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Domestic Violence Offender
Management Board

DVOMB Quarterly Minute

January 2024

A Year in Review

The 2023 year has been marked with achievements for the DVOMB through the contributions of many. Over the last year, the DVOMB has worked incredibly hard at improving the DVOMB *Standards and Guidelines* while reconnecting with communities across Colorado. The DVOMB was able to co-host the annual conference in Breckenridge with the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) for over 500 stakeholders. The DVOMB also traveled to Grand Junction to host its first traveling Board meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic. The DVOMB hosted 38 trainings that were attended by more than 1,400 professionals on a variety of subjects related to the treatment and supervision of domestic violence offenders. This included facilitating five roundtables with professionals in Denver, La Junta, Durango, the Southern Ute Tribe, and Boulder.

While a small number of DVOMB Approved Providers have chosen to leave the field, the Application Review Committee approved 95% of the 78 applications from individuals seeking placement, or continued placement, on the DVOMB Approved Provider List. As of July 2023, there were 153 active DVOMB Approved Providers, of which 111 are approved to work with female offenders and 44 are approved to work with LGBTQ+ offenders. This includes approving four new Domestic Violence Clinical Supervisors (DVCS).

Things this year were also very research focused. DVOMB Approved Providers began implementing the data collection requirement, and the DVOMB validated the Colorado Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment (DVRNA).

The DVRNA is used as part of the offender evaluation to determine the treatment level needed for offenders. The validation of this assessment tool represents the culmination of nearly seven years in the making and hard work from everyone involved. More about the validation will be featured in this year's annual legislative report that will be published in January 2024.

Despite all of these incredible achievements, many people are in the dark about the DVOMB and all of the work that goes into offender treatment and the safety of survivors. Some of this is due to new people joining this field, while others are operating on old assumptions and stories from long ago. My hope is that this changes in 2024 and there is recognition of the *evidence-based treatment that not only changes lives, but saves lives*. Join us in telling the story about how treatment works and that working with domestic violence offenders is as demanding as it is rewarding. Our fault has been that we have not told our story about the successes of clients who have changed. Looking ahead in 2024, share these stories with your colleagues, your professional networks, and even your friends. Tell them that treatment works and that you are part of a system changing how the nation responds to domestic violence for the better.



Next DVOMB Meeting

January Board Meeting

When: January 12, 2024

Time: 9:00AM - 12:30PM

Where: [710 Kipling Street, Denver, CO, 80215, 2nd Floor Conference Room](#)

[Join Link](#)

Webinar number: 553 955 3536

Webinar password: PpMGEWF546



Welcome New Staff Supporting the DVOMB

Brittinie Sandoval - Brittinie is the latest addition to the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management (ODVSOM) as the new DVOMB Application and Standards Compliance Coordinator. Brittinie has a passion for community safety and spent her last 6 years with Denver Community Corrections and Pretrial Division. She began my career as a clerk for the pretrial supervision team and managed an out-of-county case load for clients serving in-home detention. She has also worked as a Pretrial Officer and as a certified bond commissioner. More recently, her focus has been in working on domestic violence cases while managing court dockets, intakes, releases, and supervising domestic violence clients with electronic monitoring. Brittinie also dedicated her time as the Co-chair for the Community Corrections Division Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) Committee developing policy and action plans for implementation surrounding EDI. Brittinie spends her free time with her husband raising their 5 kids which can get a little chaotic during school days. She enjoys reading a good book, listening to music, and occasionally dancing.

Kelly Lippitt - Kelly joins the ODVSOM as the new Program Assistant and Documentation Specialist. Kelly is originally from the Bay Area in California, but spent the last 5 years in Portland, Oregon. She started as an Onboarding Specialist in the Human Resources Office at the Colorado Department of Public Safety earlier this year and is excited to now be joining the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ). Kelly loves hiking with her wife Rachel in the mountains, playing pickleball, and playing with their 2 cats, Roadie (tuxedo) and Mel C. (tabby).



Recent Court Cases

People v. Zoller, 2023 COA 117, 22CA1612 (El Paso) (Sr. AAG Trina Kissel). In this appeal, the Court of Appeals was asked to decide whether the District

Court made findings sufficient to support its denial of Kyle Andrew Zoller’s motion to modify a no-contact provision issued as part of a mandatory protection order (MPO) under section 18-1-1001(1), (3)(a)(II), C.R.S. 2023. As relevant to Zoller’s motion, the MPO prevents Zoller from “contacting or directly or indirectly communicating with” his minor daughter – a victim and witness of his domestic crimes – until he has completed his prison and parole sentences. The court found that the order was justified for the daughter’s safety and refused to modify it before Zoller’s sentence is complete. Addressing an issue of first impression, the Court of Appeals concludes that to maintain the challenged no-contact provision of Zoller’s MPO, additional findings are required. Because the court did not specifically find that the purpose of this infringement on Zoller’s fundamental constitutional right to parental association could not be accomplished by less restrictive means, the Court of Appeals reversed the court’s order and remanded the case for additional proceedings.



Behavioral Health Safety Net Providers

The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) released a fact sheet that provides new information related to Health Safety Net Providers (Essential Provider) and Comprehensive Behavioral Health Providers (Comprehensive Provider). [Please see the fact sheet for more information.](#)



Public Comment Updates

Thank you to everyone who submitted public comments for the two proposed revisions under consideration by the DVOMB. The public comment period is now closed. Public comments related to [the Proposed Revisions for the Core Competencies](#) will be reviewed by the Standards Revision Committee at its next meeting on January 5th, 2024 from 9:00-11:00AM. Public comments related to [the Proposed Revisions for the Language and Interpretation Services](#)

will be reviewed by the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee at its next meeting on January 26th, 2024 from 9:00-11:00AM.



Requirements for Teletherapy Under Review by the Application Review Committee

The Application Review Committee has been directed by the DVOMB to review and make necessary updates to the requirements for teletherapy. These discussions are scheduled to occur during the meetings of the Application Review Committee (ARC). If you are interested and would like to participate in these discussions, please feel free to reach out to [Reggin Palmitesso-Martinez](#) for more information about the meeting dates and times of the ARC.



Research Corner

The [2023 Colorado Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Annual Report](#) is available and addresses all Domestic Violence Fatalities that occurred across Colorado in 2022. It also presents far more granular data on the 16 Domestic Violence Fatality (DVF) cases reviewed by local review teams in 2021 and 2022. Coming directly from the report, it is clear there is still much work to be done to address domestic violence as “Tragically, the number of DVFs identified for 2022 is higher—there were 94 DVF fatalities occurring in 62 cases. This is 1.5 times the average number of Colorado DVFs (65.7) over the Board's seven years of data collection (2016-2022). In these 62 DVF cases, 97% of the DV victims were female and 95% of the DV perpetrators were male, underscoring the continued gendered nature of both DV and DVFs specifically. The data calls for solutions that address structural and individual gender inequality.”



DVOMB Training Opportunities

DVOMB Trainings!

Training Opportunities Sponsored by Others

Vista Counseling Services, LLC Presents: Female Offender Domestic Violence Offender Evaluation & Treatment

Location: Online (Zoom)

February 29th and March 1st (TWO Day Training)

Cost: \$225.00 per person, discounts for 4 or more people who register together

Trainer: Jeanette Barich, LCSW, LAC, DVCS

Jeanette@jeanettebarich.com or [303-507-5825](tel:303-507-5825)

Description: This training is a beginner-level, two-day (14-hour) training based on the best practices guidelines of Appendix B in the DVOMB Standards: For Providing Court-Ordered Treatment to Female Domestic Violence Offenders. This training satisfies the 14-hour Female Specific Offender Population DVOMB application requirement.

We will take an in-depth look at our personal biases around women as offenders and men as victims, victim advocacy specific to this population, pathways to crime, barriers to treatment, theories around female offenders, offender typologies, assessment, evaluation, curriculum topics and unique aspects of working with this specific population. This training will give you a basic understanding of working with the court-ordered female domestic violence offender. This fast-paced interactive training utilizes media and case studies to demonstrate treatment and evaluation principles.



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