

COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2020

Attendance:

Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

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

Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Nil Buckley

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Erin Cooley, Janice Williams, Jessica Meza, Kaye Knaub, Philippe Marquis, Sasha Cafaro, Steve Gilbertson, Tarikah Dixon

Introductions

The meeting convened online at 9:35AM. 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 September agenda.

Discussion:

Jesse noted the presenters for the Restorative Justice 101 presentation would not be able to present. Therefore, Jesse indicated that this would be tabled for a future Board meeting.

There was consensus to approve the September agenda as amended.

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

Jenifer Morgen moved to approve the August minutes. Brandy Walega, seconded the motion.

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

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

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Yes	76.47%	13
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	23.53%	4
Totals	100%	17



Announcements:

- Staff Announcements:
 - Elliot Moen introduced the staff of the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management including the new intern, Baylee Hodack.
 - Carolina Thomasson announced:
 - Nil Buckley was the new Mental Health Professional representative to the Board. She noted that Nil was not able to attend today.
 - The staff implemented the monthly Technical Assistance hours. These events were well attended and successful.
 - The Application Review Committee (ARC) recommended the COVID-19 Tele-therapy Variance be extended through January 1, 2021.
 - Marina Borysov announced the following updates regarding training events:
 - DVOMB Trainings
 - Online Trainings:
 - DVI01 – September 25th
 - DVI02 – October 16th
 - DVI03 – December 4th
 - DVI00 Online Training
 - Lunch and Learns
 - October 12th - Section 1.0 Revisions: Implementation and Impact to Parole and Community Corrections
 - October 29th – COVID 19 Updates and Survey Results

Board Announcements

- Brandy announced that Violence Free Colorado was hosting a Fundraiser in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM): Harmonies & Hops for Healthy Relationships. The Facebook Live event is on October 1st from 5:30 – 7:00PM. There will be an opportunity to buy a Batch of Coast IPA from Woods Boss Brewing with \$1.00 per pour going to Violence Free Colorado throughout the month of October.
- Laura announced the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) hired a new Program Director: Reyna Sbarbaro-Gordon. She will oversee all of the Mental Health Boards housed at DORA.
- Raechel announced that the Colorado Organization for Victims Assistance (COVA) will be holding a day of remembrance for murder victims on September 25th, 2020.

Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

Future Agenda Items

Brandy requested a future agenda item for the Board regarding identifying information about Treatment Victim Advocates (TVA's) is available in offender records housed in ReliaTrax. She expressed concern about offenders potentially having access to this information. Carolina added that this issue is not exclusive to just ReliaTrax, but to Approved Provider records in general.

Restorative Justice 101: (Handout)

Although the Restorative Justice (RJ) presentation was tabled, Jesse and Carolina provided an update regarding the White Paper being prepared about RJ and domestic violence cases. Staff indicated a draft of the White Paper will be ready for review by the October Board meeting and a formal vote on the White Paper will be scheduled for the November Board meeting.

Implementation of Section 1.0 and Title Changes:

Following the approval of the revisions to Section 1.0 and the new title of the Standards, Jesse reminded the Board that there was not enough time at the August meeting to discuss implementation of these changes. Jesse asked the Board to identify an implementation date. Additionally, Jesse asked how and what resources may be needed to assist Approved Providers and stakeholders with these changes.

- **Effective Date:** In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was consensus by the Board to implement the Section 1.0 revisions and the new title into effect on January 1, 2021.
- **Training Needs for Implementation:** On October 12th, staff will host a Lunch and Learn regarding the Section 1.0 changes and the impact it has on Parole and Community Corrections. Staff indicated that this Lunch and Learn would be recorded. Board members requested that this training should be shared with parole and community corrections.
- **Supporting Documentation Needed for Implementation:** Staff will prepare corresponding documents that outline what changes were made and why those changes were made. Staff agreed that these supporting documents would be made available on the website and shared at the training.

Executive Committee Charter: (Handout)

Per the DVOMB Bylaws, each committee is required to have a Charter that specifies the scope and duties of that Committee. Jesse presented a draft of the Executive Committee Charter. He requested Board members review the draft and offer feedback before the October Board meeting when a formal vote will be taken.

DVOMB Strategic Planning Updates: (Handout)

Marina introduced the next topic regarding updates to the DVOMB's Strategic Plan.

1. **DVRNA Validation – Elliot and Karen**
 - a. No new significant updates to provide for this item. Staff indicated that data collection was still ongoing and that there are on average about 60 cases entered per month.
2. **Explore and integrate Evidence-Based Practices into the Standards – Elliot, Carolina, and Erin**
 - a. An update was provided and documents created for the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) were shared. Elliot spoke about the creation of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on research processes and the utilization of research for the SOMB. He indicated that the SOP document could be adapted to the DVOMB with minimal revisions. Staff then shared a diagram illustrating the research-based decision making process that has been adopted by the SOMB.
3. **Increase Stakeholder Engagement – Jenifer and Jesse**

An update was provided and a preview of the new DVOMB website was showcased to the Board. Jesse and Jenifer reviewed each of the action items and their statuses respectively. They noted that the “On the Road Board” meeting was modified to be

driven by community interests when requested. Until then, Board meetings would continue focusing on allowing for online attendance during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Jesse noted that Patricia Billinger, Public Information Officer (PIO) for the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS), has developed a communication strategy based on the survey data collected from Board members, DVOMB Approved Providers, and stakeholders. This communication strategy will help segment audiences and their preferences for different types of communications. He noted the communication strategy simply retools the current activities of staff.

4. **Best Practices for Juveniles who have Committed Domestic Violence – Jennifer and Jesse**
 - a. An update was provided to the Board about the Best Practice Guidelines currently in development. Jesse highlighted a few of the major sections being drafted and indicated the Guidelines are expected to be ready by December 2020.
5. **Implementation and Fidelity to the Standards – Jesse and Carolina**
 - a. Jesse provided a short update that the Implementation Committee was no longer meeting due to a lack of attendance. He shared that efforts around implementation are staff driven and staff have been creating new ways for helping Approved Providers with the implementation of the Standards. One example of this is the Technical Assistance hours that Carolina is now offering twice a month.
6. **Funding Sources to Support Treatment Victim Advocacy (TVAs)– Brandy and Chris**
 - a. An update was provided regarding each of the actions items. It was noted that the Victim Advocacy Committee completed the needs assessment and that a survey was being developed by Elliot for the purpose of gathering data to understand more about the effectiveness and value of TVAs. Brandy noted that there was still a long-term goal in seeking funding for TVAs.
7. **Facilitation and Cooperation between Stakeholders – Marina and Kristiana**
 - a. Marina indicated that this strategic priority was complete as evidenced by the action items. She noted that planning for the annual conference in 2021 was underway and that staff were exploring different options including the possibility of a virtual conference or a hybrid (in-person and online) conference.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:53AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Adrienne Corday

Individual Voting Results

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

Voting Legend

1 = Yes

2 = No

3 = Abstain

NP = Not Present At the Time of Vote

Motion 1: Jenifer Morgen moved to approve the August minutes. Brandy Walega, seconded the motion.