

**School Safety Commission Meeting
March 13, 2018
Criminal Justice Institute**

Members Present

Dr. Cheryl P. Mays, Chair
Bill Temple, Vice Chair
Dr. Sterling Claypoole
John Kaminar
John Allison
Lori Poston
Dawn Anderson
Marvin Burton
Dr. David Hopkins
Ricky Hopkins
A.J. Gary
Sheriff Tim Helder
Jami Cook
Will Jones
Brad Montgomery

Members joining by Phone:

Dr. Joyce Cottoms

Members Absent

Dr. Margaret Weiss
Fire Chief Tom Jenkins

The Arkansas School Safety Commission (Commission) convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Criminal Justice Institute, located at 26 Corporate Hill Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Doug Bradberry, Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) staff person instructed those calling-in as well as, members of the audience that the Commission would only answer questions from Commission members and not from the public, at Commission meetings.

Dr. Cheryl P. May, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10. Dr. May said she was grateful to the Governor and Commission members, stating that they had a lot of work to do. She asked each member to introduce themselves, give a brief personal background, and tell what each felt (s)he could offer and bring to the Commission.

Public Comments & Public Ideas:

Dr. May recommended that the Commission create a process for handling public comments and public ideas. Mr. John Kaminar made a motion that ADE create an email address and an online form so the public can sign-up for public comments and public ideas to address the Commission; Dr. Sterling Claypoole seconded the motion. The Commission discussed different options. Mr. A.J. Gary suggested to create a Google document (Google doc) to address the

concerns. Mr. Kaminar amended his motion to include the Google doc presented by Mr. Gary. Mr. Gary seconded, the motion carried.

Mr. Brad Montgomery suggested sitting aside a time during one of the meetings for a public hearing. Mr. A. J. Gary agreed that there needed to be public comments and involvement. Mr. Kaminar made the motion to set aside one meeting for public comments. If needed, additional time could be added. Mr. Montgomery seconded; the motion carried.

Dr. Claypoole addressed using the Google doc to answer questions before the Commission meetings and holding the meetings for those still needing clarification. Dr. Claypoole agreed to Mr. Montgomery's 30-day cutoff timeline but would be open to 15-20 days.

Mr. Kaminar made the motion to create an online registration for those wanting to address concerns to the Commission with a five (5)-minute presentation time limit. Ms. Poston seconded the motion. The Commission addressed a cutoff time to sign-up for public comments prior to setting meetings. Mr. Kaminar amended his motion to the cutoff sign-up of 15 days prior to the scheduled Commission meeting. Dr. Claypoole seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Governor's Proclamation/Vision/Mission/Goals/Focus Areas:

Dr. May presented to the Commission a copy of the Governor's proclamation. Dr. May also presented the Commission with a draft of a vision, mission, goals and focus areas, advising that what she is presenting is not written in stone and everything is open for discussion.

Vision: To make Arkansas's children and school personnel in K-12 schools Safer.

Mission: Through a report, advise the Governor and the Department of Education to increase school safety across Arkansas in K-12 schools; to identify gaps to recommend how to fill them to make schools safer.

Goals:

- Study and analyze the safety of K-12 throughout the State taking into consideration the physical and mental health of students.
- Study the architecture and construction of school buildings as it relates to the safety of students and staff in those buildings, including prevention and response to active shooter threats.
- Consider any and all issues associated with school safety.
- Undertake school visits, visits with SROs, building principals, counselors, superintendents and others to have a comprehensive view of this topic.
- Preliminary report due to Governor Hutchinson on July 1, 2018. Final report due no later than November 30, 2018.

Focus Areas:

Listed Focus Areas, per Dr. May, not all inclusive. Sub-committees to be formed for the Focus Areas.

- **Legal issues**
 - ACT 484 of 2013 (Safe Schools Initiative Act)
 - ACT 950 of 2015 (2015 School Safety Act) (Correction made from ACT 541)
 - ACT 541 of 2017 (Security Records/FOIA)
 - Cyberbullying Legislation
 - School current legal/policy requirements for schools

- **Intelligence/Communications**
 - Current Practice
 - Fusion Centers
 - Panic Buttons

- **Safety/Security Audits**
 - Current Status
 - Strategies

- **Emergency Operation Plans and Active Shooter Drills**
 - Current Practices
 - CRASE (Civil Response to Active Shooters Events) Included

- **Law Enforcement and Security**
 - School Resource Officers (SROs)
 - Commissioned School Security Officers (CSSOs)
 - Auxiliary Officers/Deputies
 - School Visitations by law enforcement
 - Combinations of the above
 - Considerations
 - Training
 - Funding
 - Choice of Personnel

- **Physical Security**
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
 - Single Point of Entry
 - Electronic Access Badges
 - Door Locks
 - Metal Detectors
 - Other strategies

- **Mental Health**
 - Current State
 - Mental Health First Aid
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Suicide Pretentions
- **Crisis Intervention**
 - What to do and/or avoid incidents
- **School Bus and Transportation**
- **Prevention Programs**
 - Suicide Prevention
 - School Climate Surveys
 - Anti-Bullying Programs
 - Gangs and Drugs Awareness
 - Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams
 - Anonymous Tips
 - Say Something
 - Safe 2 Tell
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences
 - Prescription for Life
 - Drug Endangered Children
 - Break the Cycle (Domestic Violence)
 - Stop the Bleed
 - Child Abuse Reporting
 - Adult Predatory Behavior in Schools
 - Naloxone in Schools

Dr. May asked the Commission for suggestions or amendments to the vision, mission and focus groups. The Commission offered no amendments.

Dr. May presented the above general Focus Areas and asked members if they felt something needed to be added or taken away from the list.

Sheriff Helder asked if the Commission would be presenting suggestion for immediate, short-term and long-term recommendations? Dr. May presented Sheriff Helder's question to the Commission members. Marvin Burton also discussed the issue of transportation to and from school and events.

A.J. Gary recommended to the Commission that the following items be considered when making recommendations:

1. Security: Immediate, short term and long term
2. Prevention & Mitigation
3. Response
4. Recovery

John Kaminar recommended a checklist/data collection guide to keep track of what's going on in school visits.

Will Jones, Assistant Attorney General said his office has a plan the Commission could from which to build.

Dr. May suggested sending out surveys from ADE to see what is being done in the schools.

Ms. Cook would like to see what is available from resources?

Mrs. Courtney Salas-Ford, ADE Deputy Counsel will present ADE policies regarding school safety at the next Commission meeting.

Ms. Poston wanted to make sure teachers and school staff know and are empowered to communicate with children and parents. That teacher's "plates are full" but they take the brunt.

Dr. David Hopkins (added last name), Clarksville School District's Superintendent (changed from superintended) suggested wrapping around to the focus areas.

Dr. May presented an email from Joshua McMillian regarding ALERRT used currently at ATU.

Dr. May presented material regarding number of SRO in the school districts. Currently there is only 66% of the SRO have training.

Dr. May presented General Focus Areas and asked members which areas they would be willing to serve.

Focus Area Subcommittee List

Focus Areas:

Legal

Will Jones (Added last name)

John Kaminar

Intelligence/Communication

Jamie Cook, Chair

A.J. Gary

Bill Temple

Sterling Claypoole

Marvin Burton

Safety & Security Audits – Combined with the following:

Emergency & Operations; Active Shooter Drills; Stop the Bleed; Panic Buttons

A.J. Gary, Chair

Will Jones

John Kaminar

Dr. David Hopkins

John Allison

Law Enforcement & Security

Sheriff Tim Helder – Chair

Dr. David Hopkins

Bill Temple

John Allison

Jami Cook

Ricky Hopkins

Marvin Burton

Physical Security & School Bus & Transportation

Brad Montgomery, Chair

Dr. David Hopkins

Fire Chief Tom Jenkins

Dr. Joyce Cottoms

Dawn Anderson

Mental Health & Prevention Programs

Lori Poston, Chair

Sterling Claypoole, Co-Chair

Dawn Anderson

John Kaminar

Dr. Margaret Weiss

Ad-hoc Committee (School Visit)

John Kaminar, Chair

Brad Montgomery

Dr. David Hopkins

Dr. Joyce Cottoms

Marvin Burton

Dr. Sterling Claypoole

Sheriff Tim Helder

Dr. Claypoole made a motion to create the subcommittees are outlined. Seconded by Mr. Kaminar; motion carried.

Dr. May disturbed the 1st report Arkansas Safe School Report from the School Safe Committee to the Commission members.

Dr. May reminded the Commission that a preliminary report is due on the Governor's desk by July 1, 2018. Dr. May also recommended the Commission meet every two (2) weeks and subcommittees meet prior to the Commission's scheduled meetings.

Future Dates:

April 4, 2018, 12:00 – 4:00
Criminal Justice Institute
26 Corporate Hill Drive
Little Rock, AR. 72205

April 17, 2018: 10:00-2:00
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Ms. Cook made the motion to have Criminal Justice Institute give an overview of the available resources. Sheriff Helder seconded; motion carried

Dr. May made the motion to have Dr. Elizabeth "Betsy" Kindal, ADE, who coordinates mental health services for Arkansas School Based Mental Health Centers present on mental health at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Temple; motion carried.

Dr. May recommended she bring a couple of the SROs to the next committee. Mr. Kaminar seconded; motion carried.

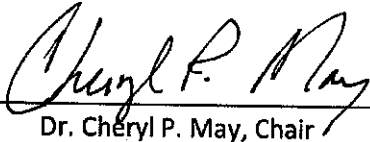
Fusion Center Presentation
Safe School Committee Presentation
Brief overview of resources from CJJ

Dr. May ask the ad-hoc (school visit) subcommittee to generate proposals to bring to the Commission at the next meeting regarding school visits.

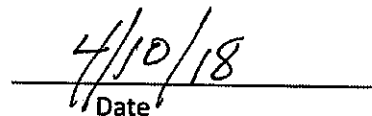
Dr. May presented Arkansas School Safety Commission letterhead created by Gayle Morris, ADE. Dr. Sterling made the motion to accept the letterhead with the correction of reflecting David Hopkins to reflect Dr. David Hopkins. Bill Temple seconded; motion carried.

Marvin Burton made the motion to bring a student voice to the Commission. Mr. Kaminar seconded; motion carried.

Minutes were presented by Doug Bradberry, ADE Staff Personnel and approved with corrections in red.



Dr. Cheryl P. May, Chair



Date