

SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (SOMB) MINUTES

Friday, April 21, 2023

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

SOMB Members

Amanda Retting
Carl Blake
Casey Ballinger
David Bourgeois
Gary Kramer
Gregg Kildow
Hannah Pilla
Ivonne Sierra
Jason Lamprecht
Jesse Hansen
Jessica Dotter
Katie Abeyta
Kimberly Kline
Lisa Mayer
Michelle Simmons
Mike Knotek
Nicole Feltz
Norma Aguilar-Dave
Sarah Croog
Sharon Holbrook
Soraya Taylor
Taber Powers
Theresa Weiss

Guests

Allison Valencia
Amanda Albo
Andrei Lobanov-Rostovsky
Bailey Brand
Camerron Resener
Christina Pacheco
Courtney
Crystal Kisselburgh
Delia Garcia
Gabriel Garcia
Gary Reser
Holly Harris
Jason Graham
Jason Guidry
Jason Talley
Jordyn Schneider
Julia Johnson
Kyle Jones
Lauren Rivas
Laurie Kepros
Lisa Thomas
Mackenzie Shenk
Maggie Sahlieh
Margaret Ochoa
Marsha Brewer
Martha Lugo
Mary Blevins
Natalie Chairez
Natasha Kindred
Nathanya Ahamed
Pat Harris
Richard Anglund
Robin Richards
Ruby Jaime Soto
Sarah Marlow
Sera Bennett
Stephan Meichtry

Absent SOMB Members: Kent Vance

Staff Present: Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Erin Austin, Rachael Collie, Raechel Alderete, Reggin Palmitesso-Martinez, Jess McBrayer, Taylor Redding, Jill Trowbridge, and Yuanting Zhang

SOMB Meeting Begins: 9:04 am

This meeting was recorded.

INTRODUCTIONS/ATTENDANCE:

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

Raechel Alderete (ODVSOM Staff) introduced herself.

Taylor Redding (ODVSOM Staff) introduced herself, reviewed the aspects of the WebEx components of the meeting, and indicated how the meeting will be conducted. She asked Board Members to state their names for clarity in the minutes.

The in-person SOMB members introduced themselves, and Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) introduced the Board members attending online.

The ODVSOM Staff introduced themselves.

The in-person guests introduced themselves, and Erin Austin (ODVSOM Staff) introduced the online guests.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Board:

None

Audience:

None

Norma Aguilar-Dave joined the meeting at 9:12 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff:

Taylor Redding (ODVSOM Staff) announced the following ODVSOM Conference and training updates:

- Training
 - Lunch & Learn - Data Collection and Success in Treatment given by Dr. Rachael Collie and Dr. Yuanting Zhang
 - Standards Booster Training – Scheduled for May 11th
 - Adult Standards Section 2.00 – Scheduled for the 2nd Thursday in June
 - Clinical Supervision Training – Scheduled on August 25th (in-person), in Lakewood
 - Racial and Generational Trauma Training – Scheduled on September 18th for Domestic Violence/Sex Offender providers (with more information forthcoming), in Westminster at the Adams County Human Services Building
- Conference Updates:
 - The ODVSOM Conference registration will open on Monday, April 24th.
 - The Pre-Conference day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th and noted these are for anyone interest in advanced workshop style sessions.
 - The July combined DV/SO Board Meeting will be held at the conference on Wednesday, July 12th.
 - She indicated that all Board members attending the conference and/or the Board meeting need to register.

Raechel Alderete (ODVSOM Staff) announced the following:

- The SOMB Sunset hearing passed (including a number of amendments) through the Appropriations Committee on April 18th with a 5-0 vote. Raechel Alderete indicated that the Bill (Senate Bill #23-164) must now pass through the House.
- Board Retreat in Colorado Springs is scheduled for October 20th, which will be a time for future planning of the Board
- She announced that April is National Child Abuse Prevention month.
- She noted that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and recognized Denim Day by CCASA, and presented a few statistics about certain groups of people who are at higher risk for sexual violence.
- She reminded the SOMB members to complete the annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure form and report any conflicts of interest for those who have a financial disclosure.

Board Announcements:

Mike Knotek (SOMB Member) disclosed that he is 50% owner Colorado Polygraph Associates, and indicated that he has contracts with the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Judicial Department (Probation.)

Audience Announcements:

Laurie Kepros (Audience Member) announced that April is Arab American Heritage Month, and noted the difficulties encountered in sex offense-specific treatment for this population due to their religious beliefs. She also noted that a number of webinars on the Safer Society website which address religious views and identity for those in sex offense-specific treatment.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES: (Attachment #1)

*Taber Powers (SOMB Member) made a motion to approve the March Minutes as presented.
Jesse Hansen (SOMB Member) 2nd the motion.*

Board Discussion:

None

Voting Session #471491

Motion to approve the March Minutes as presented: Taber Powers; Jesse Hansen 2nd (Question #1)

22	Approve	0	Oppose	0	Abstain	Motion Passes
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Norma Aguilar-Dave – voted Yes verbally

Gregg Kildow – voted Yes verbally

APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus.

The order of the agenda was change due to timing.

REVISIONS TO THE SOMB BYLAWS (Action Item): (Attachment #2) – Kimberly Kline, SOMB Chair and Raechel Alderete, SOMB Program Coordinator

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) indicated the Bylaws were reviewed by the Attorney General’s office, and noted a few additional revisions were made.

Raechel Alderete reviewed the current revisions (highlighted in Orange) as follows and mentioned that previous revisions were highlighted in Blue:

- Article 6.5 – Vote of the Chair – changed to *The Chair "shall" vote on all motions before the Board.*
- Article 9.2 – Membership – changed *the ARC shall consist of eight voting Board members to "should" consist of eight voting Board members*
- Article 9.6 – Meetings – added *All meetings are "subject to the Colorado Open Meetings Law (C.R.S. § 24-6-101, et. seq.)"*
- Article 9.7 – Placement on the Provider List – added *"The ARC shall determine" the process, and deleted "is a minimal level of regulation"*
- Article 10.1 D. – deleted - *may also request, that "as needed"*
- Definitions – added *"Approved" to the Sex Offender Management Board definition*
- Definitions – Quorum – deleted *"The Quorum for the SOMB is 50% of the appointed membership plus one"*

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) indicated that the revised draft of this document was sent to the SOMB members on Monday, April 17th. This will go out for the 30-day period and will come back to the SOMB in May for a vote.

Board Discussion:

Carl Blake (SOMB Member) clarified that an abstention is a vote, and he mentioned that if the Chair has a conflict of interest under Article 6.5, then the Chair should abstain from the vote. Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) responded that she will discuss this with Danielle Lewis of the AG’s office.

Carl Blake (SOMB Member) indicated in Article 9.2 (ARC Membership) that changing the wording to "should" negates the requirement to have eight voting members. He suggested keeping the word "shall" as it relates to *whenever possible*, and noted that it will be in compliance with the Bylaws.

Carl Blake (SOMB Member) questioned the change in Article 9.7 to "may" demonstrate to the satisfaction of the SOMB. He asked for clarification of this change. Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) responded that this can be discussed when Danielle Lewis attends the Board Meeting for annual training later today.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Staff) responded to Carl Blake regarding the Chair vote being discretionary v. required in the Conflict of Interest Policy. He noted that when there is a recusal occurring during deliberation, the affected Board member should leave the room in which the deliberation is occurring. He questioned whether in this case if the vote would be an abstention or just not to vote at all. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky noted the need for clarification from the Attorney General's office. Carl Blake (SOMB Member) noted that deliberation is the discussion, so the Board Member should leave the room during deliberation, and should be asked to come back to cast a vote even though it would be an abstention (for the record.) Jesse Hansen (SOMB Member) agreed with Carl Blake, and he noted that the Conflict of Interest is a separate document in conjunction with the Bylaws. He suggested to leave the wording as "shall". Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Staff) indicated the need for clarification of the term deliberation, and whether it includes the actual voting.

There was continued discussion regarding this matter, and it was noted that clarification would be received from the Attorney General's office.

Gary Kramer (SOMB Member) noted that in rare cases when there is a base quorum (50%+1) and a member has to leave due to a conflict of interest and not vote, then quorum is not met. He agreed that the conflicted member should place a vote (even an abstention vote) to keep the quorum, and he also agreed for the need of clarification of the Conflict of Interest policy.

Carl Blake (SOMB Member) noted that the Conflict of Interest policy does not affect the establishment of a quorum. There was also continued discussion regarding quorum in these situations, and it was noted to seek advice from the Attorney General's office.

Audience Discussion:

Laurie Kepros (Audience Member) indicated the need to include in the Bylaws - Article 1.3 (Purpose and Duties) the new statutory mandate of "Creating a Parole Release Instrument for people with indeterminate sentences," (Title 17-22.5-404 (4)(c)(II) when this has been ratified by the Legislature.

BREAK: 9:47 – 9:58

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH - HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Presentation): (No Attachment) (Training Credit for Attendance) – Camerron Resener, DCJ OVP Human Trafficking Council

Taylor Redding introduced Camerron Resener who presented on Human Trafficking. Taylor Redding reminded all that 2.5 CEU's will be given for the trainings at this meeting.

Camerron Resener (OVP Human Trafficking Council) gave a brief biography of her past experience and noted the need to understand this information.

She presented the following information:

Learning Objectives

Section 1: Overview of Human Trafficking

- What is Human Trafficking?
- Human Trafficking Statistics
- The United States is both a destination and source for human trafficking
- Foreign Born Victims in the U.S. - Victims come to the US as:
 - US citizens/legal permanent residents
 - Every gender, all ages
 - Engaged in forced labor and sexual services

- The 2021 Department of State TIP report
- Who are the Traffickers?
 - Colorado State map (by county) indicated the number of sex trafficking hotline calls received from 2013 – 2018
 - Human Trafficking Venues

Section 2: Laws on Human Trafficking

- Trafficking Victims Protection Act
- What is Human Trafficking:
 - Human trafficking is a crime involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion.
 - When a person younger than 18 is induced to perform a commercial sex act, it is a crime regardless of whether there is any force, fraud, or coercion.
- Colorado HB #14-1273
 - Changed state criminal statues on human trafficking to better align with federal human trafficking statutes.
 - Established the Human Trafficking Council, a state-wide council of 35 representatives from various sectors
- C.R.S. Title 19 Requirements

Section 3: Dynamics of Human Trafficking

- Potential Vulnerabilities
- Potential Vulnerabilities Unique to Foreign Victims
- Youth and Vulnerability
- Recruitment Tactics
- Methods of Control

Section 4: Identifying Human Trafficking

- Possible Indicators: Physical
- Possible Indicators: Emotional
- Possible Indicators: Other
- Complexities in Identification

Section 5: Responding to Human Trafficking

- Trafficking Service Survivor Needs
 - Short-term Needs
 - Long-term Needs
- Action Steps
- See it, Report it
- Get Involved (State coalitions)

Contact Information

Board/Audience Discussion:

Allison Boyd (Audience Member) thanked Camerron Resener for the presentation and asked about risk data regarding runaway teens. Camerron Resener (Presenter) responded that youth runaways have a lack of support and high-risk factors at home, so that makes them more vulnerable to exploitation. She indicated that a number of reporting organizations (i.e., YESS Survey, Covenant House in New York) have captured some of the data and statistics Allison requested. Camerron Resener noted that of the 25,000 runaways per year, that 1 in 6 are likely victims of sex trafficking.

Margaret Ochoa (Audience Member) asked Camerron Resener (Presenter), in the online chat, what her thoughts were on how the Age of Consent laws in Colorado play into the problem of sex trafficking in minors. Camerron Resener responded that she does not have that information available at this time, but noted she will get back to her offline.

Yuanting Zhang (SOMB Statistical Analyst) discussed a situation where a neighbor spoke of how they came to the United States (U.S.) via a "snakehead," and noted that some individuals willingly and knowingly come to the U.S. anyway. Camerron Resener asked Yuanting Zhang if the individual has the capability to say no or walk away, and noted that if the answer is no, due to fear, then this may be an abusive situation, but possibly not exploitive.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) thanked Camerron Resener for this informative presentation and the work that she does on the Human Trafficking Council and program.

Camerron Resener (Presenter) noted that she will put her contact information in the chat.

A VICTIM PERSPECTIVE ON WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF AN INTERNET-FACILITATED CRIME (Presentation): (No Attachment) (Training Credit for Attendance) – Abi Olson, Blue Bench and Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, DCJ Program Manager

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) introduced himself and gave a brief description of his past experience as a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW.) Abi Olson, the co-presenter from the Blue Bench introduced herself and gave a brief background of her past experience.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) noted that the purpose of this discussion is related to individuals convicted of a sexual offense using the internet for sexually explicit material (SEM) propagation or internet-facilitated sex crimes. He indicated that many times there is no identifiable offense to an individual, and noted the difficulty in dealing with the needs of the victims and the offenders when doing the victim impact or victim clarification work in therapy. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky mentioned that these crimes are quite often thought of as "victimless" crimes which make it very difficult for treatment providers to address in group therapy. He noted that due to this, many offenders have a hard time taking accountability for their actions or that their actions created a victim. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky referenced an article (The Price of A Stolen Childhood) that covers these crimes from the victim perspective.

A child pornography situation and case from the "victim perspective" was read aloud by the following:

- Kimberly Kline
- Katie Abeyta
- Raechel Alderete
- Jesse Hansen
- Lisa Mayer

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) indicated the need to see the impact and the struggles the victim goes through, and indicated the need to find ways to work with the clients who commit these offenses. He shared some of the characteristics and dynamics of offenders who use the internet for these types of crimes. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky reviewed an article (by Peter Briggs and Walt Simon) that described the various aspects of those who use the internet for these crimes and their reasons for using the internet. He noted that some use the internet to fulfill fantasies while others use the internet as a tool to meet those they want to have contact with. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky indicated that 1 in 8 offenders have a sexual history conviction for contact offense, and noted that 1 in 2 have "admitted" that they have done this. He noted another study that indicated 85% of clients have acknowledged a history of sexual offense. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky noted that when assessing clients, that those with non-contact offenses have a higher prevalence of being diagnosed with pedophilia (children) or hebephilia (adolescents). He noted the recidivism rates of those for internet crimes are lower than sexual contact crimes, but indicated that more research needs to be done. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky indicated that Michael Seto has created a risk tool (CPORT) that takes into consideration risk factors such as age, prior history of criminality, prior concurring contact, failure on prior release, evidence of pedophilic or hebephiliac sexual interest, and the differences between the internet materials (SEM) that are being accessed. He noted the need to accurately assess and treat these clients. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky noted the difficulty with victim impact statements and victim clarification due to the "victimless" crime mentality. He indicated another challenge is in safety planning, and noted that the use of the internet is somewhat protected legally.

Abi Olson (Blue Bench) from the victim representative perspective noted that when viewing SEM there is a mis-conception that there is no victim. She noted the need for accountability from the abuser, and that the abuse never stops and continues to harm the victims. Abi Olson mentioned that victims have trauma, mental health concerns, interpersonal relationship difficulties, difficulty in school, and added that videos and images never go away on the internet. Abi Olson noted that many may have paranoia that those around them have seen the images.

More of the internet pornography case was read by Casey Ballinger (SOMB Member)

Abi Olson (Blue Bench) noted that the clarification letters from the countless perpetrators can continue to re-traumatize the victim and explained the importance of valuable clarification letters.

More of the internet pornography case was read by Jess McBrayer (ODVSOM Intern)

Abi Olson (Blue Bench) noted the need to address the ongoing impact and abuse for victims. She also indicated the need for all offenders to read the victim impact letters which explain how the victims continue to be traumatized, so they can better understand that these are not victimless crimes. Abi Olson mentioned the offenders can then understand and take accountability for their actions.

Abi Olson (Blue Bench) then discussed the difficulties when law enforcement is involved, and she indicated that many more children can be victimized. She stressed the importance of giving more control back to the victims. Abi Olson also reiterated the need for offenders to write the clarification letters and address them to an individual (even if they do not know that person) as it humanizes the victim, and helps the offender develop empathy for the victim. She indicated that it is up to all of us to provide support for the victims to help those who have committed the offenses, break the cycle of victimization.

Another case regarding "Amy" was read by the following:

- Dr. Rachael Collie (SOMB Analyst)
- Nicole Feltz (SOMB Member)

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) noted that the victims of these cases have received restitution as part of the process now, so that the victims have some control over the perpetrator's accountability.

Judge Kramer (SOMB Member) read the Judge's decision and response to this case.

- Jason Lamprecht (SOMB Member) read additional parts of the Judge's decision. It was noted that the restitution amount of \$529,000 was sent to a lower court because it did not provide for restitution as a whole.

More of Nicole's case was read by Hannah Pilla (SOMB Member)

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) indicated that millions of victims will have the possibility of receiving restitution. He noted that the Victim Advocacy Committee will have further panel discussions regarding the challenges in handling these cases from both the victim perspective and the offender treatment perspective.

Staff/Board Discussion:

Rachel Alderete (SOMB Staff) thanked Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky and Abi Olson regarding this difficult topic, and stressed the importance to find the best ways to satisfy the needs of the victims. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky stressed the need to be careful with the use of language so as not to further minimize the victims, and the offender denial of victims.

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) noted an available resource that has been used for victim impact called the "Misty Series" letters. She mentioned these include a number of victim impact letters to be used with clients to better understand the online victimization. Abi Olson indicated that "Misty" is actually "Amy" that was referred to in this presentation.

Audience Discussion:

Laurie Kepros (Audience Member) noted the need for prosecution at the corporate or platform level where the money is being made that encourages this horrific problem.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) agreed with Laurie Kepros' remarks, and expressed his discouragement in how easily innocent people are mis-directed to these images intentionally.

Erin Austin (SOMB Staff) noted that the Victim Advocacy Committee will be bringing more of these presentations to the Board and will be looking at ways for providers to deal with these issues. She indicated that the Colorado Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (CICAC) are dedicated to protecting children online by investigating and prosecuting crimes committed against children facilitated by the internet technology usage. She noted that she has reached out to them for a future presentation to the Board.

Jason Lamprecht (SOMB Member) noted there are dating apps that encourage more of these criminal situations that are based on supply and demand. He noted the need to find ways to prosecute those aiding and abetting these companies.

Allison Boyd (Audience Member) thanked Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky and Abi Olson for this presentation, and commented on a 2019 New York Times article indicating that 45 million child abuse images were being viewed which was doubled from 2018 images. She expressed discouragement with the number of consumers who want these images that encourage child sexual abuse. Allison Boyd stressed that we all should not turn a blind eye to those who need treatment in order to stop the pornography cycle for future generations.

LUNCH BREAK: 11:55 – 12:33

Jason Lamprecht left the meeting at 11:57 am

OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST (Presentation): (Attachment #3) – Danielle Lewis, Office of the Attorney General

Danielle Lewis indicated to reach out to her with any questions and presented the following information:

- Purpose of the Annual Training
 - SOMB Purpose
 - Governing Law and Policy
 - SOMB Duties
 - SOMB Membership
 - Miscellaneous
 - Other Best Practices
 - Board and Commission Conduct
 - Conflicts of Interest – Policy
 - Additional Affirmation for SOMB
 - Conflicts of Interest – Process
 - Open Meetings Law
 - What is a Meeting?
 - What Does OML Require?
 - Except in Executive Sessions
 - Attorney Advice in Executive Session
 - Guy v. Whitsitt – 19CA125
 - Is this a Public Meeting?
 - CORA – Colorado Open Records Act
 - CORA Requests to DVOMB
 - Remember: Dance like nobody’s watching...but email like it will one day be read aloud at a deposition
 - Checklist for Ethical Behavior

Board Discussion:

Carl Blake (SOMB Member) noted that there are inconsistencies in the Bylaws, the Conflict of Interest policies, and Administrative policies, regarding when someone who has a conflict of interest is required to leave the room and abstain from discussion or voting. He noted that these individuals should be available for questions, but mentioned that if this individual must leave the room, they cannot be available for questions. Carl Blake indicated that in the ARC meetings, when he is in a conflict of interest situation that he leaves the room and won't vote, but is available if questions arise. He clarified that these ARC policies vary depending upon the nature of the conflict of interest. Daniel Lewis (Attorney General's Office) responded that if discussion of a specific individual will cause an impropriety or the appearance of impropriety for a specific board member, then they should leave the room and not enter into discussion of the matter. She noted the need to discuss this on a case by case situation based on the needs of the Board, and indicated she is willing to assist in helping to ensure the policies do not conflict with each other.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) indicated the current proposed revisions in the Bylaws has caused a number of questions to come up. She indicated in the Bylaws Article 9.2 (ARC Membership) changing the "Shall" to "Should" regarding the number of voting members has raised some questions. Daniel Lewis (Attorney General's Office) asked if the "whenever possible" is referring the number of voting members or the make up of those members. Carl Blake (SOMB Member) responded that it represents both the number and makeup of the ARC members. He clarified why the "shall" would be more appropriate. Danielle Lewis agreed with Carl Blake on his clarification.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) noted there have been times when the SOMB members have questions regarding a particular situation, so they are encouraged to reach out to the SOMB staff for clarification. She indicated that these questions would not be considered a "meeting" per the Open Meetings Law.

Carl Blake (SOMB Member) also asked if a discussion needs to be noticed to the Public (per the Open Meeting Law) when a board member asks another board member for advice regarding something that the Board has not yet discussed. He asked if this question should be directed to the SOMB Staff so they can assist with the response. Danielle Lewis (Attorney General's Office) responded that any decisions resulting from that discussion would be a violation of the open meetings law. She noted that when these situations happen, any discussion or questions regarding Board business should be given to the SOMB Staff or brought to the full Board meeting.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) indicated there have been a number of CORA requests that the SOMB staff continues to receive and respond to.

Audience Discussion:

None

BREAK: 1:23 – 1:41

TREATMENT RESPONSIVITY AND TREATMENT RETENTION: EXPLORING FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH NON-COMPLIANT DISCHARGE AMONG ADULT CLIENTS WITH SEX OFFENSE CONVICTIONS (Presentation) (No Attachment) – Dr. Rachael Collie and Dr. Yuanting Zhang

Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Analyst) gave a brief background of the purpose of this presentation in which she and Dr. Zhang (ODVSOM Analyst) will step through the main findings, make sure that the SOMB understands this, and to spur discussion of what's next.

Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Analyst) asked the Board if there is a problem with clients who do not follow-through their treatment.

- Gary Reser (Audience Member) responded that when a client backslides, it needs to be determined what is the best thing for that client – revocation or continued therapy.
- Gary Kramer (SOMB Member) responded that the judge should make the decision to get back into treatment. He noted that many times they are revoked, but are not done for good.

Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Analyst) noted that much of the research is over 10 years old. She noted that attrition is high in overall behavioral change.

Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Analyst) presented the following information:

- Background: Scope of the Problem
- Provider Data Management System (PDMS) Treatment Discharge Categories
 - Non-compliance Discharge
 - Successful Discharge
 - Administrative Discharge
- The Project Aims:
 - What factors are associated with behavioral non-compliant discharge
 - Among the lower-risk clients, examine factors that contributed to no-compliant discharge to identify responsivity factors for clients who are typically expected to present few issues
 - Among the high-risk clients, examined factors that contributed to the non-compliant discharge
 - Acknowledgment – Dr. Collie thanked the SOMB providers who entered the data into the PDMS and the clients who agreed to have their data entered.
 - Method of Analyses
 - AIM 1: Between Group Demographics, Offense, & Risk Variables
 - AIM 1: Between Group Responsivity Barriers & RNR Modifications

Dr. Yuanting Zhang (ODVSOM Analyst) presented the following information:

- Logistic Regression
- Variables
- Table 3: Adjusted Odds Ratios Predicting Non-Compliant Discharges in the full Sample
- AIM 1: Full Sample Logistic Model Summary (N=867)

Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Analyst) then continued presenting the following information:

- AIM 2: What did we learn from examining predictors of non-compliant discharge in the lower-risk group?
- AIM 3: What did we learn from examining predictors of compliant discharge in the higher-risk group?
- Discussion
- What are the implications?

Erin Austin (SOMB Staff) noted that regarding treatment retention and treatment responsivity that Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) and cultural sensitivity is now being considered in treatment. She indicated that EDI language and cultural sensitivity is now included in the Standards and all SOMB policies. Erin Austin mentioned that the hope is that by addressing these factors non-compliance treatment attrition will be reduced.

Taber Powers (SOMB Member) indicated that by understanding the available research, the treatment providers are now being more sensitive to clients cultural and language barriers. He also noted that treatment providers are really trying to be more inclusive.

Taylor Redding (ODVSOM Staff) noted that Making Research Accessible and Applicable to Practitioners Training will be held on May 18th, led by Dr. Rachael Collie, Dr. Yuanting Zhang, and Taber Powers which will cover some of these issues.

Erin Austin (SOMB Staff) indicated the SOMB continues to offer training for providers that help them understand the needs of EDI in the treatment and affect behavior change. She also noted that the training for providers will ensure they have a clear understanding of the Standards and what is expected of them.

Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Analyst) noted the need for providers to find the opportunities to affect change so that clients benefit and there are better outcomes for them and the survivors. She indicated this research will be an ongoing project in order to follow through with changes being made as research indicates. Dr. Collie indicated that the data may not be "squeaky clean" for those after discharge, but noted even one year of treatment is still significant and not to discount that.

Board Discussion:

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) noted that this continued research project will point out areas where there is the need for more potential training in the field. She indicated this clientele can be difficult to work with, that over-treating can cause harm, and not to put so much onus on the treatment provider for successful outcomes.

Carl Blake (SOMB Member) commented about factors that predicted the less likelihood of successful discharge showed that longer treatment did not necessarily mean success. He also noted that the data indicated that changing the client's treatment constantly in a short amount of time did not necessarily mean success. Carl Blake stated it appears that there is a certain amount of time for optimal treatment success.

Jesse Hansen (SOMB Member) noted that the data can influence the client treatment plans with the least amount of changes in treatment, and he mentioned the need to address client responsivity needs before criminogenic needs. He also indicated the need to see what this data looks like in a few years.

Hannah Pilla (SOMB Member) reiterated what was previously said, and she noted she has seen a shift in the treatment field such as considering responsivity issues and to not just focus on the client's risk factors. She noted this is a positive shift, and mentioned that the Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR) model continued training has also helped.

Gary Reser (Audience Member) thanked Dr. Collie and Dr. Zhang for pulling this data together. He described how his agency handles treatment, which is quite intense for the first 3 months. Gary Reser indicated that if a client makes it through the program in one year, then they will have positive outcomes. He noted that clients moving from provider to provider is not necessarily a good thing, and noted that treatment stability (therapeutic alliance) works. Gary Reser mentioned his agency focuses on responsivity factors using the Good Lives Model.

Nicole Feltz (SOMB Member) noted that there are a lot of risk factors, and agreed that those clients who make it through the first year of treatment are those who have the best outcomes. She indicated that there is a lot of work that the clients do the first year. Nicole Feltz indicated that substance use, mental health issues, and housing instability have increased which makes it harder to treat these clients.

Taber Powers (SOMB Member) encouraged providers to enter the client information into the PDMS so that there is data that will help drive future treatment paths.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) noted that when more responsivity factors are being addressed, then the more complicated treatment planning and supervision becomes. He stressed that additional skills are needed for providers to address those

responsivity factors. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky indicated that identification of responsivity factors comes from the providers who are embedding themselves more in the RNR model. He noted that there is a long way to go implementing these changes and in recognizing responsivity factors, and indicated that this is quite new. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky noted this is an opportunity to address these factors in the Standards which should lead to better outcomes. He noted that this needs to continue to be discussed at the Board level and with the Best Practices Committee.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) thanked Dr. Collie and Dr. Zhang for their hard work with this data analysis and research.

Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Analyst) noted that in the future, the data might delve into the therapeutic alliance, and she indicated that the data will continue to simplify and build models that allow providers to be more proactive.

Erin Austin (SOMB Staff) also indicated to remember the evaluators are included in this. She mentioned that the newest version of the Adult Standards which includes the most recent changes (dated April 2023) will be available on the website soon.

Dr. Yuanting Zhang (SOMB Analyst) noted the client motivation to change variable is also a factor, and noted they have added questions in the PDMS to capture those, along with additional questions for the polygraph examiners. She noted that additional questions can be added to the PDMS if needed.

Audience Discussion:

Laurie Kepros (Audience Member) thanked Dr. Collie and Dr. Zhang for this information, and she noted that the Asian group unsuccessfully discharged at a rate that is six times higher than any other groups. She indicated that behavioral change for the client and also the Community Supervision Team (CST) is being endorsed. Laurie Kepros indicated that questions pertaining to the therapeutic alliance should be added to the PDMS. She noted treatment dosage practice varies widely throughout the State, and mentioned the need to track this in the PDMS to see what the data shows.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING ADJOURNS: 2:56 pm

NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION (Presentation) – Kimberly Kline, SOMB Chair and Raechel Alderete, SOMB Program Coordinator

Respectfully,

 5/19/23

Jill Trowbridge
Program Assistant

Date



Kimberly Kline
Chair of the SOMB

5/19/23

Date

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Results Detail

Last Name	First Name	Question 1
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		Minutes
Abeyta	Katie	1
Aguilar-Dave	Norma	1
Ballinger	Casey	1
Blake	Carl	1
Bourgeois	David	1
Carochi	Tony	1
Croog	Sarah	1
Dotter	Jessica	1
Feltz	Nicole	3
Hansen	Jesse	1
Holbrook	Sharon	1
Kildow	Gregg	1
Kline	Kim	1
Knotek	Mike	1
Kramer	Gary	1
Pilla	Hannah	1
Mayer	Lisa	1
Powers	Taber	1
Retting	Amanda	1
Sierra	Ivonne	1
Simmons	Michelle	1
Taylor	Soraya	1
Weiss	Theresa	1
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		22 - Yes
		0 - No
		1 - Abstain

Answer Key:

1 = Yes

2 = No

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Jason Lamprechet left the meeting at 11:57 am