

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD
(DVOMB)
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA AUDIO/VIDEO
CONFERENCING**

SOMB Members

Carl Blake
Casey Ballinger
Christina Ortiz-Marquez
Gary Kramer
Glenn Knipscheer
Gregg Kildow
Hannah Pilla
Ivonne Sierra
Jeff Shay
Jason Lamprecht
Joshua Nowak
Katie Abeyta
Kent Vance
Kimberly Kline
Lisa Mayer
Michelle Simmons
Nicole Feltz
Norma Aguilar-Dave
Sharon Holbrook
Taber Powers
Theresa Weiss
Tony Carochi

DVOMB Members

Andrea Bradbury
Bradley Burbach
Erin Gazelka
Eronilde Buckley
Jackie List
Jeanette Barich
Jennifer Parker
Jessica Fann
Eronilde Buckley
Karen Morgenthaler
Lori Griffith
Jackie List
Nicole Collins
Sandie Campanella
Tracey Martinez
Tally Zuckerman

Guests

Aaron Bush	Jason Talley	Nicole Nahm
Allison Boyd	Jeff Jordan	Ralph Parson
Allison Ryan	Jenelle Winter	Rick Ostring
Alyssa Glaser	Jenna Harper	Robert Minning
Bethany Wolf	Jennifer Rudner	Russha Knauer
Birgit Fiske	Jessly Ramirez	Ryan Jensen
Christina O'Donnell	Justin E.	Ryan Karns
Christine Kanapin	Katie Mancinelli	Sarah Marlow
Christine Tyler	Kyle Jones	Stephen Scippio
Dawn Morgan	Laura Borrego-Gibbs	Steve Parker
Delia Garcia	Laurie Kepros	Steve Vigil
Desiree McCabe	Layla Sadighi	Tami Floyd
Doug Hamik	Lindley Burrichter	Tina Collins
Ellen Dawson	Maddie Giehm	Tom Nelson
Ellie Ewer	Margaret Ochoa	Wendy Biesemeir
Erin Nestorick	Meagan Cantwell	Yvette Cousin
Gorden Beserbroch	Melissa Parkowski-Helmer	
Jacob Exparza	Michelle Neergaard	
James Lander	Mike Rais	
Janice K.	Nancy Volle	

Absent DVOMB Members: Stephanie Fritts, Michelle Hunter

Staff: Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Erin Austin, Jesse Hansen, Erin Austin, Rachael Collie, Raechel Alderete, Taylor Redding, and Yuanting Zhang

DVOMB Meeting Begins: 9:03 am

This meeting was recorded.

INTRODUCTIONS/ATTENDANCE:

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) introduced herself, and welcomed the SOMB and DVOMB members in attendance along with the members of the public.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff and DVOMB Member) welcomed all and introduced herself.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff and SOMB Member) welcomed all and introduced himself. He noted that there will be extended introductions by the DVOMB and SOMB members.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) introduced the new SOMB Treatment Provider Representative, Hannah Pilla and the new SOMB Public Defender Representative, Jason Lamprecht. Hannah Pilla and Jason Lamprecht then introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their experience and expertise.

There were extended introductions from all the DVOMB and SOMB members.

APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus

SOMB IMPLEMENTATION OF TELEHEALTH (Presentation): Carl Blake (SOMB Member), and Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff)

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) indicated that Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) was also in attendance.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) briefly explained that the SOMB has approved the use of teletherapy with clients that fall under the SOMB purview with a new Standard and criteria in both the Adult and Juvenile Standards. She continued to review the new Standard and criteria, and indicated that this will allow the appropriate use of teletherapy as an additional treatment modality. Raechel Alderete indicated that a survey was sent to treatment providers to gather feedback from the field.

Rachael Collie (SOMB Statistical Analyst) presented current data and a statistical summary of the results of the field survey regarding the use of teletherapy as follows:

- Using Teletherapy in Current Practice
- Number who are aware of the new Teletherapy Standard and Criteria
- How they became aware of teletherapy
- Number that have transitioned to the new Standard and Criteria
- Number that are having issues adhering to the new Standard and Criteria, and why
- Number that have attended training outside of the SOMB on Teletherapy
- Teletherapy training list
- Number that have contacted the SOMB for technical assistance and the assistance requested
- The benefits for clients from using teletherapy
- Additional information – Responses from the field

Carl Blake (SOMB Member) reiterated that the preferred modality is still in person therapy, but teletherapy is an option only when it is based on client needs. He noted that the Multi-Disciplinary Team/Client Supervision Team (MDT/CST) has the ability to change the criteria for teletherapy use based on specific client factors and is in the best interest of the client. Carl Blake indicated that the Application Review Committee (ARC) and the SOMB staff are available if technical assistance is needed or there are any specific questions regarding when to use teletherapy.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) announced that Gregg Kildow, SOMB member, is now online, and she welcomed him to the meeting.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) also acknowledged other members of the ODVSOM to include Carolina Frane (DVOMB Standards Coordinator), Jill Trowbridge (SOMB Program Assistant), Taylor Redding (Training and Special Projects Coordinator), and Jess McBrayer (ODVSOM Intern).

AUDIENCE DISCUSSION:

None

Rachel Alderete (SOMB Staff) asked the audience if they have any questions for either of the Boards.

An audience member asked that due to a shortage of Juvenile Domestic Violence providers, if there are any additional approved providers since 2019. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) responded that this will be discussed during the next agenda item.

Steve Parker (Audience Member) indicated that the Department of Corrections (DOC) is slowly working toward using telehealth, due to infrastructure and staffing issues. Christina Ortiz-Marquez (SOMB Member) also noted that the DOC has been designed to keep technology out, and mentioned that trying to change the infrastructure within the DOC has been quite challenging regarding the use virtual connections and the use of teletherapy. She indicated that the DOC is working hard, and is putting a lot of resources toward making that happen.

An audience member asked what research has been done to prove that in-person therapy is more effective than teletherapy, and how is effectiveness defined. Rachel Alderete (SOMB Staff) responded that Yuanting Zhang (SOMB Statistical Analyst) can look into this research and respond to that question. Rachael Collie (SOMB Statistical Analyst) responded that the nuances of teletherapy use are still being sorted out in the Criminal Justice System. She also noted that some clinicians indicated that teletherapy was preferable for those clients who are reluctant to engage in an in-person group setting, while others indicate that teletherapy is useful, but is not necessarily the same as an in-person experience. Yuanting Zhang also noted that when studying effectiveness, that the client's side also needs to be considered. She noted the need to survey the providers and the clients to really analyze the effectiveness of teletherapy.

An audience member asked about Community Corrections clients who are only allowed to have "flip-phones" (which do not work well with teletherapy,) and if they will be allowed to have smart-phones. Erin Austin (SOMB Staff) responded that the SOMB does not have purview over what type of phone a client has. She noted that the flip-phone policy may be indicated by the individual community corrections facilities and not by the Office of Community Corrections.

An audience member (DV Provider) asked there is provider network adequacy for both Domestic Violence (DV) and Sex Offender (SO) providers. She also asked what client barriers are faced with the use of teletherapy and then transitioning back to in-person teletherapy. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) indicated that Appendix I (forthcoming) will cover the issues regarding fluidity in treatment and noted that it is client-centered. He noted that if distance is a factor for a client to attend treatment, and that the client was doing well and engaging in treatment using teletherapy, then continued teletherapy may be the best modality for the client. Jesse Hansen indicated that the hope is that there will be capacity statewide for both in-person and virtual treatment services. He noted that there will be a DV equivalency application process for those providers using teletherapy with its own credential that will be advertised. Carl Blake (SOMB Member) noted that when drafting the Standard, that it is difficult to consider every specific situation that could come up. He indicated that there are geographical consideration criteria included in the Standard, and to use this as long as it is in the best interest of the client's advancement in treatment. Carl Blake responded to the research question asked above and noted that Alaska has used teletherapy for quite some time, and noted there is no research specific to this field. He indicated that some general research was used due to the lack of domestic violence and sex offense specific teletherapy research. Jesse Hansen mentioned that there will most likely be more research in the future, especially with youth and the remote learning impacts on them.

DVOMB BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR WORKING WITH YOUTH WHO ENGAGE IN RELATIONSHIP ABUSE (Presentation)

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) asked who can reference the Statute that relates to Teen Dating Violence and Relationship Abuse. He noted that there is no statute that addresses juveniles. Jesse Hansen went on to discuss that adult relationship abuse does not begin when they turn 18 years old, and that it usually starts when an individual is young. He indicated that because this is not legally recognized yet, that this youth population is not receiving specialized treatment or services that deal with relationship abuse. Jesse Hansen indicated that the DVOMB does not have the authority for this population to create standards regarding the treatment, evaluation, and assessment of juveniles, or how the case management happens with Probation, Social Services, or other regulatory agencies involved.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) noted there is a Coalition comprised of the Department of Social Services, Violence-Free Colorado, SOMB treatment providers, DVOMB treatment providers, victim advocates, Diversion, and District Attorneys, which have developed guidelines

to be used when youth are engaging in this type of behavior. He noted that these guidelines will give some direction for those working with youth engaged in an abusive relationship as a starting resource.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) indicated that since there is no legal mandate for services for these youth, either through school or the social services system, there is no identifying pathway to treat those youth. He noted the need to increase youth intervention in the hopes to reduce adult relationship abuse.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) indicated that the Best Practice Guidelines are not legally mandated, but provide direction for service providers when working with youth who engage in relationship abuse. He noted that these guiding principles encompass the cornerstones of what the Coalition has created. Jesse Hansen reviewed the various sections of the guidelines to include privilege, confidentiality, how to work with youth, case management with the Multi-Disciplinary Team/Community Supervision Team (MDT/CST), and communication with schools. Other sections reviewed include case management teamwork, and evaluation and treatment service guidelines. He noted the appendices include definitions, and indicated that the Guidelines will be made available on the DVOMB website, and mentioned they are also available in Spanish.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) noted the need to let all know that this resource exists, and the need for more early intervention with this population.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) indicated that DVOMB member Andrea Bradbury joined this meeting online.

AUDIENCE DISCUSSION:

An audience member asked if the DVOMB will pursue the creation of a legislative mandate in the future. Jesse Hansen responded that when expanding purview through the legislative process, care needs to be taken not to overstep the purpose of the DVOMB. He indicated that a first step would be to identify what in the Juvenile Justice Code needs to be codified that identifies the behavior, and then establish an entity to monitor and regulate that. Jesse Hansen noted that this will be addressed when the Annual Legislative Report is submitted to the Legislature. The audience member then asked if the treatment providers that have the training and expertise should start doing this work. Jesse Hansen responded yes, that is correct.

Allison Boyd (Audience Member) commented that this is a really important need, and the earlier to intervene with these types of cases, the better. She noted that in the 1st Judicial District, there are 15-20 identified youth relational abuse cases each year. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) noted that not all jurisdictions report these cases in a consistent manner.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) thanked all involved in the Coalition, and specifically named Carl Blake, Tom Lerversee, and Jennifer Parker.

WORK ON ISSUES OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (Presentation): Erin Austin (SOMB); Yuanting Zhang (SOMB); and Jesse Hansen (DVOMB)

Erin Austin (SOMB Staff) indicated that she and Yuanting Zhang (SOMB Staff) will present on the Equity, diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) work that has been done during the past two years. She noted that Yuanting Zhang will discuss the EDI work that has been done in the Department of Public Safety.

Yuanting Zhang (SOMB Staff) showed a video and presented on the Colorado Department of Public Safety EDI initiative as follows:

- Overview of the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion initiative
- SOMB commitment to EDI
- DCJ EDI & Charity Work
 - Bias in Decision Making training (Office of Community Corrections – November 2011)
 - DCJ Charity group chose to support Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota (Anna Lopez, Marina Borysov, Yuanting Zhang, Mindy Miklos, and Alberta Lopez)
 - Supported Marina Borysov and her family in Ukraine (April 2022)
 - Anna Lopez host 2 forums to educate and help inform the Governor's Racial and Ethnic Disparities goal (June 9th and June 23, 2022)
- EDI Council at CDPS

- Personal Pronouns presentation to the DCPS EDI Council by Jess McBrayer, ODVSOM intern (February 24, 2022)
- Cesar Chavez Day celebration (March 30th, 2022)
- Colorado State Patrol cadet academy provided opportunities for Coloradans with intellectual disabilities to participate in the Special Olympics torch run (June 3, 2022)
- Pride month (June 30, 2022)
- Upcoming Dragon Boat Festival (July 23 & 24, 2022)
- EDI Data & Plan
 - The database is now collecting the provider ethnicity and their language spoken for treatment matching
 - Include EDI in the SOMB policy making and discussions

Erin Austin (SOMB Staff) indicated the Yuanting Zhang is part of the EDI Council and noted all the EDI work she continues to do for the Council.

- EDI Trainings
 - Implicit Bias Workshop (September 2020, Ersaleen Hope & Shelley Siman)
 - Cultural Considerations in Sex Offense Treatment by Dr. Apryl Alexander (November 2020)
 - VASOR/SOTIPS Booster Trainings (now prompt discussion regarding different ethnic and racial groups)
- 2021 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Cultural Sensitivity Presentations
 - Presentation on Deaf, Deaf-Disabled, and Hard of Hearing individuals who experience abuse
 - Presentation by Gina Lopez and Monycka Snowbird on the Haseya Advocate Program in honor of American Indian Heritage month
- 2022 SOMB Presentations
 - February – Intersecting Violence at the Intersections of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Space (Dr. Carollette Norwood)
 - March – Presentation in Recognition of Women’s History Month, Presentation on the Treatment with Native American Clients, Presentation on Sex Offense Treatment with Clients with Diverse Ethnic Backgrounds
 - April – Presentation on the LGBTQIA+ Survivors
 - May – Presentation in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Asian Girls Unite)
- Committees and Workgroups – EDI discussion/work
 - Best Practice
 - Victim Advocacy
 - Juvenile Standards Revisions
 - Adult Standards Revisions
 - Sex History Packet Revision Committee
- EDI Action Steps
 - Incorporated EDI into the nomination form and process
 - All existing SOMB members have completed the new nomination form
 - Added EDI question to conference/board presentation selection process & training requests
- SOMB & CDPS Commitment
 - *"CDPS is committed to the full inclusion of all individuals. As part of this commitment, DCPS will ensure reasonable accommodations are provided to enable all people to engage fully in our trainings, meetings and events."*

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB) noted that many of the same presentations that Erin Austin noted for the SOMB have also been given to the DVOMB members and field personnel. He noted the following:

- Created an EDI Committee that would review the DVOMB by-laws, the administrative policies, and the Standards to ensure equity impact analyses.
- Working to identify processes that will include EDI in the normal work
- Created a Guiding Principle 3.06 in the DVOMB Standards the recognizes the culturally diverse services, and understands the dynamic between the background of the client and the background of the therapist, and how that impacts the therapeutic alliance
- Included a cultural sensitivity competency piece into the DVOMB application process
- Included cultural identity and lived experience when soliciting for conference speakers
- EDI Training
 - Tacking Heteronormy and Whitewashing in DVSO Treatment
 - Implicit Bias (Ersaleen Hope and Shelly Siman)

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB) indicated that the ODVSOM worked with Orange Circle Consulting to identify what draws someone into this field of work, and to gather some market and communication analysis. He noted that Orange Circle Consulting will do research behind this to enable the ODVSOM to recruit and maintain providers through an equity, diversity, and inclusion lens. Jesse Hansen indicated that more information and analyses will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

AUDIENCE DISCUSSION:

An audience member noted that the use of teletherapy has helped maintain treatment services and an adequate level of income during the pandemic to ensure personnel retention. She indicated that teletherapy offers the flexibility to be able to meet the needs of the client, along with the way the world operates now.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:40 am

Respectfully,

Jill Trowbridge
Program Assistant

Date

Stephanie Fritts
Chair of the DVOMB

Date

APPROVED