

School Safety and Student Well-being Advisory Committee

December 5, 2019 Meeting Summary

JLARC – First Responder Building Mapping Information System Study

Representatives from JLARC joined us at the December 5 SS-SWAC meeting to present on the process utilized to conduct the First Responder Building Mapping Information System Study required by HB1216 prior to its publication. You can access the full report by visiting the [JLARC Audit and Study Reports](#) website.

Youth Advisory Council Presentation

Representatives from the newly formed SS-SWAC Youth Advisory Council (SS-SWAC YAC) were in attendance and presented on the topic of communication to students and staff in relation to drills and other incidents. This presentation included suggestions for the SS-SWAC, school districts, and possible legislative considerations.

Suggestions from the SS-SWAC YAC:

- Scheduled drills and notifications.
 - To avoid unnecessary futile student anxiety and to clarify what is and is not a drill.
- Standardized procedures in variable settings.
 - Students and staff should know what to do and should feel confident in lock down procedures, regardless of location, as they are about any other drill (such as fire drills or “shelter in place”).
 - Staff should receive adequate training concerning lock down drills.
 - Drills should occur during passing periods, lunch, and/or assemblies

The SS-SWAC YAC’s stance is that being informed and being responsible for informing others are two different things. Students should not have to be the ones to fight for better supports. Youth are not the structure we should be relying on; it should be a job for the adults.

Based on the SS-SWAC YAC presentation and discussion amongst the group, it was recommended that SS-SWAC review the suggestions at the next meeting in more detail.

Additionally, the creation of an additional subcommittee to focus on these recommendations for proposed changes on safety drill requirements and trainings was

suggested. Those interested in joining this subcommittee should contact Ella DeVerse, OSPI Program Supervisor for School Safety, at ella.deverse@k12.wa.us.

2019 Safety Summit

The SS-SWAC discussed the suggestion to combine the June 11 SS-SWAC meeting with the 2020 School Safety Summit. The SS-SWAC voted and the result was a unanimous decision to move forward with combining the SS-SWAC meeting and the School Safety Summit.

The location of the June 11 meeting will be moved to the Olympia area to accommodate the full day meeting.

To ensure the SS-SWAC is meeting in geographically diverse areas, the first meeting of the 2020/2021 school year will be held in Yakima. Additionally, the SS-SWAC will look to hold another meeting of the 2020/2021 school year on the east side of the state.

Threat Assessment

ESD 112 provided a presentation on Threat Assessment processes and programs in Washington state. This section of the meeting was presented via Zoom by Denise Dishongh and Adam Scattergood, both from ESD 112. A school district perspective was also provided by Don Iverson from the Kelso School District.

Please see the attached slides from ESD 112's presentation.

If you have questions about Threat Assessment Programs in Washington State, please contact Ella DeVerse, OSPI Program Supervisor for School Safety at ella.deverse@k12.wa.us.

WSSDA –Policy and Procedure

Abigail Westbrook from WSSDA presented a draft of the policy and procedure for Threat Assessment to the SS-SWAC. WSSDA's creation of this policy in conjunction with OSPI and with consultation from the SS-SWAC is a requirement under HB 1216.

WSSDA convened stakeholders from OSPI's Safety Center, Equity and Civil Rights Office, and Student Discipline along with representatives from the ACLU, School Districts in Washington, ESDs, the Risk Management Pools, and other key individuals.

As required under HB 1216, the Policy and Procedure have been posted to the OSPI [School Safety Center Threat Assessment](#) Website.

If you have questions about the creation of the policy and procedure, please contact Abigail Westbrook, WSSDA Director of Policy and Legal Services at a.westbrook@wssda.org.

School Resource Officers (SROs)

Mike Donlin of the OSPI Safety Center provided information to the SS-SWAC on the requirements for SRO training under HB 1216. Per requirement under HB 1216, training resources will be available on the OSPI School Safety Website in January 2020.

If you have questions about SRO requirements under HB 1216, please contact

Behavioral Health

A Behavioral Health update was provided by Camille Goldy, OSPI Student Support Director.

The [Children's Regional Behavioral Health Pilot Program](#) legislative report has been published to the OSPI website.

For more information on Behavioral Health, please contact Camille Goldy, OSPI Student Support Director, at Camille.goldy@k12.wa.us.

UW TELEMEDICINE Pilot

Kelcey Schmitz of the UW SMART center provided information to the SS-SWAC on the Telemedicine Pilot. For further information on the Telemedicine pilot, please contact Kelcey Schmitz, UW SMART Center MTSS/School Mental Health Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, at kelcey1@uw.edu.

Upcoming Meetings:

- March 12, 2020
 - ESD 113 Tumwater, Washington
- June 11, 2020
 - Location TBD