

# COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2022

### Attendance:

#### Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

Andrea Bradbury, Erin Gazelka, Jackie List, Jeanette Barich, Jessica Fann, Lori Griffith, Michelle Hunter, Nicole Collins, Nil Buckley, Raechel Alderete, Sandra Campanella, Stephanie Fritts, Tally Zuckerman, Tracey Martinez

#### Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Bradley Burbach, Jennifer Parker, Karen Morgenthaler

#### Staff Present:

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

#### Guests:

Gail Prim, Helen Miller, Inci Ellis, Jean Wallace, Jody Orback, Jordyn Pearson, Kim Pratt, Marisela Elliott, Philippe Marquis

### Introductions

The meeting convened online at 9:07 AM. Stephanie Fritts (Chair) introduced herself as the Chair and welcome the Board and guests. Board members, staff, and guests gave introductions. Jesse indicated to Stephanie that a quorum was present.

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

**There was consensus to approve September agenda.**

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

**Raechel Alderete moved to approve the August minutes. Erin Gazelka seconded the motion.**

There was no discussion on the August minutes. Stephanie asked Jesse to prepare the vote. Jesse provided instruction on the method for casting votes by Board members.

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

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Yes	85.7%	12
No	0.0%	0
Abstain	14.3%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14</b>

## Announcements:

- Staff Announcements:
  - Jesse Hansen Announced:
    - The November Board meeting is rescheduled to November 4th.
    - Chairs for each Committee should be prepared at the October Board Meeting to report on the work of their respective committees.
    - Staff is working on trainings related to the Provider Data Collection Requirements that are due January 1, 2023.
    - The Lunch and Learn presentation today is also a certification on Question, Persuade, and Refer. He asked that anyone who had not registered yet, to please do so.
  - Taylor Redding Announced:
    - Training Events:
      - 2022 Training Calendar
        - DVI02 – September 19th
        - DVI03 – October 4th
        - Pikes Peak Domestic Violence Summit – October 6th and 7th
        - Three Phases: A Colorado Domestic Violence Case – October 20<sup>th</sup>, Greeley, CO
        - DVI01 Make-Up – November 7th
      - [Training, Resources, Templates & Tips | Division of Criminal Justice \(colorado.gov\)](https://www.colorado.gov)
    - Conference Updates
      - The 2023 Conference is July 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
      - The 2022 Conference sessions will be available to watch until the end of October.
  - Carolina Frane announced:
    - Teletherapy Equivalency Application has been published and 55 have been submitted to date.
    - A reminder that Section 9.0 and Appendix I changes go into effect on September 30th.

## Board Announcements

There were no Board announcements.

## Public Announcements

There were no public announcements.

## Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

## DVOMB Data Collection Plan Updates: (Handout)

Stephanie referred to Jesse to introduce the agenda item. Jesse noted that part of the reauthorization of the Domestic Violence Offender Management Boards (DVOMB) mandated Approved Providers to begin collecting data on January 1, 2023. In 2019, the DVOMB approved a data collection plan that was used to develop the client service tracking system in the Provider Data Management System (PDMS). The service tracking system is a module in the PDMS that allows for Providers to safely and securely transmit data to the DVOMB when a client discharges from treatment. While the PDMS has had this capability since the launch of the system, the

Board has not required Providers to submit data due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the new statutory requirement, data collection will commence on January 1st, 2023. As part of that effort, the staff presented some proposed changes to the data collection form. There is a statutory mandate for the Board to approve the data collection plan.

Jesse reviewed each of the proposed changes in Attachment 2.

Discussion:

- There was a question that using the case identifier meant that the data was no longer anonymous. Staff clarified that the anonymity is with Providers submitting the data. This means that the data, when, submitted, is not linked to the Provider. Clients will have the option to choose if they want their personal identifying information included and must consent to do so. If the client does not consent, then their personal identifying information will not be included.
- It was added if the client consents to their identifying information being provided, then they will need to sign a research consent indicating their willingness. If they refuse to sign the consent, the Provider has two options, they can either enter it as a refuse to sign and enter no data, or enter only anonymous data and not any identifying information.
- There was consensus to reordered Questions 1 and 2 to make the consent question first. Staff indicated that they would adopt any similar changes to the Provider Data Management System of the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB).
- A Board member suggested to use the county as the sole identifier instead of the case number to increase the involvement of offenders.
- There was a question about which clients would be subject to this requirement. It was not clear if cases from social services or self-referring clients are required to be entered. There was an emphasis to do clarify this in order to avoid inaccurate information reported.
- There was a suggestion to have an “N/A” box for Question 13 for those who are voluntary.

Nicole Collins moved to approve changes to the Data Collection Plan as modified. Tally Zuckerman seconded the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion. Stephanie asked Jesse to prepare the vote.

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

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Yes	92.9%	13
No	0.0%	0
Abstain	7.1%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14</b>

**Provider Recruitment & Retention Study by Orange Circle Consulting: (Handout)**

Tonya Peters & Monica Strachan conducted a presentation on their findings from their research on how to recruit and retain Approved Providers.

## DVOMB Annual Legislative Report; Policy Recommendations:

Jesse Hansen announced that staff is in the process of preparing for the first legislative report where the DVOMB will have an opportunity to showcase research and best practices involved with the evaluation and treatment of domestic violence offenders. One of the main sections of that report will be providing policy recommendations. This gave the Board the opportunity to raise some ideas around possible recommendations they want to include in this year's annual legislative report.

### Suggestions:

- Highlight the need for Treatment Victim Advocates (TVA) to have confidentiality and privilege protections similar to that of community-based advocates. There was consensus by the Board to include this item.
- Highlight the issues and recommendations for the Civil White Paper and include as an Appendix to the Report. There was consensus by the Board to include this item.
- Highlighting the issue with services for juveniles who engage in relationship abuse and include as an Appendix to the Report. There was consensus by the Board to include this item.
- Requirement for felony level cases involving domestic violence be required to undergo a pre-sentence evaluation. The statute currently indicates this is an option. The Board did not reach consensus to include this item.

## Lunch & Learn: Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; Question, Persuade, and Refer:

Kim Pratt and Jordyn Pearson with the Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County conducted a presentation in recognition of suicide prevention awareness month.

### Expanded Group Variances:

Caroleena Frane explained that it has been about a year since the Application Review Committee (ARC) approved expanded group variance requests from several Approved Providers. The DVOMB *Standards* require groups to be 90 minutes and with the maximum of 12 clients. Since returning to normalcy after COVID-19, the Providers have been overwhelmed increasing caseloads. As a result, Providers requested to have the maximum group size be increased to 16 clients. The ARC agreed so long as there was a licensed clinician as a co-facilitator or an approved Trainee who has a relationship with the clients. Because this is continued to be utilized over the past year, the ARC is proposing this be put into the *Standards* as a permanent change to the Standards.

Jesse Hansen requested the Board review the drafted document for discussion at the October meeting.

### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM

Respectfully submitted by,  
Adrienne Corday

## Individual Voting Results

Active Participants	Total Participants		
14	14		
Last Name	First Name	Motion 1	Motion 2
Bradbury	Andrea	1	1
Burback	Bradley	NP	NP
Gazelka	Erin	1	1
List	Jackie	1	1
Barich	Jeanette	1	3
Parker	Jennifer	NP	NP
Fann	Jessica	1	1
Morgenthaler	Karen	NP	NP
Griffith	Lori	1	1
Tracey	Martinez	1	1
Hunter	Michelle	1	1
Collins	Nicole	3	1
Buckley	Nil	1	1
Alderate	Raechel	1	1
Campanella	Sandra	1	1
Fritts	Stephanie	1	1
Zuckerman	Tally	3	1

### Voting Legend

1 = Yes

2 = No

3 = Abstain

NP = Not Present at the Time of Vote

Motion 1: Raechel Alderete moved to approve the August minutes. Erin Gazelka seconded the motion.

Motion 2: Nicole Collins moved to approve changes to the Data Collection as modified. Tally Zuckerman seconded the motion.