

**SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD
MINUTES**

Friday, October 23, 2015

Board Members

Alli Watt
Allison Boyd
Amy Fitch
Angel Weant
Brie Akins
Bill Hildenbrand
Carl Blake
Jeff Geist
Jeff Shay
Jessica Meza
Kandy Moore
Kim English
Marcelo Kopcow
Mary Baydarian
Merve Davies
Mimi Scheuermann
Missy Gursky
Nancy Jackson
Tom Leversee

Visitors

Adam Roenfeldt
Ann Southam
Brenda L. Kay
Cale Page
Carolyn Turner
Cathy Rodriguez
Charlene M. Giggy
Chris Renda
Christian Gardner-Wood
Cindy Carey
Colton McNut
Debbie Baty
Dena McClung
Denis Lane
Dianna Lawyer-Brook
Gary Reser
Genie Connaghan
Herminia Martinez
Ingrid Barrier
Jacquie Aamodt
Jason Guidry
Jenna Mathews
Jessica Medsker

Visitors

Jo Stack
Karmen Carter
Karri Croft
Kathryn Burfeind
Kathy Wilson
Lauren Rivas
Laurie Knight
Laurie Rose Kepros
Leigh Anne Butcher
Lynn Lowe
Mable Banks
Mathias R. Antony
Matt Cooper
Megan Connolley
Michelle Spradling
Nora Munoz
Pat Harris
Peggy Moore-McCoy
Robertta Ponis
Susan Walker
Valerie Estrada
Wellesley Bush

Absent Board Members

Jeff Jenks Jessica Curtis John Odenheimer Pam Bricker Richard Bednarski Rick May

Staff

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky Raechel Alderete Roxanne Hotchkiss
Marina Borysov Jesse Hansen

9:03am

Board Meeting Begins:

Introductions

Future Agenda Items – No future agenda items.

September Minutes –

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES: motion to approve __Jeff Shay__; 2nd ____Carl

Blake_____

14 Approve

0 Oppose

1 Abstain

Motion Passes

Announcements:

Jeff Geist reminded everyone of the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) Moving Forward Day in Colorado Springs on November 20, 2015, and noted that audience members are welcome, but no there will be no decision items and therefore, no public testimony will be taken.

Jeff Geist also noted that the December 11th SOMB meeting will be shorter meeting ending at approximately 2:00 PM and will include a summary of SOMB Moving Forward Day for audience members unable to attend.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky announced the appointment of Michelle Geng as the new Adults Standards and Community Notification Coordinator effective on October 26, 2015.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky noted that the SOMB Sunset Report has been published and can be found on the SOMB website.

Jesse Hansen thanked Committee chairs for reporting back on the work of their Committees.

Raechel Alderete announced that the Adult and Juvenile Standards Booster training is scheduled for November 5, 2015, and the J-SOAP-II training is scheduled for November 16 and 17, 2015. Additional trainings on an Introduction to the Adult and Juvenile Standards are to be scheduled soon in the Denver Metro and outlying areas.

Approve Agenda – Agenda is approved.

Jeff Geist asked the SOMB to allow Mr. Denis Lane to speak regarding his requests to the SOMB before addressing the issue. Mr. Lane summarized his requests to the SOMB. Handouts provided.

Motion to enter into an Executive Session___Carl Blake___2nd__Missy Gursky

18 Approve

0 Oppose

0 Abstain

Motion Passes

Conference with the attorney for the SOMB for the purpose of receiving legal advice on pending or imminent court action concerning specific claims or grievances related to the procedures utilized by the SOMB pursuant to Appendix F of its Administrative Procedures – Ingrid Barrier

Motion to come out of an Executive Session

18 Approve

0 Oppose

0 Abstain

Motion Passes

Jeff Geist responded to Mr. Lane by saying that the SOMB reviewed has received and reviewed his motions; however, under the current SOMB policies and procedures, the SOMB does not have an ability to act upon them.

Bylaws Overview (Presentation) – Jeff Geist

Handout provided.

Allison Watt asked if the SOMB is reviewing or discussing the bylaws.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky explained that today's presentation is a review, however, a discussion will follow at the November SOMB meeting and with any formal decision making occurring at the December SOMB meeting.

Jeff Geist provided a broad overview of each bylaw.

Break

Juvenile Standards Guiding Principles (Action Item) – Juvenile Standards Revisions Committee

Carl Blake asked the SOMB to take the revised Juvenile Standards Guiding Principles to their stakeholders and provide feedback back to the Juvenile Standards Revision Committee within 30 days. Further discussion and edits will happen during December SOMB meeting.

Update on victim representation for CSTs/MDTs (Panel Discussion – Allison Boyd, Facilitator) – Allison Brittsan, THE; Debbie Baty, THE; Marcie Howell, Project REACH; and Carl Blake, NYC

Tom Leversee suggested for the SOMB to put efforts into disseminating this information, including possible trainings.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky offered to bring this information to the victim advocacy meeting agenda.

It was questioned as to how the position is funded.

Allisson Brittsan said that either the agency or the clients pay for it.

Allison Boyd mentioned that grant funding could be sought because it is hard on an agency's budget, and impacts the provider.

It was also questioned as to how treatment providers can make a connection with victim therapists for this collaboration.

Allison Boyd replied by saying that if there is a request for applications, it can be circulated within the victim resource community.

Lunch

Victim Reunification Issues (Panel Discussion – Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Facilitator) – Allison Brittsan, Victim Therapist; Sara Gatewood, Jeffco Social Services; and Phil Morris, Pyramid Counseling; Michelle Heggen, Jefferson County Probation

Amy Fitch mentioned that juveniles are sometimes released back into the home before the case is adjudicated, and wondered how to handle a situation where a victim and family have not been through therapy and have been reunified?

Phil Morris answered by saying that a family has to create a boundary, stating that the juvenile is not returning home because it is not safe and placement needs to be found. Michelle Heggen mentioned that a hearing to address this issue can be requested.

Break

Adult Standards and Guidelines Guiding Principles (Decision Item) – Jeff Geist and Missy Gursky

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS OF ADULT STANDARDS GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Guiding Principal #3

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Guiding Principal #4

Missy Gursky noted that phrases such as “therapeutic alliance”, “warm”, and “empathic” were a part of a larger discussion.

Jesse Hansen mentioned that based on previous discussion and research, he was able to draft a paragraph to consider these issues, expanding on the definition of “therapeutic alliance”. This paragraph is up for discussion.

Bill Hildenbrand noted that it is evidence based for a therapist to engage the client, to put them in a position to want to change through caring, and develop a good relationship.

Allison Boyd expressed concern with “all offenders are capable”, as based on her experience it is not always the case and she would prefer for it to be excluded.

Mary Baydarian expressed support for the SOMB believing that offenders are capable of change and the paragraph should remain as is.

Jeff Geist also expressed support for the capacity for change language, which does not imply that an offender will do it.

Missy Gursky noted that this is a new Guiding Principle about offenders making positive changes in their behavior and the intention was to include positive language into the Guiding Principle, mirroring the language that has been adopted from Domestic Violence Management Board.

Carl Blake proposed alternative language for the Guiding Principle.

Angel Weant also proposed alternative language because the current statement does not guide the work that the SOMB does.

Merve Davies suggested that the SOMB keep the language as is because it is a shift in the field of sex offender treatment and these principles are meant to guide any disagreements during treatment. The concept “therapeutic alliance” is also a shift in treatment and it is there to help make a change in the client in the treatment, and bridge the gap between a therapist and a client.

Missy Gursky suggested that SOMB members come up with a new language and send it out to everyone so it can be brought before the Committee.

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Motion to call a question ___ Nancy Jackson ___ 2nd ___ Carl Blake ___

13 Approve 3 Oppose 1 Abstain Motion Passes

Motion to approve Guiding Principle #4 as modified: ___ Bill Hildenbrand ___ 2nd _____

6 Approve 11 Oppose Abstain Motion Fails

Motion to take Guiding Principle #4 to the committee to further modify language ___ Mimi Scheuermann ___ 2nd ___ Angel Weant? _____

16 Approve 1 Oppose Abstain Motion Passes

Jesse Hansen asked the SOMB to send proposed language to him, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky and Jeff Geist at least 1 week before the Committee meeting to make sure it is disseminated to everyone prior to the meeting.

Request from SOTMP Regarding Lifetime Supervision Criteria – Lenny Woodson, SOTMP

Handout provided.

Use of Medical Marijuana by Probationers (Action Item) – Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky

Handouts provided.

MEETING ADJOURNED at ___ 3:54pm _____