

# COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2022

### Attendance:

#### Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

Raechel Alderete, Jeanette Barich, Andrea Bradbury, Bradley Burbach, Sandra Campanella, Nicole Collins, Jessica Fann, Stephanie Fritts, Erin Gazelka, Lori Griffith, Michelle Hunter, Jackie List, Glory McDaniel, Karen Morgenthaler, Jennifer Parker, Talley Zuckerman

#### Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Nil Buckley, Tracey Martinez

#### Staff Present:

Rachael Collie, Adrienne Corday, Caroleena Frane, Jesse Hansen, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Jess McBrayer, Taylor Redding, Jill Trowbridge, Yuanting Zhang

Guests: Leslie Bisco, Jo Ellen Bourg, Samantha Cabrera, Kristina Carrera, Sharon Griffin, Amanda Hua, Yumil Jimenez, Russha Knauer, Phillippe Marquis, Gail Prim, Patricia Dimond Murphy, Marlene Schafer, Lindsey Spraker

### Introductions

The meeting convened online at 9:08 AM. Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced herself as the Chair and welcomed the Board and guests. Board members, staff, and guests gave introductions. Stephanie Fritts announced that a quorum was present.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there was consensus to approve the October agenda.

*There was consensus to approve the October agenda.*

The Board reviewed the September minutes. Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there was a motion to approve.

*Jessica Fann moved to approve the September minutes.  
Michelle Hunter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.*

There was no discussion on the September minutes. Stephanie Fritts asked Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) to prepare the vote. Jesse Hansen provided instruction on the method for casting votes by Board members.

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

Responses	
Percent	Count
Yes	75.0%
No	0.0%
Abstain	25.0%
Totals	100%
	16

### Announcements:

- Staff Announcements:
  - Jesse Hansen Announced:
    - The November Board Meeting will be held on 11/4/22 at the Denver Police Protective Association located at 21<sup>st</sup> and Decatur Streets, Denver, and indicated that the December meeting was cancelled. He indicated that the November meeting will include the Board appreciation luncheon.
    - Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Jesse Hansen indicated that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and presented some data regarding the Fatality Review report. He thanked all those who participated in preparing this report.
  - Taylor Redding Announced:
    - Training Events:
      - 2022 Training Calendar
        - Round Table in Glenwood Springs – 10/18/22
        - DVI01 makeup training – 11/7/22
        - PDMS Data Collection training – 10/24/22, 11/7/22, 11/14/22 – 2-4 pm
        - Reliatrax Data Collection training – 11/16/22, 12/8/22, 1/4/23
      - [Training, Resources, Templates & Tips | Division of Criminal Justice \(colorado.gov\)](#)
    - Conference Updates
      - The 2022 Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management Conference sessions will be available to watch until the end of October.
      - Save the Date – The 2023 Conference is July 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Caroleena Frane announced:
    - Probation training was held that included Larimer County/Weld County/Lamar Probation
    - Adams County has scheduled upcoming Probation training in 2023 which will include Standards updates, MTT, and DVRNA information

### Board Announcements

- Michelle Hunter (DOC Representative) announced that after strategic planning sessions with Parole and the Specialized Supervision Unit have resulted in plans to explore Specialized Caseloads supervising officers who work with administrative caseloads looking at low-risk/low-custody parolees, mentally ill parolees, and domestic violence caseloads. She noted that the Committee is comprised of Caroleena Frane (ODVSOM Staff), Karen Morgenthaler (DVOMB Member), Parole Board representation, Victim Services representation, and Parolee representation as part of this committee. She noted that there are some concerns about victim safety on this committee, and indicated that the Committee is working on an

Administrative Regulation that should also ensure victim safety. Michelle Hunter indicated that the pilot project should be in place by June 2023.

### **Public Announcements**

There were no public announcements.

### **Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items.

### **The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children Presentation: (Handout) (Attachment #2)**

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) introduced the presenters, Jackie List (DVOMB Member), Lindsey Spraker, Amanda Hua, and Philippe Marquis. She then framed the purpose of the presentation which is in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month regarding the psychological impact of domestic violence on children.

### **Board Discussion:**

A Board member asked what the duty of the treatment providers is if the client confesses to a domestic violence (DV) incident. Phillippe Marquis (Presenter) responded that the treatment provider must report this incident to the appropriate authorities. Lindsey Spraker noted that 3<sup>rd</sup> party referrals are also mandated to report these incidents, and indicated that clients are aware that any disclosures may have to be reported.

Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Staff) asked what the timeframe is regarding mandatory reporting for those individuals under the age of 18. Lindsey Spraker responded that for any individual under the age of 18, the report must be made. It was noted that when the mandatory report is called in, it is up to the person who receives this information to initiate the next steps.

Sandra Campanella (DVOMB Member) asked what the mandatory reporting requirements are regarding a life-threatening situation that is ongoing but not specifically directed at children. It was indicated that the mandatory requirements are to report, but noted that the client is made aware of the exceptions to confidentiality when mandatory reporting is required. Lindsey Spraker (Presenter) noted that the victim perspective is really important regarding risk and safety to victims.

Andrea Bradbury (DVOMB Member) asked regarding mandatory reporting if there is language regarding sex assault on a child, and noted that sex assault on a child does not have a statute of limitations. It was noted that the mandatory reporting statute only makes an exception for those over 18 years of age.

### **Public Discussion:**

Patricia (online guest) asked for clarification of the Pre-Sentence Evaluations (PSEs) and case management. Phillippe Marquis (Presenter) responded to this request and noted that he is usually subpoenaed on Pre-Sentence Evaluations.

Lindsey Spraker (Presenter) noted the difference in court testimony between Pre-Sentence Evaluations and Post-Sentence Evaluations. Phillippe Marquis (Presenter) indicated the need for DV treatment providers to have training in the child welfare system.

Raechel Alderete (DVOMB Member) indicated that some of these cases can be very complicated and fall outside their purview of the DVOMB, but indicated the need to address the needs of these children. She reminded all of Denise Fransua who lost her life to domestic violence, and noted that her children are thriving due to the continued DV therapy they have received.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Member) thanked all that was shared in this presentation.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) noted that a training certificate for this presentation will be issued for those in attendance.

**BREAK – No Business Conducted: 10:43 – 11:00 am**

*Glory McDaniel left the meeting at 10:12 am.*

*Jeanette Barich left the meeting at 10:43 am.*

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) indicated that there is still a quorum for voting purposes.

**Expanded Group Variance Report and Update: (Handout) (Attachment #3)**

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced this agenda item as a discussion and voting item.

Caroleena Frane (ODVSOM Staff) introduced the topic and the variance process conducted to date which allows up to 16 clients in a treatment group as long as there is a co-facilitator. She indicated that Jesse Hansen has drafted language to make this a permanent provision in the Standards. Caroleena Frane requested that Board members discuss this today and provide input.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) reviewed the current and proposed language in Section 5.03 which clarifies that treatment groups can be expanded to 16 clients when a co-facilitator is present. He noted that there will be a vote on this item after the 30-day review period has elapsed.

**Board/Public Discussion:**

Michelle Hunter (DVOMB Member) asked if the Item III (Gender of Treatment Groups) language should be changed regarding sexual orientation and suggested not mixing those individuals in one group. The language was changed to “Treatment group sessions shall not mix genders or members by their sexual orientation.” There were no objections to this language change.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) agreed that larger groups with co-facilitators makes this an appropriate recommendation.

Jess McBrayer (ODVSOM Intern) suggested the language be changed to “Shall not mix members by their gender or by their sexual orientation” in Item III.

It was noted to change the language to “Shall separate members by their gender or by their sexual orientation.”

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) noted that all LGBTQ+ are in their specific groups. It was noted that heterosexuals are currently separated by gender and are not combined in the same group with LGBTQ+.

Caroleena Frane (ODVSOM Staff) suggested including “Specific offender populations need to be in their own groups.”

Phillippe Marquis (Audience Member) noted that Peter DeLeo is holding a discussion group that will address some of these complicated situations. He indicated the need for flexibility in the language.

After discussion, the final language is: “Treatment group sessions shall be separated by specific offending populations and should continuously assess the need for the appropriate placement in treatment.”

Lindsey Spraker (Audience Member) suggested including “assessment” in the language.

Jess McBrayer (ODVSOM Intern) asked about including language about treatment providers being “approved” in the specific treatment for the LGBTQ+ population. Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) responded that specific

treatment models for the LGBTQ+ population can be found in Section 9 of the Standards which address this request.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) noted that the public comment process is not actually codified in the DVOMB Bylaws and Administrative policies. He reviewed the process of sending out revisions for 30-day public comments and then referring those comments back to the Standards Revisions Committee for review before being finalized by the Board.

Raechel Alderate (DVOMB Member) questioned whether a motion is needed to approve sending this new language out for public comment. Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) responded yes, that a motion/vote to approve this document for public comment needs to be made. He indicated that if the motion is approved, the public comment language received will go to the Standard Revisions Committee for final review before coming before the full Board for a vote/approval.

*Jessica Fann made a motion to approve the document as amended for public comment, and then refer those comments to the Standards Revision Committee.  
Raechel Alderete 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.*

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	100.0%	14
No	0.0%	0
Abstain	0.0%	0
Totals	100.0%	14

Working Lunch Break - 11:30 am

**Staffing Changes to the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management: (Attachment #4)**

Stephanie Fritts introduced this as a discussion and review item.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) outlined the need for this office restructuring and presented the new ODVSOM unit alignment.

Raechel Alderete (DVOMB Member) noted that this alignment has been needed for many years, and expressed her hope that these changes will enhance the functionality of both Boards and those in the field.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) indicated that Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky's new position will allow him to have the opportunity to work with other state agencies, to help with future vision setting, and to support staff development.

Chris Lobanaov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager) indicated that the commitment is to help with processes at the agency levels, treatment provider and Multi-Disciplinary Treatment Team (MTT) levels, and to supply best practices for treatment programs and their communities while improving processes overall.

**Board Discussion:**

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) asked if anyone has been hired for the new Application Review Committee (ARC) Coordinator position. Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) indicated that this position has been posted, and he noted that there are 5 possible candidates. He mentioned that this position should be filled soon. Jesse Hansen



noted that the ARC Coordinator will take care of many of the ARC administrative duties, and indicated that Caroleena Frane and Erin Gazelka will still be a part of this committee.

**Public Discussion:**

None

**Committee Reports:**

**Victim Advocacy Committee – Jessica Fann and Jackie List**

Jessica Fann indicated this committee is looking at Section 7.0 for potential revisions to ensure the language is up to date with current research and best practice. Jackie List indicated that the Committee is working on training procedures for Treatment Victim Advocates (TVAs.)

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager) indicated that even though certification process has limitations, it was decided to continue with the current structure and process. He noted that the specific TVA training will fit into the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) or National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) agency certification requirements. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky mentioned that the Victim Advocacy Committee and the Standards will continue to be a resource for TVAs.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) asked if VAC trainings are being held. Jackie List noted that trainings are held once per quarter. Jesse Hansen noted that the Victim Advocacy Committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 8:30 am – 10:00 am.

**Standards Revision Committee – Erin Gazelka**

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) indicated that this committee is going through Section 5.0 line by line to ensure the language is up to date with current research and best practice. She noted that in the future, the hope is to align the competencies with the post-validated and restructured Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment (DVRNA) with dynamic and static factors separated. Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) clarified that there will be a change in competencies which focus on general treatment areas utilizing dynamic risk factors to see if real change has been made. He indicated that they are close to bringing this back to the Board for review. Jesse Hansen noted the Committee is changing the date and time it meets, and indicated that they will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month beginning on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. He indicated to reach out to Michelle Hunter or Jesse Hansen if you want to attend.

**Application Review Committee (ARC) – Karen Morgenthaler and Michelle Hunter**

Karen Morgenthaler (DVOMB Member) indicated that this committee has approved a number of applications with a 90% approval rate. She indicated that there were 33 new approvals (87% approval rate), and she noted that 115 variances have been approved since July. Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) noted his optimism that there continues to be an increase in new providers. He noted that changes to the website include the new application process, statistics of applications and the process, along with the ARC members and their biographies. Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) noted that the agendas and the minutes of the ARC meetings will be posted on the website. Caroleen Frane (ODVSOM Staff) asked that any board members who have an interest in joining ARC, should reach out to her.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – Jesse Hansen (in Jennifer Parker and Tally Zuckerman's absence)**

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) noted that this committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 12:00 – 2:00 pm, and indicated that they worked on a new guiding principle, and competencies related to how supervisors relate to an applicant regarding cultural humility, responsibility, and how their backgrounds intersect. He mentioned that the Committee is centered on looking at the Board Bylaws that stress the importance of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Jesse Hansen noted that this committee is creating support systems (i.e., DEI Officer of the Board) who will report to the Chair of the Board, and mentioned the Committee is making changes in the Standards revision process regarding how DEI encompasses all stakeholders.

**DV/SO Training Committee – Jesse Hansen and Taylor Redding**

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) noted that much of the committee work has focused on the ODVSOM Conference upcoming in June 2023, and indicated that this committee will be working on the next conference theme. He mentioned that the Committee has received a lot of good feedback from this past year's conference. Jesse Hansen noted that the Committee will include stakeholder engagement, will solicit new trainings, and bring back the in-person Advanced Series trainings that include national speakers. He noted that this committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am -11:00 am (In-person and Virtually.) Jesse Hansen noted to reach out to Taylor Redding if you wish to attend this meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Jill Trowbridge

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## Individual Voting Results

Active Participants	Total Participants		
16	16		
Last Name	First Name	Motion 1	Motion 2
Bradbury	Andrea	1	1
Burback	Bradley	3	1
Gazelka	Erin	1	1
McDaniel	Glory	3	NP
List	Jackie	1	1
Barich	Jeanette	1	NP
Parker	Jennifer	3	1
Fann	Jessica	1	1
Morgenthaler	Karen	3	1
Griffith	Lori	1	1
Tracey	Martinez	NP	NP
Hunter	Michelle	1	1
Collins	Nicole	1	1
Buckley	Nil	NP	NP
Alderete	Raechel	1	1
Campanella	Sandra	1	1
Fritts	Stephanie	1	1
Zuckerman	Tally	1	1

### Voting Legend

1 = Yes

2 = No

3 = Abstain

NP = Not Present at the Time of Vote

Motion 1: Jessica Fann moved to approve the September minutes. Michelle Hunter seconded the motion.

Motion 2: Jessica Fann moved to approve Section 5.03 Treatment Modality as modified. Raechel Alderete seconded the motion.