

CAPS Board Member Meeting
January 22, 2021 100pm-400pm

Teams

Attendees: Shawn McNamara, Lindsey Dixon, Toni Papik, Alex Carsrud, Jennifer Heman, Stephanie Cisneros, Allison Heemer

Excused: Elizabeth Clark

Guests: Dr. Victoria Terranova and Dr. Kyle Ward, UNC

1. CPAT-R updates and discussion-Victoria and Kyle from UNC
 - a. Victoria provided an update on the final CPAT-R Study. Reviewed the new risk items that are provided in the CPAT-R recommendation.
 - b. She reviewed the UNC recommendations which includes on-going evaluation of predictive performance, differences across sub-groups, fidelity to implementation. Further, appropriate and standardized use of the CPAT-R and the release decision, pretrial outcomes, and most importantly related to CAPS for training and education.
 - c. Victoria provided an update on the national debate on risk assessments. Notably, PJI's opposition of the use of risk assessments. There was an Open Letter to PJI was authored and disseminated by pretrial researchers. Victoria can provide if interested. Some main objectives and statements from the letter include that PJI's opinion has a lack of cited research in their arguments. Specifically, on the note of bias. In Colorado, the ACLU marked statements that there is discrimination in the CPAT and CPAT-R, the predictive performance for both are poor, and more. UNC provided a response to the ACLU rebutting these arguments, citing the research. Especially important, of the research, Victoria noted that pretrial defendants are a low risk population. If interested in reading, Victoria can provide. Lastly, she noted the Denver Public Safety researchers conducted a third-party peer review and in sum, they found that pretrial populations are low-risk populations to begin with (as suggested by the CPAT-R). They also recommended the CPAT-R to be used instead of the CPAT because of the uniqueness of being tested and calibrated for existing biases.
 - d. Kyle added to clarify that the request of Kyle and Victoria are not taking a viewpoint on the argument of using risk assessments as they were solely tasked with revalidating the CPAT and determining if there was a way to improve the study. Which is what the research focused on.
 - e. Lindsey noted the Denver Public Safety researchers have a meeting with

Howard University to discuss another peer review to help mitigate the bias discussion. This idea came from Aubree and Greg in Denver to encourage a predominately black school to conduct a peer review to provide direction with the research.

- f. Victoria described the two virtual trainings on the CPAT-R that are being developed. The first one will be focused on the risk assessment and research. The second module will be focused more on the pretrial practitioner level on how to administer the tool. They currently have prototypes in place and are working on the content. Victoria asked for immediate feedback on the work they have so far and then asked CAPS to possibly be included for the “soft” roll out of the trainings.
 - g. The trainings will be through an LMS system to include learning checks, will take about 2-4 hours to complete. The platform will be self-paced, include instructional videos, general slides, live content, read articles if you choose to.
 - h. The soft roll out would be in March to CAPS and the counties that have volunteered and provide feedback.
 - 4 To enroll, individuals it would be through email.
 - i. Once finalized, Thinkific subscription provides unlimited enrollment.
 - j. CLE’s need to have a certification for the subscription. To have this type of subscription, it can be done but is depending on the cost (about \$80/month she thinks).
 - 4 Or the course can be administered for free, and CAPS can monitor the completion of the training then send a certificate.
 - k. Once training has been handed over to CAPS, will review the training modules, including the link to complete the training, etc.
 - l. Kyle asked that we provide examples of scenarios that might be helpful in developing the training. Prefers to come up with some easy ones and then more difficult ones. They want a vignette for each risk factor that has more of a question mark for scoring.
 - 4 They requested to have these by the end of February and will send an outline with the risk factors they are looking for help for.
 - m. CAPS was shown an initial view of how Thinkific is designed and an example of how the modules work.
 - n. Lindsey asked if Kyle and Victoria would be willing to provide an update to the members. Victoria said the presentation could be 20-30 minutes. Tuesdays and Thursdays will work best. February 25th is when the schedule will work for this update. Lindsey asked them to schedule an hour and it can end early if needed. Victoria and Kyle will send the invite to Lindsey to be distributed.
2. Approve December minutes
- a. Toni moved to approve; Jennifer seconded. Group unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer report
 - a. Current balance is \$10,045.16
4. 2021 budget discussion
 - a. Allison will get the 2020 budget reconciled and then we will review in February 2021 meeting for 2021 year.
5. Memberships
 - a. So far have received Denver, Jefferson, Boulder, Pueblo and Mesa memberships
 - b. Douglas, Arapahoe, Adams, El Paso, Larimer are still needed.
6. Website
 - a. Lindsay reported the Aabsco Small Business website is expiring March 31, 2021. Lindsey tasked Jennifer to review the information to see if we should continue with the SiteBuilder or move to a different platform.
7. Roundtable COVID updates
 - a. **Denver**- Is part of the 1B group for vaccines and staff are starting to get their first doses. Trials were continued again. Have developed teams of staff to look at changes that occurred during COVID to evaluate if anything can be continued through to “post-COVID”. Also are looking at different applications or software that are being used to meet with defendants. If anyone is using anything specific for non-tech clients to reach out to Lindsey with suggestions.
 - b. **Larimer**- The building was labeled as an “outbreak” site because of Work Release and Community Corrections. Employees were also part of the 1B group for the COVID vaccine. Case managers were having to direct defendants to the Court if positive for COVID to excuse UAs. There will be a new Admin Order coming out that is authorizing the case managers to manage the substance testing by themselves. Also, the jail will now have a scanner that helps so they don’t have to do court run.
 - c. **Boulder**- Staff are also able to vaccinate. Each staff is working one day/week in office. Also looking at options to see what is helpful moving forward “post-COVID.” Starting to review the Matrix with the most likely implementation of the CPAT-R.
 - d. **Douglas**- Not much has changed. Most interviews are through video. Staff are still 50/50 in office or remotely. Discussing “post-COVID” alternatives that have been learned through the changes. Some defendants are coming to the office still. Try to keep those defendants confined to one room.
 - e. **Mesa**- Still meeting with defendants and reporting to the jail. They were able to use their COVID funds to renovate their pretrial office.
 - f. **Weld**- Not much has changed. Still reporting to the jail, still meeting with defendants. Staff were approved to get vaccines if desired. Lindsay reported

on the Arrest Standards in Weld.

8. Legislative updates

- a. No updates at this time.

9. Newsletter status

- a. Reviewed the Newsletter that Stephanie sent to the Board. No edits were suggested. Lindsay will send the Newsletter at the same time as the invite from Kyle and Victoria and will include a reminder for Memberships.

10. Standards review

- a. She suggested we break up the Board into groups.
- b. Lindsey would like to verify the C.R.S. are updated in the CAPS Standards.
 - 4 Shawn volunteered to check these before our next meeting.
- c. It was agreed that during every meeting, we will break out at least one hour for a meeting to edit/modify these.
- d. Lindsey assigned each of us to review Part 3, Standard 1-4 prior to the next meeting.
- e. Lindsey asked California Association of Pretrial Services (CAPS) President, Edwin Monteagudo, if they had recently updated their standards. He indicated they have not.

11. Next meeting

- a. February 12th 1:30-4PM