

# COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2020

### Attendance:

#### Domestic Violence Board Members:

Bradley Burback, Brandy Walega, Erin Gazelka, Jackie List, Jeanette Barich, Jenifer Morgen, Jenna Willis, Jennifer Parker, Karen Morgenthaler, Michelle Hunter, Nancy Olson, Nicole Collins, Raechel Alderete, Sandra Campanella, Stephanie Fritts, Tally Zuckerman

#### Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Kristiana Huitrón, Laura Bravo

#### Staff Present:

Carolina Thomasson, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Elliot Moen, Jesse Hansen, Marina Borysov

#### Guests:

Amanda Albo, Becky Gerringer, Beryimar Perozo, Philippe Marquis, Jalice Vigil, Josh Gunkel, Krista Wilkens, Marcela Paiz, Nicole Fuller, Sasha Cafaro, Shawn Griffin, Sharon Griffin, Tarikah Dixon

### Introductions

The meeting convened online at 9:39am. Jesse indicated to Nancy Olson (Chair) that there was quorum. Nancy called the meeting to order. The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) members and staff gave introductions.

Jesse Hansen welcomed guests and asked Marina to cover some of the basic features of WebEx. Marina announced that the meeting was being recorded and proceeded to review the different WebEx features. She asked Board members please use the raise your hand feature and wait to be called upon by the Chair. She also shared that Board members could use the chat box to get the attention of staff. Marina also asked for guests to email her if they are attending by phone only so that the minutes can accurately reflect those in attendance.

Nancy asked if staff could allow for guest introductions. Staff indicated that guests could introduce themselves once unmuted. Guests gave introductions.

Nancy asked if there was consensus to approve the April agenda.

There was consensus to approve the March agenda.

Next, the Board reviewed the March minutes. Nancy asked if there was a motion.

Tally Zuckerman moved to approve the March minutes. Jackie List, seconded the motion.

Discussion:

A Board member requested that Treatment Victim Advocates (TVA) Committee be changed to the Victim Advocacy Committee. Board members also identified spelling and grammatical errors that were corrected.

Tally Zuckerman modified her motion to approve the March minutes as amended. Jackie List, seconded the modified motion.

The amended motion passed with twelve votes to approve, zero votes to object, and three votes to abstain.

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	80.00%	12
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	20.00%	3
Totals	100%	15

### Announcements:

- Staff Announcements:
  - Jesse Hansen announced:
    - There will be a more thorough update about the COVID-19 response as an agenda item;
    - Jenna Willis has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Application Review Committee (ARC). Pursuant to the DVOMB Bylaws, staff are asking if there is consensus by the Board to appoint her to the ARC. There were no concerns noted by the Board and there was consensus to allow Jenna to become an ARC member. Nancy thanked Jenna for volunteering for this important committee;
    - The Board continues to wait for the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) appointment.
  - Marina Borysov announced the following updates regarding training events:
    - The DVOMB Core trainings are typically done quarterly. She indicated that the DVI01 training is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>;
    - The DVOMB and SOMB have been hosting weekly Lunch and Learns for Approved Providers and plan to continue offering these to assist Providers who are providing teletherapy services. She also announced that Community Roundtables will be cancelled until further notice due to the fact that this training is more conducive to being done in-person;
    - Another training, not sponsored by the DVOMB, is the Sexual Harms Beyond Violence and Abuse which is still scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>;
    - The staff are evaluating the impact of COVID-19 to the Annual Conference scheduled for July. Updates will be provided once any decisions have been made.

### Board Announcements

Sandie Campanella announced some trends she has observed in her jurisdiction and reported that there was an initial surge in domestic violence cases following the Stay-at-Home order, but have since tapered to normal levels. Another trend she announced was that some victims are willing and receptive to leaving at this time.

### Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

### Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were raised.

### DVOMB COVID-19 Updates:

At the March Board meeting, Jesse presented guidelines for Approved Providers in response to COVID-19. At the recommendation of the ARC and staff, there was Board consensus to allow for a 30-day discretionary period and to create a Teletherapy option facilitated through an expedited variance approval process. Jesse provided the following updates:

- DVOMB staff have processed 133 variances and denied only one variance to date. This represents about 83% of active providers. Two Approved Providers have removed themselves from the Approved Provider List since that time.
- The DVOMB, in partnership with the SOMB, has offered four Lunch and Learn series aimed at Approved Providers for the explicit purpose of sharing best practices and identifying issues quickly. Most of these topics concern administrative, practice, or Standards related questions.
- The Governor has extended the Stay-At-Home order to April 26<sup>th</sup>. Staff will continue to work remotely and all meetings and trainings will be conducted online until further notice.
- Questions related to the guidance issued on March 13<sup>th</sup> by the DVOMB have been brought forward and the ARC is recommending the following updates be made:
  - All DVOMB Approved Providers who have an existing expedited variance that is approved will be granted permission to continue through June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If an Approved Provider desires to continue doing Teletherapy after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, they will need to request an extension for themselves. Some of our providers have high risk due to age or autoimmune diseases. This population may want to continue doing Teletherapy after June 1<sup>st</sup> as a precaution for themselves, even if the Shelter-in-Place orders have been lifted.
  - This extension also applies to the discretionary period allowed by the DVOMB as a result of COVID-19.

### Discussion:

- Brandy requested that staff to share and be aware of patterns with any victim related issues, concerns, or questions to Victim Advocacy organizations.
- Jesse acknowledged and shared his appreciation for the hard work done by Approved Providers, Supervising Officers, and Treatment Victim Advocates.
- Chris noted that at the last Lunch and Learn attendees were appreciative of the Board's guidance and responsiveness.
- Carolina stated for the Board's awareness that staff would reach out to a Victim Advocate on the Board for assistance if needed.
- Sandie acknowledged and thanked Jackie List and her work to assist victims during this time.

There was consensus by the Board to approve the updated guidance to Approve Providers allowing for approved variances and the discretionary period to be extended until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jesse noted that there was a question from a guest about the June 29<sup>th</sup> DV101 course and if registration was open for that training. Marina indicated that registration was not yet open for that training.

### Standards Revision Committee Report: Reorganizing MTT Content (Handout)

Erin Gazelka and Jesse Hansen presented a recommendation on behalf of the Standards Revision Committee. After combining both the DV Treatment Provider Committee and the Standards Revision Committee, attendance has improved and there are more stakeholders that now attend that meeting. In the course of the committee's work, the committee struggled to formulate new language involving MTT requirements found in Section 5.02. The committee is requesting permission to remove the MTT requirements from Section 5.0 and

instead move the MTT requirements elsewhere, and preferably before Section 4.0 and 5.0. There was consensus by the committee to do this and it was also noted that various MTT requirements are scattered throughout the Standards. The committee is not asking to expand its purview, but to assume that MTT mandates can be removed from Section 5.0. A future agenda item looking at the overall structure of the Standards will be examined by the Executive Committee.

Erin stressed that the Standards are a living document and there is a need to reorganize the MTT Sections. She indicated that this would help with alleviating the confusion and assisting readers to understand the requirements of the Standards.

There was consensus by the Board to allow the Committee to continue working on Section 5.0 with the understanding that Section 5.02 will be moved elsewhere in the Standards.

#### Victim Advocacy Committee Charter: (Handout)

At the February and March meetings, Brandy Walega presented the Victim Advocacy Committee's Strategic Action Plan and outlined several ongoing issues that are affecting Treatment Victim Advocacy. The Board discussed these issues and possible next steps at prior meetings. Per the DVOMB Bylaws, the VAC presented a draft charter to update its plans and next steps for both short-term and long-term goals. Brandy reviewed the scope of work for the committee, which included provisions to update technical assistance documents, creating a formalized process for supporting Treatment Victim Advocates, and possible revisions to Section 7.0 in the future. Brandy also reviewed the specific tasks that the committee would be mandated to do. This included assisting and collaborating with the development a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Colorado Organization of Victim Assistance and the DVOMB.

#### Discussion:

- Jeanette thanked Brandy and commended the Committee for the suggestion of promoting TVA attendance and training at the DVSOMB Conference;
- Carolina asked for clarification about what was meant in the Committee charter when it refers to "Collaborate with DVOMB Staff regarding TVA certification status and current treatment providers." Carolina noted that the staff performed this function in 2016 and the verification process for training hours for Entry Level TVAs was challenging. She also noted that DVOMB Approved Providers are required to have an Entry Level or Fully Qualified TVA, which is documented in the Provider Database.
- Brandy indicated that this was not intended to circumvent the staff or to create additional steps for reviewing applications. Rather, Brandy indicated that this provision intends to ensure that there is a question asked during the renewal process about whether TVAs are COVA or NOVA certified.
- Jesse suggested the language be changed to the following: "Collaborate with DVOMB Staff regarding TVA certification status with current treatment providers." Brandy was supportive of that change.

Jenifer Morgen moved to approve the Victim Advocacy Committee Charter as amended, Brandy Walega seconded the motion.

The amended motion passed with fifteen votes to approve, zero votes to object, and zero votes to abstain.

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	100.00%	15
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	0.0%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15</b>

Nancy asked if the Board was ready to adjourn. Jesse requested permission from Nancy to see if there were any questions of public members before adjournment. Nancy agreed and asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

- One Provider commented that it is a great idea for the Multi-Disciplinary Treatment Team to have its own section.

There were no further comments or questions.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Adrienne Corday

**Individual Voting Results**

Active Participants	Total Participants		
15	16		
Last Name	First Name	Motion 1	Motion 2
Burback	Brad	1	1
Walega	Brandy	1	1
Gazelka	Erin	1	1
List	Jackie	1	1
Morgan	Jenifer	3	1
Willis	Jenna	3	1
Morgenthaler	Karen	1	1
Parker	Jennifer	3	1
Bravo	Laura	1	1
Raechel	Alderete	1	1
Hunter	Michelle	1	1
Olson	Nancy	1	1

Campanella	Sandra	1	1
Fritts	Stephanie	-	-
Collins	Nicole	1	1
Barich	Jeanette	1	1

Motion 1: Tally Zuckerman modified her motion to approve the March minutes as amended. Jackie List, seconded the modified motion.

Motion 2: Jenifer Morgen moved to approve the Victim Advocacy Committee Charter as amended, Brandy Walega seconded the motion.

**Voting Legend**

1 = Yes

2 = No

3 = Abstain

APPROVED