

COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2022

Attendance:

Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

Andrea Bradbury, Bradly Burbach, Jackie List, Jeanette Barich, Jennifer Parker, Karen Morgenthaler, Kristiana Huitrón, Lori Griffith, Michelle Hunter, Nicole Collins, Nil Buckley, Raechel Alderete, Sandra Campanella, Stephanie Fritts, Tally Zuckerman, Tracey Martinez

Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Erin Gazelka, Jessica Fann

Staff Present:

Adrienne Corday, Caroleena Frane, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Erin Austin, Jess McBrayer, Jesse Hansen, Rachael Collie, Yuanting Zhang,

Guests:

Amanda Albo, Gail Prim, Kathi Bui, Kaye Knaub, Kristina Carrera, Patricia Murphy, Russha Knauer, Sandy Eriksen, Sharon Griffin

Introductions

The meeting convened online at 9:04AM. Stephanie Fritts (Chair) introduced herself as the Chair and welcome the Board and guests. Jesse indicated to Stephanie that a quorum was present. Erin Austin announced a few housekeeping items for Board members and guests.

Stephanie asked if there was consensus to approve the March agenda. Jesse Hansen announced an amendment to the agenda. The item scheduled for 10:00AM (Revisions to Section 9.0 & Teletherapy Listing Status) is a presentation and discussion item. As a result there will be no voting for this item.

There was consensus to approve the amended March agenda.

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

Nicole Collins moved to approve the February minutes. Jackie List seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the February minutes. Stephanie asked Yuanting to prepare the vote. Yuanting reminded public members that only Board members should vote.

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

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	86.7%	13
No	0.0%	0
Abstain	13.3%	2
Totals	100%	15



Announcements:

- Staff Announcements:
 - Jesse Hansen Announced:
 - Sunset Updates:
 - Following the introductory hearing with the House Judiciary Committee, Jesse Hansen and Caroleena Frane met with the Bill Sponsor and will provide information about the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) in helping shape the conversation and to address the concerns they had raised. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled and a notification will be sent to the Board and stakeholders as to when the bill is scheduled to be heard.
 - The Governor's Office is allowing for Boards to return to in-person meetings. The Executive Committee will have discussions on how and when the DVOMB will resume in-person meetings at 710 Kipling St., Lakewood, CO 80215.
 - Jesse, Caroleena, and a few Providers have been invited to participate in a new group called the National Batterers Intervention Network. This new group is comprised of experts from all states and territories. They are discussing issues related to domestic violence treatment and intervention programs.
 - Domestic Violence Offender Management Board & Sex Offender Management Board Conference Update:
 - Theme: Working Together to Build Hope and Celebrate Resilience.”
 - There were 37 abstracts submitted and reviewed by the DV/SO Training Committee. The abstracts that are moving forward have been selected, and the committee is in the process of identifying and securing the keynote speakers.
 - The June DVOMB meeting will be cancelled and the July Board meeting will possibly be held at the conference in conjunction with the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) meeting.
 - Training Events:
 - 2022 Training Calendar
 - DV Lunch & Learn: “Incel” Subculture: Preventing Targeted Violence – April, 6th, 2022
 - DVI01 – April 25th, 2022
 - DV102 – May 24th, 2022 (Tuesday)
 - DVI03 – June 20th, 2022
 - [Training, Resources, Templates & Tips | Division of Criminal Justice \(colorado.gov\)](#)
 - Carolina Frane announced the Application Review Committee (ARC) decided to allow only DVOMB Approved Trainees, DVOMB Approved Providers, and Treatment Victim Advocates to participate in the DV core trainings due to these classes filling up quickly. (Staff note: this change does not include DV100). This has caused potential delays with prospective applicants in their applications for listing. DVOMB staff will be creating specific trainings for all other stakeholders who are not able to attend these trainings.
 - Erin Austin gave a presentation in recognition of Women's History Month and presented a video by Deepa Narayan – [7 Beliefs That Can Silence Women, and How to Unlearn Them](#).

Board Announcements

There were no Board Announcements

Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items

Public Comment Review: (Handout)

Following the Board's decision to ratify Appendix I, and the new Guiding Principle regarding cultural competence, a solicitation seeking public comment was sent out to all stakeholders. Karen Morgenthaler and Carolina Frane reviewed the feedback that was submitted which included three total public comments. Jesse clarified that the Board still has the ability to make amendments to what was ratified last month based on the public comments submitted.

Appendix I

- **Public Comment 1:** Clients are precontemplative and it makes a large percent of individuals client load. There are the inclusionary and exclusionary criteria that is in this appendix and concern around the exclusionary criteria that is written in appendix I that it would preclude the clients from participating in telehealth.
 - **Staff Comment:** The inclusionary and exclusionary criteria are prefaced by a “may” and not a “shall”. The language in Appendix I empowers the Multi-disciplinary Treatment Team (MTT) to make decisions around who is going to be allowed in treatment or not.
 - “Shall” means you absolutely have to.
 - “Should or may” means you should consider.

Discussion:

A concern is that this is a population that reoffends. The exclusionary criteria gives leeway to have those discussions openly with the MTT to decide if that client will be acceptable or not for teletherapy.

- **Public Comment 2:** There should be a clearer mention of evaluations being made.
 - **Staffs Comment:** to include the word “evaluation” in the definition of teletherapy.

There was consensus to approve Appendix I.

Implementation Discussion:

Staff indicated that training would be needed about the inclusionary and exclusionary criteria. The proposed date to implement Appendix I is September 30th, 2022.

There was consensus to implement Appendix I on September 30th, 2022.

Guiding Principle – Concerning cultural competence, created by the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee

- **Public Comment 1:** Concern regarding the language in the document, that can be used against the Provider and not being able to meet all the things that could be offered to the client due to a lack of diversity in the field.
 - **Staff Comment:** Staff and the ARC had conversations regarding this and did not find anything that would cause a provider to be grieved regarding this language.

Discussion:

- The word “disability” is in the document twice. It was recommended to remove the duplicate.

- This document states that these issues are important, however, it does not open anyone up to any liability.
- This Guiding Principle is supportive of the job as evaluators. Evaluators must strive to feel confident in considering all the different cultural factors while making recommendations on the clients.
- A Provider commented that this Guiding Principle may be misunderstood by some Providers. Providers may interpret this as a statement solely for evaluation purposes versus all services and in the context of the Guiding Principles that are outlined in Section 3.0 of the *Standards*. The Provider commented that this Guiding Principle does align with the work that Providers are already doing. They suggested to provide more education regarding the Guiding Principles in the *Standards*.
- This guiding principle elucidates what already exists in other areas of the *Standards*.
- There was a suggestion for an introductory sentence or statement of why, or the value of this Guiding Principle. Staff indicated that there is already a preamble in Section 3.0 regarding the purpose of the Guiding Principles.

There was consensus to approve removing the repetitive disability word.

- **Public Comment 2:** Concerned to where this Guiding Principle would reside.
 - **Staffs Comment:** Placement of this Guiding Principle would be in the *Standards* as 3.06, and what is currently 3.06, would become 3.07, and so on and so forth. The committee suggested this placement in hopes to retain the importance of this Guiding Principle.

There was consensus to implement the Cultural Competencies and Factors Guiding Principle and the placement within the *Standards*.

Implementation Discussion:

Staff suggested that new and current trainings will need to integrate this change and speak to what it means in the context for the *Standards*. Staff also noted that Providers attest to having read and comprehending all of the changes and updates to the *Standards* since the last renewal. The proposed implementation date for adding this new Guiding Principle is July 1, 2022.

There was consensus to approve Cultural Competencies and Factors Guiding Principles implementation date of July 1, 2022.

Revision to Section 9.0 and Teletherapy Listing Status: (Handout)

Karen Morgenthaler and the sub-working group of the Application Review Committee met to discuss the concerns that were raised at the last board meeting. Language was added or modified in several of areas of Section 9.0.

Added or Revised Language:

1. Clinical Supervision as part of Section 9.0 of the *Standards* refers to the supervision of a supervisee regarding domestic violence offender services that fall under the purview of the DVOMB. Language was amended to better reflect that supervision is specific to domestic violence offender services.
2. Amended language also clarified that the supervisor will be available during business hours to schedule consultation or client-based emergency questions.
3. The term “Agency(ies)” was added in the releases for the supervisor and supervisee contract.

The vote for this item was postponed due to the ARC’s recent discussion about the application process for Trainees who skip Entry Level and go directly to Full-Operating Level. The *Standards* currently allow for this process to occur; however, there are only a few individuals who have been able to do so. The ARC recommended to re-review Section 9.0 and restructure it to remove the option for Trainees to apply for Full Operating-Level, and only allow Associate Level Providers to seek Full-Operating Level.

Interstate Compact Guidance for Approved Providers:

At the November 2021 meeting, this item was brought forward for consideration by the DVOMB. The issue identified is whether an evaluation must be done on interstate compact eligible clients who reside outside the state of Colorado, but who have a case here in Colorado. This issue was raised due in part to COVID-19. State statute indicates that these clients are required to undergo an offender evaluation prior to leaving the state of Colorado. DVOMB Approved Providers cannot conduct the evaluation remotely if the client resides in another state due to rules established by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

The DVOMB Staff met with Lori and administrators from the State Court Administrators Office (SCAO) and had requested this item be explored further to identify any possible resolutions.

At this time, it does not appear there are any viable changes that can be made to the Standards to address this issue and that this would require a statutory change. Lori and program staff are recommending that no changes be made at this time.

Lori suggested to explore working with other states in the future to be able to utilize teletherapy to conduct treatment in other states through a compact program. Staff indicated that this was being explored with DORA, but it was too early to determine if this might be possible in the future.

Committee Updates & Reports:

The committee chairs gave a report on the work of the committees during the past six months, and what the committees anticipate working on in the next six months.

- **Executive Committee** – Stephanie Fritts stated that in the last six months this committee has offered input on the Sunset Review and planning for upcoming hearings. They also have identified educational presentations for the DVOMB meetings and Lunch & Learns, addressed issues raised by the Denver Task Force regarding treatment, and discussed resuming in-person meetings. Going forward this committee will continue to support staff regarding the Sunset Review, discuss the possibility of in-person meetings, explore a potential strategic planning retreat, and a Board meeting on the road.
- **Application Review Committee (ARC)** – Karen Morgenthaler announced that this committee has approved 21 Training applicants, approved 17 Entry Level applicants, one Full-Operating Level applicant, approved two DVCS intent-to-apply applicants, approved one DVCS applicant, approved six Move-Up applicants, approved 12 female offender population applicants, approved four LGBT+ offender population applicants. The ARC has also been working on the revisions to telehealth in Appendix I, revisions to Section 9.0, and updates to the provider competencies. Going forward this committee will work on the implementation of the Telehealth, Appendix I, and completing the updates to Section 9.0, along with processing all applications.
- **Victim Advocacy Committee (VAC)** – Jackie List stated that this committee is seeking to obtain more members from all areas of the state. The two sub-committees are working on things that were identified through the survey that was done last year, one of which is for trainings for Treatment Victim Advocates (TVA), and trainings for community partner organizations. The second sub-committee is working on the victim confidentiality, and TVA confidentiality, and confidentiality of records. This committee is also reviewing Section 7.0 of the *Standards*. Going forward, this committee will work on quarterly trainings, seek to collaborate with Violence Free Colorado, and continue working on confidentiality and reviewing 7.0 of the *Standards*.
- **Standards Revision Committee** – Jeanette Barich stated this committee is reviewing section 5.08 (Core Competencies) of the *Standards* and identifying what should be included in each of the competencies and comparing some of the juvenile competencies and language around that. They have discussed the option of using the Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment (DVRNA) as a tool to measure the reduction of risk and recidivism and the competencies to be more as a tool for identifying

treatment targets. Going forward this committee will continue to look at more content and clarifying the final core competencies.

- **Diversion, Equity & Inclusion Committee (DEI)** – Jennifer Parker reported on the development of the language and the proposal of placement of the new Guiding Principle. Moving forward this committee will add language around cultural awareness and sensitivity to the new provider competencies. This committee will also be working with the Division of Criminal Justice’s (DCJ), Public Information Officer, and possibly an external consultant on creating a video to illustrate the boards diversity, equity, and inclusion, and involving stakeholders that are important to the work of the DVOMB.
- **Domestic Violence & Sex Offender Management Training Committee** – Jesse Hansen stated that this committee has developed online trainings, hosting a few advanced series trainings, and assisted with the selection of the session abstracts for the upcoming conference. This committee will continue conversations on how to increase networking at the conference, self-care and other things to make the conference experience more engaging, comfortable, and valuable. They also will identify future trainings for 2022.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM

Respectfully submitted by,
Adrienne Corday

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Individual Voting Results

Active Participants	Total Participants	
15	16	
Last Name	First Name	Motion 1
Bradbury	Andrea	1
Burback	Bradley	1
Gazelka	Erin	NP
List	Jackie	1
Barich	Jeanette	1
Parker	Jennifer	1
Fann	Jessica	NP
Morgenthaler	Karen	1
Huítrón	Kristiana	NP
Griffith	Lori	1
Tracey	Martinez	3
Hunter	Michelle	1
Collins	Nicole	1
Buckley	Nil	1
Alderate	Raechel	1
Campanella	Sandra	1
Fritts	Stephanie	1
Zuckerman	Tally	3

Voting Legend

1 = Yes

2 = No

3 = Abstain

NP = Not Present at the Time of Vote

Motion 1: Nicole Collins moved to approve the February minutes. Jackie List seconded the motion.

