of the Colorado Evaluation Lab partnership. The Lab has determined what they will evaluate over next 4 years (end 2025) and how we can make the grant more effective; they will start with the most recent Cohort that just opened. Believe we will receive the \$60k to move forward so they can execute this plan. Maybe we'll have Elysia come to a meeting in the future to share what they are finding—perhaps this time next year. Much praise for Elysia!

→view the Lab's plan here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/19-LdDsRRKoXjvyvuycOIZxgz_mpuh5tC/view?usp=sharing

- **Training Feedback from February**

Amy: People are getting tired of zoom meetings, but they said we had good ideas and appreciated the training and networking. We will keep the Feb. winter meeting going forward. Will keep the CSCA in October.

→ Link to feedback:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OEJWe9WFZHkNZ4dmPjAGfDZf2vu5pcZ9PWVYTc73AHc/edit?usp=sharing>

- **Advisory Board Bios (website update)**

Amy: please make time to complete bio information so Alena can add it to the SCCG website pages. Due before Aug. 5 intro training, please.

→Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQAcAqUwCLQrrh_yL5Tw6YSdzVbdPHUO60Qb3sex9gDM9e5g/viewform

New Business

- **2021-2022 SCCG Program**

- **Training Dates**

→Link with dates:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ga0wAaf3VV67x22KnY8hN4W0iIG3MY2B/view>

Amy: For Year 1, extend time for them to get started, work on needs assessment while all together.



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- **Webinars**
- **Community of Practice**
For Year 2 folks, start community of practice meetings: bring to table to discuss smart goals, any hiccups, and leaning on each other for resources, mentorship, especially for those schools who have never had a school counselor before.
- **Legislative Update**
 - **SB21-268**
Andy: SCCG Received \$2mil more, now \$12,250,000 total. Yay!
Updates to CDIP—extra funding, can cover any workplace experience now. ILOP, helps students graduate early.
 - **New Programs**
The state is experiencing an educator shortage, so leg. was passed to increase educator pipeline: Teach Recruitment Educator Program (TREP). Similar to ASCENT (5th yr program), TREP provides 2 years additional free college. Board over CE will oversee it.

Overview: Lots of money coming in! And those dollars can support school counselors. This year's application for SCCG was the most competitive yet. Discussion around students no longer having to submit standardized test scores to colleges for admission.

Discussion around CDE going fully remote or not: CDE will maintain some downtown office space, and Andy T will consider applicants from around the state for the TREP manager.

Intermission for 5 minutes

Meeting resumed at 12:20pm

Supplemental Grant Balance

- Andy T: Provided background on funding amounts for Years 1 (\$30k if 1 school; \$50k if 2+ schools) and Years 2-4 (\$80k) of the grant as well as supplemental funds for each fiscal year and where those come from.
- For 20-21, CDE received appx. \$2million additional. Distributed to 49 schools at \$60k each, to provide support post-covid. Members agree this was a good use of supp. funds.
- For 21-22, approximately \$250,000 is available. The team is looking for ideas.
 - Shauna: Bias training for new counselors
 - Lauren: BIONIC (suicide prevention); bully prevention
 - Carl: for IEP/disability students, transition services to Higher Ed. Shauna agrees based on her district's experience.
 - Diane: technology—how to harness it for students
 - Lauren: children's mental health
 - Andy B: transition from 8th grade/9th grade success programs
 - Amy: Transitioning back into flow post-covid and all those changes.
 - Andy T: How about a general transition focus, try to tie in equity somehow?
 - General agreement.
 - Discussion around giving more money upfront rather than in supplemental; for the supplemental, accepting more schools with lower fund distribution, or



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less schools with more funds each—and how this will impact the grant down the road.

- o Consensus: Increasing the grant upfront for Years 2-4 is direction everyone wants to go. Increasing to \$90k would make sense for inflation and change over past 10 years. Most members believe schools will only ask for what they can justify.

Lisa joined the meeting around 12:35.

Board Member Resignation

- Lisa has submitted letter of resignation—departing comments.
- Jennifer has also submitted letter of resignation (absent).

Comments from Board Members

- Lauren: Can we solicit current counselors for opening board positions? –Yes.
- Many thanks to Lisa!

2021-2022 Meetings:

- CDE will send some tentative dates for everyone’s input.
- Will shoot for 1 in-person meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:25pm. Carl motioned, Lisa seconded.