



MEPIC Advisory Board Committee Meetings Conference Call Minutes

Tallahassee, Florida

16 January 2019

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Awareness and Prevention Committee (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

- In attendance:
 - Julie Collins
 - Kathrine Gomez
 - Brendie Hawkins
 - Jessica Janasiewicz
 - Stephanie Jones
 - Barbara Renczkowski
 - Erin Rounds
 - Craig Schroeder
 - Hilary Sessions

Minutes

- **Craig Schroeder (CS):** Welcome everyone, I just want to do a quick roll call.
- **CS:** Just a few quick updates from FDLE:
 - **CS:** As I mentioned before, the Offender Registration and Enforcement Conference in December went well.
 - **CS:** The biggest piece of news I have is that Inspector Brett Lycett accepted a position in TROC and is no longer with CART. We will get whoever is replacement is to introduce themselves to the Board and give everyone CART updates.
- **CS:** What I would like to do for this meeting is to go line by line on the Strategic Plan and simply determine whether the goals/objectives are ones we want to keep, remove, or revise when we write the new Strategic Plan in March.

Objective A-1.1: Identify Florida university partner(s) to lead, and a cross-agency collaborative group to provide input into, a personal safety curricula assessment and provide overall prevention and awareness guidance and recommendations for the Advisory Board, by December 31, 2015.

- **Barbara Renczkowski (BR):** I think that is one that we want to keep.
- **CS:** Okay, I'll mark keep next to that goal.

Objective A-1.2: Complete and distribute results of an initial review, analysis, and recommendations of best current curricula and approaches to schools, law

enforcement, afterschool and youth service providers, and other community organizations and state care agencies that work with at risk populations, by December 31, 2016, and then annually by December 31st.

- **CS:** MY thoughts on this is that the Board has expressed a desire to move away from creating and towards advising or communicating information; so I think this idea is good, but might need to be revised to reflect the Board's changing focus.

Objective A-1.3: Based on initial and annual review/recommendation process, identify gaps and explore feasibility of developing materials and using emerging technologies to address the gaps, by March 31, 2017, and then March 31 annually.

- **BR:** Have we identified any of these gaps?
- **CS:** I don't think so.
- **BR:** Well I like the line about identifying gaps and I think that we should keep that.
- **BR:** Also, maybe we can approach NCMEC and see if they have identified any gaps in their training.
- **CS:** Okay, so I'm hearing that we should edit this objective.

Objective A-1.4: Establish best practice standards for curriculum and materials for law enforcement to educate vulnerable populations about specific and potential dangers in online and texting platforms.

- **CS:** This sounds like one that we could merge with other goals, specifically the Response and Recovery's Strategic Plan mentions "special populations" as well.
- **Julie Collins (JC):** "Vulnerable population" doesn't necessarily mean "special population", I think special population in this case means children,
- **CS:** Oh, you're right, I misread that.
- **JC:** I still think that this is one that needs to be edited.

Objective A-2.1: Create academic and professional work group to provide a first responder promising practices research and training curricula assessment, and provide overall first responder training guidance and recommendations for the Advisory Board, by December 31, 2016.

- **JC:** Was the creation of the Subject Matter Expert (SME) list part of this objective?
- **CS:** Yes, I believe it was
- **BR:** Well I think we need to keep this objective as is.
- **CS:** Okay, I agree. Specifically creation of work groups seems to fit with the SME list.

Objective A-2.2: Complete and distribute results of a review, analysis, and recommendations from promising practices research, curricula and approaches, and identify and recommend standalone opportunities or entry points for missing and exploited persons awareness and training into existing training to first responder agencies, by December 31, 2017.

- **JC:** When I see these last two objectives I just keep thinking about Fox Valley. Are we going to create anything beyond what they are doing? They seem to be have it covered. This is probably a conversation for the face to face meeting. It's just interesting talking about training when Fox Valley seems to have all of those bases covered.
- **CS:** I will add that to the agenda, and that again goes to the conversation about reviewing the Board's focus.

Objective A-2.3: Pilot test and assess implementation of training recommendations (see A-2.2 above) with five first responder agencies in a variety of settings and refine recommendations based on pilot test, by December 31, 2018.

- **JC:** IF we didn't do the others we didn't do that one.
- **JC:** I think this is the same as the previous; we need to evaluate what Fox Valley is doing and if there's anything that's needed from us, from a training perspective.
- **CS:** Right, and I know I've said it several times, but I think a lot of what we need to concentrate on at the March meeting is identifying what exactly we want the focus of the new Strategic Plan to be.

Objective A-3.1: Direct parents and guardians to vetted resources which evaluate social media platforms for risks posed to vulnerable populations.

- **JC:** The AG's office was plugged in to these kind of resources for a while and was a priority for them a while ago. So this will be interesting to see if the new AG will be involved in this kind of thing.
 - **CS:** I can ask Christina about this and see where the AG sits.
- **JC:** Do we know if the new administration will have changes for our Board.
 - **CS:** Yes, but most of those positions send representatives that I haven't heard anything different from as of now; so it appears that the actual personnel who attend meetings won't change that drastically, even if some of the named members do.

Objective A-3.2: Create and implement a strategy and techniques for promoting parental awareness of their child's digital life by December 31, 2016, and then updated December 31 annually.

- **JC:** I want to think of different ways that we can reach parents. In our old bureau we had community engagement. I wonder if there is internet safety week.
- **Jessica Janasiewicz (JJ):** I think if we want to do something like that, that's something we can promote at the school level.
- **BR:** There is a Safer Internet Day, Tuesday February 5th.
- **JC:** We may be a little late, but there is a day or week for everything.
 - **CS:** So I'm hearing we might want to make this a new objective? The Board's creation and involvement of a community oriented awareness day or week?
 - **JC:** Yes and working with the local school districts.
- **JC:** Are we putting out articles in PTA publications.
 - **BR:** Yes, we are.
- **CS:** Anything else?
- **CS:** Just an update on the essay/poster contest link: the DOE memo went out last month to all of the schools encouraging them to participate in the FMCD essay and poster contests. So we are hoping for a good turnout as in previous years.
 - **BR:** Can you send me that info that went out?
 - **CS:** Certainly.
- **CS:** Okay, well if we don't have anything else we can adjourn.

Adjourned

Response and Recovery Committee (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

- In attendance:
 - David Brand
 - Kathrine Gomez
 - Brendie Hawkins
 - Jessica Janasiewicz
 - Stephanie Jones
 - Barbara Renczkowski
 - Erin Rounds
 - Craig Schroeder
 - Hilary Sessions

Minutes

- **Craig Schroeder (CS):** Welcome everyone; I want to begin with a roll call.
- **CS:** We don't have many announcements from FDLE.
 - **CS:** I mentioned on our last call that the Offender Registration and Enforcement Conference in December went well.
 - **CS:** One FDLE announcement that will affect the Board is that Inspector Brett Lycett accepted a position in TROC and will no longer be the Board's liaison to FDLE's CART unit. I will work with CART about getting an update for the Board.
- **CS:** What I would like to do today is for this Committee to go line by line in the current strategic plan and decide if each objective is something they would like to keep on the new strategic plan, remove it altogether, or edit it to fit the Board's current scope and focus,

Objective R-1.1: Develop and pilot test at least one innovative way to bring the resources of the Clearinghouse directly to local law enforcement agencies (e.g., "analyst on-site" assistance) annually, by December 31 each year.

- **Floy Turner (FT):** Looking at this, I think that's something we need to market to local agencies.
- **FT:** Do you think FDLE and the clearinghouse does a good job of communicating information and new technology to these local agencies?
- **CS:** Yes, from my perspective FDLE does this. One of our members', Shamekia Collins, job is specifically to train local agencies on new clearinghouse/database innovations.
- **CS:** So do we want to keep, edit, or remove?
- **FT:** Did we accomplish this goal.
- **CS:** No. But I think looking at it, the idea of "developing" something is outside of the scope of the Advisory Board as it exists now.

- **FT:** So this might be one that we want to edit.

Objective R-1.2: Target data-identified local law enforcement agencies with CART deployment information to increased knowledge of available resources for more strategic responses, by June 1, 2016, and then June 1 annually.

- **John Pitta (JP):** Who are we marketing this to? I think working with FSA and FPCA to market these ideas
- **JP:** Do we know how many agencies in Florida aren't already aware of these resources?
- **CS:** We don't, and that is something the Board has discussed. So maybe we can add a specific goal about first doing some research to kind of figure out this question.

Objective R-2.1: Contribute to an established Clearinghouse/AMBER "Virtual Academy" for online training by June 1, 2018.

- **FT:** I think this is kind of vague.
- **CS:** I want to point out that the Board does seem to moving away from creating content as a goal and towards creating awareness.
- **FT:** Maybe we can keep this but edit it to be more specific.

Objective R-2.2: Promote regional field training resources.

- **FT:** I think this is the same as the last one: I want to keep it but I think we need to be more specific.
- **CS:** I agree. I think a lot of what we're looking at needs to be reworded to reflect the Board's changing focus.

Objective R-3.1: Develop and implement a strategic plan for the deployment of license plate reader at state borders, in major metropolitan areas, and on major interstate highways and thoroughfare throughout Florida to enhance missing persons alert systems by June 1, 2017.

- **CS:** For this one I do want to remind you all that Seth has reported to us several times that this is something that is being considered but just can't be done right now. He has said repeatedly he doesn't see a need to remove it from the goal, it's just something that can't be done right now.
- **FT:** I wonder why we have this because it's not something we can control.
- **CS:** I think we should edit this objective that takes the onus of developing and implementing the LPRs off of the Board.
- **David Brand (DB):** Yeah, I think LPRs is something that is just beyond the board's control.

Objective R-3.2: Promote education of law enforcement on the use of social media and open source applications in missing person investigations.

- **FT:** I think that one is great and what the Board should focus on.
- **Peggy Pitta (PP):** I agree.
- **CS:** As do I. I think maybe we can expand on this and make some more specific goals contained within.

Objective R-3.3: Test and implement use of emerging technologies, as provided by the Advisory Board's subcommittee focusing on technology, by December 31, 2018.

- **PP:** Is that something the Board can do?
- **CS:** I think we can but I don't know if it's what this board wants to do in scope. As we've mentioned before, over the last two years the Board has shifted away from the idea their goal is to "develop" or "implement" ideas and instead raise awareness and/or act in an Advisory capacity to FDLE and the represented agencies.
- **PP:** Okay, well can we add a phrase that says "encourage" rather than actually implementing.

Objective R-4.1: Create and distribute strategies for improved response and recovery efforts for autistic young people, by December 31, 2016.

Objective R-4.2: Create and distribute foster care youth-specific enhanced response and recovery strategies, by June 1, 2017.

Objective R-4.3: Develop and share strategies for improved response and recovery efforts for senior adults, December 31, 2017.

- **FT:** I think R-4.1 through R-4.3 all sound appropriate and sound like the things we should be focusing on.
- **PP:** I think these goals are specifically things that this committee needs to focus on.

Objective R-4.4: Identify and examine the feasibility of addressing specialized response and recovery strategies for existing populations and others that may emerge, by June 1, 2018.

- **PP:** This is a little confusing.
- **FT:** I'm having a hard time focusing on the objective. I think it's kind of covered by the other items and I don't think it belongs there.
- **JP:** It seems it exists here already.

- **CS:** So I'm hearing this one might be one we want to remove or redirect the focus?
- **FT:** I think we should remove it.
- **PP:** I agree.
- **CS:** Does anyone have anything else they want to discuss before we adjourn for the day?
 - **PP:** Is there anything in the Strategic Plan that addresses emergencies in movie theaters or crowded spaces?
 - **CS:** Not currently, but please let me know of anything you'd like to see added.
- **CS:** I'm going to take all this feedback and add it to the margin notes of the current Strategic Plan and provide them to you all.
- **CS:** Does anyone have anything else?
 - **FT:** Fox Valley has agreed to hold the registration open for another week for CART training. We have 65 attendees coming for the CART training on Feb 11-13 at the Sheriff's Office. If anyone is interested in attending, I know some people that live nearby that we might get over there.
- **CS:** Okay, well if there is nothing else, we can adjourn for the day.

Adjourned

Communication and Technology Committee (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

NO MEMBERS FROM THIS COMMITTEE
CALLED IN TO ATTEND.