

June 20, 2014

## **Sandy Hook Advisory Commission**

### **Mental Health Outline (Draft)**

A subset of Commission members have met since January 2014 in order to draft sections of the Commission report relating to mental health.

We have developed a proposed outline for Commission consideration and discussion.

We have been aided in our work by Brenda Cavanaugh, Executive Director of Community Mediation, Inc. and members of her staff who facilitated some of our meetings.

UConn Professor Susan Schmeiser has participated in our meetings and she will be writing the mental health portions of the report and forwarding those sections to Attorney Dan Klau for integration into the full report.

We hope to be able to integrate perspectives from family members into our report. We understand that Chairman Scott Jackson has reached out to family members asking if they are willing to meet with the full Commission, to meet privately with a group of Commission members or to provide written input for Commission consideration.

We have inquired about the availability of the emails that Nancy Lanza sent from her computer as part of her communication with her son, assuming that these files will provide information on the mental health status of Adam Lanza and other dynamics within the home. This information may or may not become available to us.

We have met with the Child Advocate and understand that her report is nearing completion. This report may or may not become available to us before we complete our final recommendations.

In addition to narrative discussion, we will utilize "call out box" comment to present a variety of perspectives that will augment our written report.

#### **Mental Health Outline Overview:**

1. ACCESS
2. VIOLENCE
3. RECOVERY AND RESPONSE
4. IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION
5. INFORMATION THAT MIGHT FURTHER INFORM THIS COMMISSION'S OR FUTURE COMMISSIONS' REPORTS

## **ACCESS**

- Holistic models of care/comprehensive integrated systems
- Barriers to the system of care
- Insurance, payment and funding
- Places of care – connectedness between school & community
- Workforce development/providers
- Privacy and community safety
- Stigma / backlash
- Legal & policy issues

## **VIOLENCE**

- Pending mental health group discussion

## **RECOVERY AND RESPONSE**

- Concepts of recovery
- Input from the families

## **IDENTIFICATION OF ISSUES FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

- Outpatient Commitment and liberty issues
  - Pending mental health group discussion

## **INFORMATION THAT MIGHT FURTHER INFORM THIS COMMISSION'S OR FUTURE COMMISSIONS' REPORTS**

- Input from family members
- Nancy Lanza email communications
- Report of the Child Advocate