

Agenda

February 4, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD - Conference Room - Side A ONLY 1

- Welcome of the Subcabinet – Chair, Dr. George Arlotto
 - Declaration of Quorum
 - Additions to the Agenda (If needed)
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - November 5, 2018 - Meeting Minutes
- Maryland Center for School Safety Updates
 - General Updates
 - SRO Training Development
 - MD School Safety Tip Line
- Bus Driver Critical Incident Response Training – this will be an overview of a type of training being provided to school bus drivers in a local school system
- 2019 Work plan – the Subcabinet would like the Advisory Board to develop a work plan for 2019 that will outline topic areas for discussion and outcomes. Each topic area may have different expected outcomes. This will be a facilitated discussion.
 - 2019 Advisory Board Work Plan
 - Subcabinet Priority Topic Areas
 - Transportation
 - After Hours Planning
 - Special Education Planning
 - Mental Health Training
 - Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line Marketing
 - Additional Topic Areas for Consideration
- Other Business
- Closing – Dr. Arlotto
 - Next Meeting – March 4 10:00 a.m. Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Board Room, 2644 Riva Rd, Annapolis
 - Adjournment

Please be advised that the Subcabinet may move into a closed session, if needed, pursuant to Maryland Code, § 3-305 of the General Provisions Article.

Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2019

The meeting of the Maryland School Safety Advisory Board was held on February 4, 2019 at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland.

Dr. George Arlotto, the Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m., provided opening comments, and noted that a quorum was present.

The following Advisory Board members were in attendance:

- Chair - Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent, Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- Sheriff Scott Adams, Cecil County Sheriff's Office (Maryland Sheriff's Association)
- Thomas Alban, Director of Risk Management, Archdiocese of Baltimore (Non-public School Representative)
- Chief Tim Altomare, Anne Arundel County Police Department (Maryland Chief of Police Association)
- Dr. Kellie Anderson, Coordinator of Psychological Services, Anne Arundel County Public Schools (School Psychologist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker)
- Karin Baily, Chair, St. Mary's County Board of Education (Maryland Association of Boards of Education)
- James T. Bell, Head Football Coach at Great Mills High School (Parent of a Public School Student)
- Megan Berger, Esq., Attorney (Disability Rights Maryland)
- Dr. Chanta' M. Booker, Principal, New Era Academy (School Principal)
- Jon Carrier, SRO Anne Arundel County Public Schools (President, Maryland Association of School Resource Officers)
- Rachael Faulkner, Policy Consultant (Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care)
- Katherine Klausmeier, Senator (Maryland Senate)
- Laurel Moody, MS, School Liaison to Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS)
- Lourdes Padilla, Secretary Department of Human Services (MDHS)
- Manfred Reek, Representative School Bus Drivers
- Nicholas Shockney, Special Education Administrator, Carroll County Public Schools
- Lucas Tarbell, Student, Catonsville High School (Maryland Association of Student Councils)

The following Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) members were in attendance:

- Kate Hession, Executive Director
- Dino Pignataro, Deputy Director
- Dawn P. O'Croinin, Assistant Attorney General
- Holly Barrett, Certification and Education Administrator
- Andrew Turner, Prevention and Intervention Administrator
- Sandra Caldwell, School Safety Analyst
- Ronald Pierce, Training Administrator
- Mike Rudinski, Training Administrator
- Tarik Harris, Training Administrator
- Jim Hott, Training Administrator

Other meeting attendees:

Representatives of State agencies and the Governor's Office were also in attendance.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Tom Alban to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by MDHS Secretary Padilla. The motion to approve the corrected minutes passed unanimously.

Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) Updates:

MCSS Executive Director Kate Hession provided an update on hiring status for the MCSS and introduced the new members of the MCSS team. Director Hession also noted that MCSS met all mandates for 2018. Mr. Rudinski provided an update on the status of the School Resource Officer (SRO) training development which is currently on track to be completed and approved by the Public Safety Training Commission by the March 1, 2019 deadline. Mr. Rudinski also briefed on the comparative compliance program for those who have completed NASRO in the past two years to do 16 hour course. MCSS staff will be trained to become trainers for the course. Police instructors from around the State to help with regional education.

Questions:

Mr. Reek: Any reason why the advisory board can't review the lesson plans?

Director Hession: There will be tweaking of the lesson plans once they are complete before they are actually taught and MCSS will keep getting feedback to massage the lesson plans. Karin Bailey advised that multiple stakeholders have participated in the curriculum development.

Dr. Arlotto: are the lesson plans then open source documents?

Director Hession: Yes.

Tom Alban: Can nonpublic school security employees participate in training?

Director Hession: Yes, but we need to make sure that those required to be trained by law are trained first.

Mr. Rudinski: Gave more granular update on how the trainings will be managed with classroom size, exposure to different instructors.

Scott Adams: when will we know the schedules for the trainings b/c lots of stuff happening for the SROs in the summertime.

MCSS responded with estimated timelines for trainings.

The MCSS reported on the status and stats for the Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line. MCSS is working on a full procurement for a new system; will provide updates on the procurement process.

Launch of the Tip Line (Oct 3, 2018) through January 31, 2019, there were 182 tips received. All tips were handled by the local school system and/or law enforcement for follow-up. No life safety tips proved to be credible. The top five tip types were broken down as follows:

23 – Drug Distribution/Use/Sale

18 – Bullying/Cyber-bullying/Teasing

16 – General School Complaint/School Accountability

16 – Assault/Intent to Harm

14 – Planned School Attack

Questions:

Scott Adams: anonymity problems and tracing IP addresses;

Dawn addressed the legal aspects.

Rachel Faulkner: question about connecting people to crisis hotline for transfer; and question about PIA requests and protecting personal information.

Dawn addressed the PIA and proposed legislation.

Megan Berger: legislation and operation?

Discuss.

Director Hession: gave detailed explanation of the proposed legislation: guidelines, reporting, etc.

Sec. Padilla: when does contract expire?

MCSS: August.

Lucas: wanted to know if we were talking about marketing of the tip line today.

MCSS asked Marcia Deppen from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to brief out on a new grant (5 year grant through US DOE). The school emergency management grant will provide support in writing local school emergency plans as well as training and exercise support. MEMA is in the process of hiring staff to manage the program. Support for all schools including public, non-public placement, and private.

Questions:

Karin Bailey: good to look at expanding what emergency management plans are outside of the regular school day;

Marcia: not just looking at schools but at other facilities owned by the districts - good idea.

Bus Driver Critical Incident Response Training Overview:

Mr. Andrew Turner, MCSS, provided an overview of the Emergency Preparedness Training provided to bus drivers in Wicomico County. The training is intended to prepare bus drivers on response to an incident that occurs on their bus so that they understand the threat assessment process, A.L.I.C.E (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) on the school bus, and what to expect when help arrives.

Dr. Arlotto called for a five minute break before breaking into workgroups.

2019 Work plan:

The MCSS Executive Director provided an overview of the tasking from the Subcabinet.

The Subcabinet has asked that the Advisory Board develop a work plan for 2019 that will outline topic areas for discussion and outcomes. The MCSS then lead the Advisory Board through a work session to begin the development of a 2019 work plan. A copy of that draft work plan is attached to these minutes.

Discussion Topics:

What are do you see as long term goals/outcomes for school safety? What topics should the Advisory Board focus on in 2019?

Group 1 (Facilitator Mike Rudinski):

Exploring best practices for full-day school safety (all other stakeholders who have use of facilities) and what funding is available to support this;

Building design: IAC exists to assist with that, but need to get student involvement at all levels for input;

Utilizing the conference (MCSS summer conference) for Summit to bring in stakeholders and create more of a networking event to bring people together;

Breaking down the silos between the stakeholder groups better;

Advisory Board input to Subcabinet on grant funds; and

Possibly creating a student advisory board to reach more of the population of students served.

Group 2 (Facilitator Ron Pierce):

Increased communication between stakeholders;

Transportation for after school programs;

Resources for long term recovery efforts;

After hours planning; and

Expanding training for see something, say something, to the entire community - National Night Out.

Group 3 (Facilitator Tarik Harris):

Issues with school discipline and hands being tied;

Messaging systems for better communications with parents during emergencies or changes in the school days;

MCSS and Tip Line Marketing - branding, need for town hall meetings to gather feedback, regional allocation to help get people involved;

PSA's - do a monthly update to everyone on what MCSS has been doing; have a monthly theme of things to share with parents;

Legislative deadlines and timetable for completion - figuring out how to better articulate how things help the students and parents - make it meaningful for individuals;

Training and support - make it evidence based training for mental health services; and

GAP analysis for each jurisdiction from public school side and private schools / non-public special education schools to figure out how best to fill those gaps.

MCSS will develop a draft Advisory Board 2019 Work Plan for the Subcabinet to review at their next meeting.

Subcabinet to define "School Security Employee". Karin mentioned a bill that is about to drop about special police officers for schools and said intent was that they NOT be considered SROs or school security employees, but would be armed.

Closing:

Dr. Arlotto asked for any other business. Dr. Booker: Asked for an update on Safe Schools Fund grants. MCSS: Yes.

Travel reimbursement is now .58 per mile.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Alban, which was seconded by Jon Carrier and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting concluded at 12:06pm.