

COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2021

Attendance:

Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

Bradley Burback, Brandy Walega, Erin Gazelka, Jackie List, Jeanette Barich, Jennifer Parker, Karen Morgenthaler, Kristiana Huitrón, Laura Bravo, Michelle Hunter, Nicole Collins, Nil Buckley, Raechel Alderete, Sandra Campanella, Stephanie Fritts, Tally Zuckerman

Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Adrienne Corday, Baylee Hodack, Carolina Thomasson, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Elliot Moen, Jesse Hansen, Marina Borysov

Guests:

Alex Woods, Amanda Albo, Becky Gerring, Jalice Vigil, Jessica Meza, Joshua Goldberg, Kristina Carrera, Maria Trujillo, Rob Omer, Sasha Cafaro, Steve Landman, Vivienne Belmont

Introductions

The meeting convened online at 9:05AM. Stephanie Fritts (Chair) introduced herself as the new Chair and welcome guests. Jesse indicated to Stephanie that a quorum was present. Stephanie called the meeting to order.

Stephanie asked if there was consensus to approve the February agenda.

Jesse Hansen announced an amendment to the Agenda. Specifically, he stated that Next Steps Regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is not a voting item. It is a discussion and consensus item.

There was consensus to approve the February agenda.

Next, the Board reviewed the January minutes. Stephanie asked if there was a motion.

Erin Gazelka moved to approve the January 2021 minutes. Tally Zuckerman seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- Brandy Walega identified an error within the January minutes. Staff made the correction to the minutes.

Erin Gazelka modified her original motion to approve the January 2021 minutes as amended. Tally Zuckerman seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion on the January 2021 minutes. Stephanie asked Elliot to prepare the vote. Elliot reminded public members that only Board members should vote.

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

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	100.00%	14
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	14

Announcements:

- Staff Announcements:
 - Jesse Hansen Announced:
 - A reminder to the Board to complete and return their Conflict of Interest forms.
 - The following appointments, reappointments, and pending appointments to the Board.
 - Reappointments:
 - Judge Bradly Burback for 4 years
 - Awaiting Reappointment
 - Nicole Collins
 - Awaiting Appointment
 - Rob Omer
 - Victim Services and Victim Organizations position
 - An online application to fill the two vacant victim advocate positions will be posted to the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) website.
 - Brooke Ely-Milen with Domestic Violence Programs in the Colorado Department of Human Services passed away. She was a former Board member.
 - February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Jesse provided resources for stakeholders to learn more and announced that the Juvenile Guidelines are near completion.
 - This would be Brandy Walega's last Board meeting due to term limits. The Board gave Brandy a farewell gift and thanked her for her service to the Board.
 - The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) is putting forward listening sessions, and have requested the participation from stakeholders in the domestic violence field.
 - Carolina Thomasson announced:
 - The COVID-19 Telehealth Variances have been extended through April 1st, 2021.
 - Reminder that all Domestic Violence Applications are now live online. Applications should be submitted online through the Provider data Management System. Paper applications will not be accepted.
 - The DVRNA Booster is a requirement for renewal applications due on July 31st, 2021.
 - Marina Borysov announced the following updates regarding training events:
 - Quarter 1 2021 Trainings
 - DVI01, DVRNA Training– February 1st
 - DVI02, DV Offender Evaluation Training – February 22nd
 - DVI03, DV Offender Treatment Training– March 8th

- Training Events
 - The Domestic Violence and Sex Offender 2021 Conference updates:
 - The Conference will be held virtually, July 14th – 16th of 2021.
 - Call for Papers is out, the deadline to submit is Friday, February 19th.
 - Lunch and Learn
 - Provider Data Management System Training on how to use this system effectively. These trainings are going to be recorded and available upon request.
 - March 15th for Full Operating Level Providers
 - April 12th will be held for anyone who may have missed the previous trainings and the general public.

Board Announcements

Stephanie Fritts announced:

- Jackie List was nominated to be the Chair for the Victim Advocacy Committee.
- Michelle Hunter was nominated by Stephanie Fritts to serve as Vice Chair. Michelle Hunter accepted the roll of Vice Chair.

There were no objections to these appointments.

Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

Human Trafficking Council: (Handout)

Maria Trujillo, Program Manager of the Human Trafficking Council, in the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), presented on a new statewide campaign aimed to raise awareness about human trafficking.

Discussion:

- Board Members inquired if the campaign would be available in other languages.
 - Maria stated that is something the Council is exploring and have contracted with a culturally competent interpreter to assist in making the materials available in Spanish. Other languages may be forthcoming

Next Step Regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: (Handout)

Jesse Hansen stated the Executive Committee wanted to give the Board an opportunity to identify next steps following the presentation by Ersaleen Hope and Shelley Siman from the February Board meeting.

Discussion:

- Board:
 - Erin Gazelka stated that these issues are central and important. She encouraged the Board to continue working and improving on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She also wanted to ensure that the people who were impacted would be involved.
 - Stephanie Fritts suggested a Committee be established to discuss how to get more engagement.



- Brandy Welega suggested to the Board prioritize how are materials advertised and how are interviews conducted in terms of recruiting new Board Members to ensure diversity. The Board needs to explore areas that may not have been thought about previously. Is there a way to make the Board more accessible?
- Tally Zuckerman stated that she believes the Board should explore how the Board's stringent *Standards and Guidelines* contribute to mass incarceration with marginalized populations. With restorative justice, there are ways to have an impact on certain communities that are not going to follow the strict and rigid guidelines at all times.
- Guests:
 - Jessica Meza believes that more can always be done and that the DVOMB is taking the right steps. It is critical to ensure that the Board is not contributing to racism, mass incarceration, and discrimination. Also, the Board should be inclusive of the people who are impacted by the policies.

There was consensus to create a Committee Charter and to bring it back before the Board for review.

Revisions to DVOMB Administrative Policies (Appendix D): (Handout)

Jesse Hansen and Karen Morgenthaler presented the proposed revisions to Appendix D - Administrative Policies that are being recommended by the Applications Review Committee (ARC) for consideration by the Board. The Board reviewed some updates to the Administrative Policies in November of 2020, however, due to the new Provider Data Management System, more updates were needed. There will be a vote on these changes at the March Board meeting. Jesse reviewed and explained each of the proposed changes and the rationale for each.

Treatment Victim Advocate Information in Offender Records: (Handout)

Brandy Welega and Carolina Thomasson spoke to the Board about the issue of offender releases including identifying information about the Treatment Victim Advocate (TVA). Carolina provided background information about how this issue came before the Board and the concern for the safety of TVAs who work with victims. She noted that TVAs are often asked to sign documentation as a way to record consensus. The concern is that this practice could lead to a possible situation where an offender could identify and target a TVA. Staff contacted the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to research what regulations and rules exist regarding releases. Carolina indicated that releases are required to identify the person and cannot identify a position or role. Brandy Welega suggested conducting a training to explain the reasoning behind making a case management note and how to properly document in an offender's records.

Discussion:

- Erin Gazelka expressed there should be a process to protect the TVA privacy and information.
- Nicole Collins raised the issue of transparency and complete anonymity. She expressed concern that an offender should know to whom they are signing a release.
 - Brandy assured Nicole that the information would be on the Release of Information (ROI). This item is speaking about the rest of the offender records.
- Kristiana Huitron mentioned in rural areas there are challenges with anonymity. She suggests to leave options open for different communities in planning safety for TVA's.
- Nil Buckley stated it would be difficult to remove the TVA's name on the treatment plans, but understands the need to keep a TVA's information safeguarded.

There was a suggestion to ask the Victim Advocate Committee to identify some guidelines or best practices around this issue for consideration by the Standards Revision Committee as they make proposed revisions to Section 5.0.



There was consensus for the Victim Advocate Committee to come up with some guidelines and best practices concerning the issue of TVA information in offender records.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Adrienne Corday

Individual Voting Results

Active Participants	Total Participants	
14	16	
Last Name	First Name	Motion 1
Walega	Brandy	1
Burback	Bradley	1
Gazelka	Erin	1
List	Jackie	1
Barich	Jeanette	1
Parker	Jennifer	1
Morgenthaler	Karen	1
Huitrón	Kristiana	NP
Laura	Bravo	1
Hunter	Michelle	1
Collins	Nicole	1
Buckley	Nil	1
Alderate	Raechel	1
Campanella	Sandra	NP
Fritts	Stephanie	1
Zuckerman	Tally	1

Voting Legend
1 = Yes
2 = No
3 = Abstain
NP = Not Present At the Time of Vote

Motion 1: Erin Gazelka modified her original motion to approve the January 2021 minutes as amended. Tally Zuckerman seconded the motion.