

Sex Offender Management Board:
Adult and Juvenile Standards Update
June 2020

Greetings -

This is an update regarding the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board's work on the *Standards and Guidelines for the Assessment, Evaluation, Treatment and Behavioral Monitoring of Adult Sex Offenders and the Assessment, Treatment and Supervision of Juveniles Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses*.

Included in this bulletin regarding the Adult and Juvenile Standards and Guidelines:

1. Ratifications Approved by the Board
2. Solicitation for Public Comment
3. Board Meeting Agenda Items
4. Any other changes or updates

RECENT RATIFICATIONS BY THE BOARD:

On March 20, 2020, the Board has ratified, and therefore finalized the following revisions:

Adult Standards

- Introduction to the Standards
 - Language is being added to the Introduction of the Standards to provide clarification on the statutory definition of a sex offender
 - This language also serves to provide clarification on other cases of those individuals who may be in need of evaluation and/or treatment that do not fall under the statutory definition of a sex offender, or do not fall under the standards.
- Removal of Section 10
 - The SOMB does not have purview over individuals who have not yet plead guilty to an offense that would make them a Sex Offender per statute.
- Appendix Addition
 - An Appendix is being added Regarding the Statutory Purview of the *Standards and Guidelines for the Assessment, Evaluation, Treatment and Behavioral Monitoring of Adult Sex Offenders* is being added to replace Section 10.
 - The Appendix provides guidance on applying the SOMB Standards to cases not under the purview of the board as **Best Practice**, although they are not required to comply with the standards in these cases.
 - Also provides a short list of common cases providers deal with, not an all-inclusive list.

Juvenile Standards

- Revisions to Section 2 (Juvenile)
 - Language was added for Evaluators to make not only a recommendation for management and supervision but to also include a recommendation regarding sex offender registration.
- Revision to Section 3 (Juvenile)

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- An Introduction was added to section 3 discussing treatment for juveniles must be individualized and shall follow the fundamentals of Risk, Need and Responsivity.
 - Revisions were made to 3.130 when considering the treatment content areas and adjustments to content or modalities may be needed based on the unique factors of a juvenile.
 - Discharge summaries shall be submitted within 30 days.
 - A new Discussion Point was added when providing a recommendation regarding whether registration should/should not continue.
- The research within the Juvenile Standards was reviewed to see if there is new research relevant to the Standard as well as removing references to adult research.

These revisions are now incorporated into the *Standards and Guidelines for the Assessment, Evaluation, Treatment and Behavioral Monitoring of Adult Sex Offenders and the Assessment, Treatment and Supervision of Juveniles Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses*. Providers and CST/MDT members have been provided with a 90-day implementation period of these changes. Please review the ratified changes in the on-line version by clicking here.

SOLICITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On March 20, 2020, the Board did not proceed on any action items in need of Solicitation for Public Comment.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Update on SOMB Guidance to Approved Providers Regarding COVID-19
- Staff have processed approximately 200 Variance Requests by providers to conduct E-Therapy/Tele-Therapy.
 - Weekly Lunch and Learns have been hosted by SOMB Staff to provide support and guidance to providers.

OTHER CHANGES OR UPDATES:

- Staff is continuing to work on revisions to Section 4 and the Administrative Policies for both the Adult and Juvenile Standards

As you review this updated information and questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact a Standards Coordinator via email or telephone.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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