

COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2021

Attendance:

Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

Bradley Burback, Erin Gazelka, Jackie List, Jennifer Parker, Kristina Carrera (proxy for Karen Morgenthaler), Laura Bravo, Michelle Hunter, Nicole Collins, Nil Buckley, Sandra Campanella, Stephanie Fritts

Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Jeanette Barich, Kristiana Huitrón, Raechel Alderete, Tally Zuckerman

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Amanda Albo, Vivienne Belmont, Leslie Blankis, Wellesley Bush, Sasha Cafaro, Philippe Marquis, Kirk Neuroth, Mary Pat Luetke-Stahlman, Jalice Vigil

Introductions

The meeting convened online at 9:13AM. Stephanie Fritts (Chair) introduced herself as the Chair and welcomed the Board and guests. Jesse indicated to Stephanie that a quorum was present.

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

There was consensus to approve the April agenda.

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

Jackie List moved to approve the March minutes. Nil Buckley seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the March minutes. Stephanie asked Elliot to prepare the vote. Elliot reminded public members that only Board members can vote.

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

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Yes	80.00%	8
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	20.00%	2
Totals	100%	10



Announcements:

- Staff Announcements:
 - Jesse Hansen Announced:
 - Appointments
 - An interview panel was conducted for the currently vacant Victim Advocacy positions on the Board. The panel will be recommending two of the five interviewees to be appointed to the Board. Staff would like to thank Raechel and Jackie for their participation on the panel.
 - The July Board meeting will likely be canceled due to the Domestic Violence & Sex Offender (DVSO) Conference being held virtually this year. The Executive Committee will make a determination at its next meeting.
 - Staff is working on the Standards and Policy Update Booster. It is planned to be completed by the end of April.
 - Implementation of the Provider Database Management System (PDMS) is underway. Renewal Applications will be processed in the PDMS and should ready by the beginning of May.
 - There was a notice that was sent out in the Quarterly Newsletter regarding the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. There are individuals who would like to join this committee and a meeting date will be identified soon.
 - Carolina Thomasson announced:
 - The COVID-19 Teletherapy Variances have been extended indefinitely until the Board has made a decision regarding the use of Teletherapy.
 - Reminder that all Domestic Violence Provider Applications are now online. Applications should be submitted online through the PDMS. 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 – April 23rd
 - DVI02, DV Offender Evaluation Training – May 3rd
 - DVI03, DV Offender Treatment Training – June 7th
 - Training Events
 - The Domestic Violence and Sex Offender 2021 Conference updates:
 - The Conference will be held virtually, July 14th – 16th of 2021.
 - The Conference Agenda is 98% complete.
 - The presenters will be notified by April 12th.
 - Registration will be open in two to three weeks.
 - The Call for Award nominations is open.
 - Denise Fransua Domestic Violence Offender Management Leadership Award
 - Gary Burgin Sex Offender Management or treatment Leadership Award
 - Senator Norma Anderson Excellence in Victim Advocacy Award
 - Lunch and Learn



- Provider Data Management System (PDMS) Training on how to use this system effectively. These trainings are going to be recorded and available upon request.
 - April 12th will be held for anyone who may have missed the previous trainings and the general public.
- Outside Trainings
 - Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) Telehealth Series - Part 4 Cultural Sensitivity and Humility in Clinical Training
 - April 21, 2021 - 9:30 am - 11:30 am PST
 - IVAT Telehealth Series: Part 5 - Ethics & Supervision
 - May 25, 2021, 10:00 am - 11:30 am PST

Board Announcements

There were no Board announcements.

Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month- Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, and Hard of Hearing Individuals who experienced abuse: (Handout)

Mary Pat Leutke-Stahlman, the Executive Director of Deaf Overcoming Violence Through Empowerment (DOVE), conducted a presentation on the experiences of Deaf, Deafblind, Deafdisabled, and Hard of Hearing Individuals who experienced abuse in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

Revisions to DVOMB Administrative Policies: (Handout)

Jesse Hansen gave a quick overview of background behind the revisions to the Administrative Policies. He noted that the Administrative Policies pertain to the work of the Application Review Committee (ARC) in terms of reviewing complaints, processing applications, and appeal proceedings. At the March meeting, the Board approved the revisions which pertain to three (3) main areas:

1. Update the Administrative Policies to align more with new language in the PDMS;
2. Create language on the process for Providers transitioning to and from a Not Currently Practicing status;
3. Create language in the section that addresses complaints that defines substantially alleged and the purview of the DVOMB.

The Board received one public comment. Jesse reviewed the public comment and indicated that it was not related to any of the revisions, but asked what due process procedures were available if an Approved Provider is removed from the list. Jesse explained the process contained in the Administrative Policies specific to a Provider's ability to request reconsideration by the ARC, as well as request an appeal by the Board. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky also noted that an Approved Provider is allowed to have one representative appearing with them as well as an Attorney during the course of an Appeal hearing.

Stephanie asked if there was consensus to approve the Administrative Policies after reviewing the public comment.

There is consensus around this item from the Board

Jesse indicated that the changes will be updated and entered into the *Standards and Guidelines*.

Request for Revisions to Section 9.0:

Carolina Thomasson reviewed the major areas in Section 9.0 of the *Standards* that require updates since its last revision. The ARC requested permission from the Board to begin drafting revisions and recommendations to come before the Board. These areas concern the following:

- Add a requirement to review the work product of someone who is seeking the Domestic Violence Clinical Supervisor status during the application process;
- Identify what new provisions or revisions are needed for Teletherapy with the possibility of Teletherapy being another approval type;
- Update language and requirements to be consistent with the changes from the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) regarding credentials;
- Other minor language clean-up in the *Standards and Guidelines* to be consistent with the applications on the PDMS.

Stephanie asked if there was consensus to grant the ARC permission to begin drafting revisions to Section 9.0.

There is consensus around this item from the Board.

Updates and Next Steps Regarding Domestic Violence Civil Cases: (Handout)

Jesse Hansen informed the Board that this topic was reviewed by the Board in 2019. This agenda item is an update for the Board regarding the Civil Cases Workgroup and relates to non-justice involved individuals who were being referred to DVOMB Approved Providers for an evaluation and treatment. This is an issue for consideration by the Board, because the current guidance is to use the DVOMB *Standards and Guidelines* as a best practice. Jesse facilitated the introduction of the three guests: Philippe Marquis, Jessica Fann, and Jennifer Eyl.

Questions:

1. Questions

- a. Philippe – Current DVOMB guidance is that Providers should use the *Standards and Guidelines* as a best practice guideline when working with non-justice involved populations. What challenges have you faced when evaluating or treating a client referred by a civil court? Are clients motivated or amenable to treatment?

Philippe reviewed some of the salient points that make offering services to clients who are non-justice involved problematic. There are some clients who are referred for domestic violence treatment, and who engage and complete a program; this group represents a small group in proportion to the need, as expressed by Department of Human Services (DHS) stakeholders. For this reason, there are SOME providers who offer services to DHS clients, usually using the DVOMB *Standards and Guidelines* as the template. Referrals for evaluation often do not show up, or are highly guarded, often discrediting DHS referral and collateral information. Clients are often unwilling or unable to pay for services and often funding only is provided by the county for evaluation, if that. Clients are often resistant to second contacts when their evaluations indicate Level C. Client are often less likely to admit to past abuse or express accountability due to concerns related to self-incrimination. Referral sources (e.g. case workers) are often confused or under-informed regarding which clients to refer for evaluation and domestic violence treatment. Clients are sometimes referred for or present for treatment "late" in the process with regard to their system involvement,

causing time line issues related to the child welfare cases. There is often little or no motive to engage in treatment prior to a case/finding being filed by DHS.

b. Jessica – Support to the non-offending parent is critical for their safety. What victim advocacy supports currently exist for victims when the offending parent is referred to treatment?

Jessica reviewed the different types of victim advocates in Colorado and the lack of victim support resources for those stemming from civil cases. It was noted that Treatment Victim Advocates (TVAs) cannot be utilized with non-justice involved populations because that is outside the scope and authority of a TVA. She also noted that community-based victim advocacy services are sometimes not aware of these systems.

c. Jennifer – Frontline caseworkers are often trying to do the best they can with limited resources. The Case Worker Practice Guide was created in 2013 and was supposed to be a solution to technical and training issues within child welfare. What happened?

Jennifer spoke to the host of ongoing implementation and training issues that contribute to the under-utilization of the Case Worker Practice Guide. The panel exchanged thoughts on the implications of the lack of training and understanding of domestic violence dynamics.

d. Philippe – There are approximately 170 active DVOMB Approved Providers around the state. But only a small percentage of these Providers are willing to take civil cases. Why is this?

Philippe noted that there is consistently low motivation to engage by the client and challenges when attempting to address issues with non-compliant clients. Sometimes, the efforts of a case workers efforts to demonstrate "reasonable efforts" conflict with treatment non-compliance and/or risk concerns. He further added that the Respondent Parent Counsel often advises against DVOMB treatment, or discouraged accountability, or engaged provider in narratives that undermine treatment goals (e.g. accountability). One issue especially challenging is that not all referring agency provide adequate collateral documentation relative to evaluation and there are limited funding options for treatment.

e. Jessica – Describe what the co-located advocate model is and why it is unique?

Jessica offered a general overview of what a co-located advocate model looks like. She elaborated that co-located advocacy is really new in Colorado. Family Tree, was the first to do it, they have a part-time co-located advocate in Jefferson County. Being a new co-located advocate with a community agency advocate with child welfare knowledge/training experience and work with Family Tree. Some of this includes making recommendations, empowering survivors, training case workers, and offering technical assistance.

f. Jennifer – What policy issues currently impact the process for the offending parent to engage in treatment?

Jennifer stated that there is a lack of integration in the policies with the DVOMB *Standards* and *Guidelines* and the civil statute. The Civil court personnel do not know anything about the DVOMB, so when they are addressing the issues of evaluations and



treatment they really do not have a concept on how the DVOMB system work, how to access information, what can and cannot happen, and what constitutes an evaluation. There have been times where both parties have been ordered for an evaluation, with some misunderstanding that a DVOMB Approved Provider can evaluate a victim.

Jesse Hansen noted that there were only 10 Board members present and that further discussion could not be done due to a lack of quorum. He requested the Board to think and consider the information provided by the panel in reference to what guidance, if any, should be given to Providers with non-criminal justice cases. If there is a desire to offer guidance, how would the Board like to approach that given the limitations in purview.

Further discussion, questions, and answers will be held at another Board meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:04PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Adrienne Corday

Individual Voting Results

Active Participants	Total Participants	
11	11	
Last Name	First Name	Motion 1
Burback	Bradley	3
Gazelka	Erin	1
List	Jackie	1
Barich	Jeanette	NP
Parker	Jennifer	1
Morgenthaler	Karen	NP (Proxy)
Huítrón	Kristiana	NP
Laura	Bravo	1
Hunter	Michelle	1
Collins	Nicole	1
Buckley	Nil	1
Alderate	Raechel	NP
Campanella	Sandra	3
Fritts	Stephanie	1
Zuckerman	Tally	NP

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

Motion 1: Jackie List moved to approve the March minutes. Nil Buckley seconded the motion.