

**OFFICE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEX OFFENDER
MANAGEMENT (ODVSOM)
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 12, 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
Jeff Baker
Jason Lamprecht
Jesse Hansen
Jessica Dotter
Katie Abeyta
Kent Vance
Kimberly Kline
Lisa Mayer
Michelle Simmons
Nicole Feltz
Sharon Holbrook
Sarah Croog
Taber Powers
Theresa Weiss

DVOMB Members

Andrea Bradbury
Bradley Burbuck
Erin Gazelka
Eronilde Buckley
Jackie List
Jeanette Barich
Jennifer Parker
Jessica Fann
Karen Morgenthaler
Michelle Hunter
Nicole Collins
Sandie Campanella
Tally Zuckerman
Tracy Martinez
Yolanda Arredondo
Rrusha Knauer (proxy)

Guests

Abi Olson
Allison Boyd
Amy Santos
Amy Strasser
Ana Barrett
Angela Campbell
Angelica Medina
April Azavado
Beryimar Perozo
Bobbie Ponis
Bonnie Cantu
Candice Avina
Chris Morton
Crystal Araujo
Davina Gorsh
Dianne Hayhurst-Vigil
Faith Dupre
Haley Clevenger
Heather Lashmett
Jeannine Anderson
Jen Leonard
Jess McBrayer
Jessica Butcher
Jessica Peters
Jill Lampele
Jordan Gustin
Jordan Hartley
Justin Ensinger
Katie Annan
Kristin Kubacki
Kristina Carrera
LaBrisa Williams
Laurie Knight
Lenny Woodson
Lindsey Spraker
Lorena Salazar
Matt Sanders
Michelle Neergaard
Natalie Halcomb
Pamela Richardson
Pershaj Jackson
Raymond Lemantine
Roberta Moland
Robin Richards
Seth Wescott
Shay Boe
Shaylin White
Sheila Barringer
Sonya Hickson
Steve Parker
Tina Bezona
Tom Nelson
Tonya Woodson
Tracy Gremillion
Xaveria Turner
Yvette Cousins

Absent SOMB Members: Norma Aguilar-Dave and Mike Knotek

Absent DVOMB Members: Stephanie Fritts, Lori Griffith, and Glory McDaniel

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

SOMB Meeting Begins: 9:02 am

This meeting was recorded.

INTRODUCTIONS/ATTENDANCE:

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) introduced herself and welcomed the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) and Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) members in attendance along with the members of the public.

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

Michelle Hunter (DVOMB Vice-Chair) introduced herself and indicated that she is the Vice-Chair of the DVOMB.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff and SOMB Member) welcomed all and gave an extended introduction. He noted that there will be extended introductions given by the DVOMB and SOMB members.

SOMB members introduced themselves with extended introductions.

DVOMB members introduced themselves with extended introductions.

DVOMB and SOMB staff members introduced themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) reminded the domestic violence providers in attendance to begin their renewal applications which are due by July 31, 2023.

DVOMB DVRNA (Presentation): Jesse Hansen, DVOMB Program Coordinator and Dr. Rachael Collie, ODVSOM Staff Researcher

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) introduced Dr. Rachael Collie and Dr. Yuanting Zhang of the SOMB who presented on the DVOMB DVRNA validation results and data. He then discussed the background information regarding the DVRNA risk assessment and its' importance in the work of domestic violence providers. Jesse Hansen continued to explain the DRVNA domains, the scoring, and the instrument's application in treatment. He indicated that a study was completed as to the validity of the results of the DVRNA, and noted that Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Staff Researcher) would present on those results.

Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Staff Researcher) presented the validity results of the DVRNA instrument using recidivism samples. She noted that the results of this data are being used to adjust the instrument as needed. Dr. Collie then presented the details and results of the recidivism data samples.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) noted the need to not overlook general criminal risk when using the DVRNA instrument. He indicated that DVOMB providers are now entering data into the Provider Data Management System which could indicate how treatment is impacting the dynamic risk factors as related to future offending.

Discussion:

Bobbie Ponis (Audience member) asked if the term "domestic violence" includes family members or just partners, and she asked if child violence against a parent was included in the demographic data presented. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) responded that in Colorado the Statute indicates that Domestic Violence is only between intimate partners. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Staff Researcher) clarified the different violence categories that were used for this study.

An audience member noted that in Oklahoma, both juveniles and adults are referred to Domestic Violence treatment from both the juvenile court and adult criminal courts. She asked if this is the same in Colorado and what the process is for those who have not been charged.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) responded that this data is for those who are currently involved in the criminal process, and noted that there are instances where individuals are referred to domestic violence treatment voluntarily. He noted that if domestic violence is Statutorily indicated then the courts are required to refer those individuals for domestic violence treatment. Jesse Hansen indicated that he can address any additional questions about this off-line.

Steve Parker (Audience Member) noted there appears to be a large number of individuals (in this presentation) being clumped together as high risk when using this instrument, which indicated that some of the assessment questions should be revised. He asked Dr. Collie what the review process was for this data. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) responded that there is a plan to break out into more representative categories with the next iteration of the instrument which will allow for more distribution and less clumping. He noted that this will also help drive treatment. Dr. Collie indicated that in those high-risk clumping categories it is not known if the individuals did not get enough treatment or the correct treatment, or if they dropped out of treatment, which is limiting the data results. She noted that some of those issues will be addressed in the next revision to the instrument. Dr. Collie also responded regarding the review process that this data has been presented in a couple of meetings, that the data will be written into a brief report showing the methodology (internal), and then ideally this report will be submitted for full peer review publication.

Faith Dupre (Audience Member) asked if this instrument could be used in conjunction with SOTIPS evaluations in pre-trial situations in order to indicate if domestic violence is present in the case. Jess Hansen (DVOMB Staff) responded that sex offense providers could use the DVRNA as an additional evaluation tool as long as they have had the proper training in the use of it. He noted that there is a growing number of providers who are treating both domestic violence and sex offender clients.

VICTIM REPRESENTATION FOR THE DVOMB AND SOMB (Presentation): Katie Abeyta, Casey Ballinger, Jessica Fann (SOMB & DVOMB Board Members), and Dr. Rachael Collie, ODVSOM Staff Researcher

Katie Abeyta (SOMB Member), Casey Ballinger (SOMB Member), Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member), and Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Staff Researcher) introduced themselves.

Katie Abeyta (SOMB Victim Advocacy Committee Chair) gave a brief update of what the SOMB Victim Advocacy Committee does and the current projects they are working on. She noted that the focus has been to connect victim representatives with treatment providers to better understand their roles within the MTTs and MDTs. Katie Abeyta mentioned also that the focus is to see what is working and what is not, what are the best practices, and to determine where there are gaps in services. She noted the introduction of the post-conviction victim representation into the treatment process. Katie Abeyta mentioned that the Committee has been working on a handout that would be given to victim service providers, to survivors of sexual violence, or those engaged in the post-conviction process to understand what the process looks like from beginning to end. She noted that the hope is that this pamphlet will help survivors and victim services providers understand the process. Katie Abeyta noted that a survey was sent out to the treatment providers. She thanked all who took the time to complete that survey, and indicated that the data received will help drive best practices going forward. Casey Ballinger (SOMB Member) indicated that there has been a large disconnect in the victim services field, and noted the need to give survivors as much information regarding the offender process without retraumatizing them further.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Victim Advocacy Committee Chair) gave a brief update of what the DVOMB Victim Advocacy Committee is doing and the current projects they are working on. She noted that domestic violence victim representatives are certified and need to complete training. She noted that there are quarterly trainings available for victim representatives. Jessica Fann also indicated that collaboration between the sex offender providers and the domestic violence providers is key in ensuring that there are no gaps in services. She also noted the need for survivors to have all information available regarding the status of their case and or the offender. Jessica Fann noted that the Committee is currently working on updating the Standards to include the most recent changes to best practice regarding victims of domestic violence.

Katie Abeyta (SOMB Victim Advocacy Committee Chair) noted that the SOMB and the DVOMB victim advocacy meetings are now meeting together quarterly to learn from and support one another. She indicated that treatment victim advocates and victim representative roles are different, and mentioned that these meetings help identify gaps in services and understanding those roles along with driving best practice. Katy Abeyta expressed appreciation for all those attending and the robust dialogue that happens at those meetings.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Victim Advocacy Committee Chair) indicated that there are not enough victim advocates, and indicated that it is not easy to become one, it is not easy to understand, and that it is not easy to get trained for. She mentioned that the Committee is working on training for both victim and treatment advocates, and are hoping for more advocates to be trained in both victim advocacy

and treatment advocacy. There is a lack of consistency between the DVOMB and the SOMB, along with inconsistency between providers as well. She noted that both Boards have no purview over these committees, which can pose struggles as well as ensuring universal best practice. Jessica Fann invited all to attend these meetings.

Casey Ballinger (SOMB Victim Advocacy Committee) noted that this collaboration is really exciting, and she thanked Dr. Rachael Collie for her research and statistics which help drive future best practice that align with the DVOMB and SOMB Standards. She noted that the hope is that these committees can provide support for those who are currently doing this type of work. Casey Ballinger also invited any interested individuals to come to these committee meetings.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Member) thanked both committees for the work they are doing, and asked the DVOMB and SOMB for their help and support for this collaboration to ensure all the needs of the victims are met and that they have a voice. He indicated that the task for the Boards would be to figure out how to develop the resources, how to provide the training, and how best to support this work.

Discussion:

An audience member asked if there is there anything being done for the secondary victims (i.e., children in the family.) She suggested recruiting some successful reunification families as advocates. Casey Ballinger (SOMB) responded that this is definitely a gap in services. She noted that the Blue Bench does offer secondary emotional support for survivors. She noted that using successfully reunified families in the victim advocacy process might be a great thing.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB) noted that confidentiality on the domestic violence side is more protected, and noted the need to collaborate as best as possible without affecting the confidentiality of the victim.

Allison Boyd (Audience Member) mentioned that all judicial districts in Colorado cover the cost of therapy services for children who are secondary victims in domestic violence cases. She noted that family justice centers are starting to pop up in Colorado which might be another resource for secondary victims.

Casey Ballinger (SOMB Victim Advocacy Committee) noted that House Bill 21-1099 is authorizing Child Welfare to recognize and address that domestic violence or domestic neglect is abuse toward children and that services should be provided through them for children secondary victims.

Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Staff Researcher) presented the results of the Victim Advocacy survey that was sent to providers between March and April 2023. She thanked all who worked on this survey. Rachael Collie indicated a really good mix of the various demographics requested was received. She then reviewed with highlights of this survey.

Further Discussion:

Sonya Hickson (Audience Member) noted the difficulty in supporting the family for those clients with modified protection orders while having the ability to support the family, and noted that the clarification letter content is changed due to the modified protection orders. She thanked Rachael Collie for this survey and the specific issues it targeted.

Allison Boyd (Audience Member) noted that Denver Youth Services has a high-risk offender/victim dialogue program that allows for in-person clarification. She also noted that Tara Saulibido is the Department of Corrections, Sex Offender Treatment Maintenance Program (SOTMP) liaison for those clients as well.

ODVSOM STAFF RE-ALIGNMENT (Presentation): Rachael Alderete, SOMB Program Coordinator and Jesse Hansen, DVOMB Program Coordinator

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Staff) presented and discussed the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management (ODVSOM) reorganization and alignment chart regarding the new staff roles. He also reviewed some of the challenges and the perks that the ODVSOM has faced in the re-alignment. Jesse Hansen noted that a document outlining the new roles, contact information, and specific job duties will be available soon for reference.

Rachael Alderete (SOMB Staff) discussed some of the questions that the staff receive and who should be contacted now. She thanked Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Jesse Hansen, and Joe Thome for their work on this realignment. Rachael Alderete also indicated that the

ODVSOM will be hiring additional 2.5 FTE personnel to fall in line with the new Sunset requirements as mandated by the Legislature this past Legislative session.

Board Discussion:

None

Audience Discussion:

None

GENERAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Board Discussion:


None

Audience Discussion:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:52 am

Respectfully,

 8/18/23
Jill Trowbridge Date
Program Assistant

 8/18/23
Kimberly Kline Date
Chair of the SOMB

Michelle Hunter Date
Vice-Chair of the DVOMB