

# COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2020

### Attendance:

#### Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

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

#### Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Jennifer Parker

#### Staff Present:

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

#### Guests:

Alison Bran, Amanda Albo, Ann Kelly, Becky Gerringer, Christina Carrera, Jessica Meza, Laura Dea, Maria Rollo, Sasha Cafaro

### Introductions

The meeting convened online at 9:01AM. Jesse indicated to Nancy Olson (Chair) that a quorum was present. Nancy called the meeting to order.

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

**There was consensus to approve the December agenda.**

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

**Tally Zuckerman moved to approve the November minutes. Jenifer Morgen seconded the motion.**

There was no further discussion on the November minutes. Nancy 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 two votes to abstain.

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Yes	87.50%	14
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	12.50%	2
Totals	100%	16



## Announcements:

- Staff Announcements:
  - Jesse Hansen Announced:
    - A reminder that the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) has started the Sunset Review process for the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB). The policy analyst assigned for this review is Vivienne Belmont. She is gathering information about the DVOMB and may contact Board members and stakeholders to schedule interviews.
    - The Executive Committee decided to start the DVOMB virtual meetings at 9:00AM to allow for enough time to deliberate items before lunch.
    - Reminded everyone to wait for recognition by the DVOMB Chair, to speak, and also to always state your name, during the Board meeting.
  - Carolina Thomasson announced:
    - The COVID-19 Telehealth Variances have been extended through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
    - The DVRNA Booster training is available and a requirement for all Approved Providers.
  - Marina Borysov announced the following updates regarding training events:
    - DVOMB Trainings
      - 2021 Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management Board Conference will be happening virtually in July; official dates are still pending.
      - 2021 Trainings are forthcoming
      - Lunch and Learns
        - December 14<sup>th</sup> – Section 1.0 Revisions: Implementation & Impact to Parole & Community Corrections, Part 2.

## Board Announcements

Jenifer Morgen announced that she is resigning from the Board effective immediately due to a scheduling conflict. She informed everyone that she was selected to participate in a subcommittee of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) that meets at the same time as the DVOMB meeting.

Nancy Olson announced that the Executive Committee discussed and approved a new process for structuring discussion items that require a vote. She stated that Board Members will have the first opportunity to discuss voting items, and then public members will have an opportunity to make comments regarding the item being discussed. The item will then conclude with a final round of discussion by Board members if there is a need to do so.

## Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

## Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

**White Paper: Public Safety Considerations and Policy Implications with Restorative Justice in Domestic Violence Cases: (Handout)**

At the November Board meeting, Carolina had presented a draft of the Restorative Justice (RJ) White Paper as a formal response to the request of the RJ Council and the proposition of using RJ with domestic violence cases. This item was tabled for staff to add additional language to the document that was suggested during the meeting. Carolina presented the updated White Paper with all of the changes made.

Discussion:

- Brandy Walega liked the document and expressed her support of this paper.
- Sandra Campanella appreciates the White Paper and fully endorses the conclusions and statements made in the White Paper.

Public Comments:

- Ann Kelly, Senior Deputy District Attorney with the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in Boulder County, she and her office are in full support of the White Paper and its conclusion.
- Jessica Meza stated she appreciated the Board taking another look at the paper and taking into consideration her concerns.

Brandy Walega proposed a motion to accept the White Paper, Sandra Campanella second the motion.

There was no further discussion on the item. Nancy asked Elliot to prepare the vote. Elliot reminded the public that only Board members should vote.

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

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	88.24%	15
No	11.76%	2
Abstain	0.00%	0
Totals	100%	17

**Guidelines for Juveniles who Commit Relationship Abuse: (Handout)**

Jesse Hansen and Ellen Stein Wallace presented the draft Guidelines for Juveniles who Commit Relationship Abuse. The guidelines represent the culmination of over two years of work. Jesse noted this agenda item did not require a formal vote or consensus because the DVOMB does not have purview over juvenile matters. Jesse provided an overview of the purpose of the Guidelines and the structure of the document. He noted that these guidelines are modeled from the Juvenile *Standards and Guidelines* of the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB). Ellen summarized the different stakeholder groups that contributed to the working group. It is important to note that DVOMB Approved Providers are not required to work with juveniles and there is no requirement to be listed with the DVOMB to work with juveniles. The draft document is a best practice guideline.

Jesse and Ellen moved through each section, provided updates, and solicited questions.

Discussion:

- Brandy Walega gave language suggestions to be consistent throughout the document regarding the use of the terms victim and victim representative.
- Laura Bravo suggested checking the mental health statutory references. Specifically, she noted that psychiatry is listed as a mental health profession when it is actually a medical profession.
- Kristiana Huitrón encouraged the full workgroup to consider stronger language regarding the need for a professional to have training about domestic violence dynamics.
- Tally Zuckerman asked if the assessment instruments were normed on youth of color. Jesse was not sure if the general delinquency assessment instruments were normed on youth of color, but would refer that question back to the full workgroup.
- Kristiana Huitrón voiced concerns about the Victim Reparations Section. She indicated that she is for restorative justice, but was concerned for how a victim would give consent and how professionals would implement such a procedure.
- Brady Walega voiced concern opposition for the use of the term reparation and suggested another term be identified.
- Kristiana Huitrón suggested that person-first language be considered as well.

Public Comments:

- There was a question if the document addressed racism and history of oppression; along with cultural humility and competency. Jesse indicated that cultural humility and competency was identified in Guiding Principle 2c and 3. However, he did note that racism and history of oppression is not directly addressed.
- There was a question asking if the document addressed the brain development of youth. Jesse indicated that the Treatment modalities section addresses this aspect of treatment.
- A public member, Jessica Meza, had suggested a reference or citation for the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) assessment.
- A public member mentioned that this may not be consistent with the way juveniles process and think depending on the age of the juvenile and maturity. She also mentioned that this guideline is not individualized enough.

Jesse and Ellen thanked everyone for this input and asked that any other feedback be sent to Jesse to take back to the work group.

#### DVOMB Board Appreciation:

Staff conducted a Board appreciation for the Board.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Adrienne Corday

## Individual Voting Results

Active Participants	Total Participants		
17	17		
Last Name	First Name	Motion 1	Motion 2
Walega	Brandy	3	1
Burback	Bradley	1	1
Gazelka	Erin	1	1
List	Jackie	1	1
Barich	Jeanette	1	1
Morgen	Jenifer	1	1
Parker	Jennifer	NP	NP
Morgenthaler	Karen	1	1
Huitrón	Kristiana	3	1
Laura	Bravo	1	1
Hunter	Michelle	1	1
Olson	Nancy	1	1
Collins	Nicole	1	2
Buckley	Nil	1	1
Alderate	Raechel	1	1
Campanella	Sandra	1	1
Fritts	Stephanie	1	1
Zuckerman	Tally	1	2

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

Motion 1: Tally Zuckerman moved to approve the November minutes. Jenifer Morgen seconded the motion.

Motion 2: Brandy Walega proposed a motion to accept the White Paper, Sandra Campanella second the motion.