

March 2024

This is an update regarding the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board's (Board) work on the Standards and Guidelines for the Assessment, Evaluation, Treatment, and Behavioral Monitoring of Adult Sex Offenders, and the Standards and Guidelines for the Evaluation, Assessment, Treatment, and Supervision of Juveniles Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses.

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Action Items & Solicitation for Public Comment

The Board reviewed the following Action Items during the February Board Meeting.

1. Revisions to 3.500: Helping Clients Accept Responsibility and Accountability for Offending and Abusive Behavior (Denial), were presented to the Board. These revisions were approved to be released for public comment by a majority vote of the Board.

Public comments will be collected electronically via Jotforms. The Jotform will be available on March 25, 2024, and public comment will be accepted until April 5, 2024.

To submit public comment for the proposed revisions, please follow this link: <https://dcj.jotform.com/240774001358856> for the Denial Public comment.

This form can also be accessed at our website:

<https://dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/domestic-violence-and-sex-offender-management/somb/somb-standards-bulletins>

Decision Item & Ratifications by the Board

The Board reviewed the following Decision Items during the March meeting. All Decision Items ratified during this meeting will go into effect on July 1, 2024.

1. Juvenile Standards Revisions - Introduction and Section 2.000 were presented to the Board along with the public comments received. By a majority vote of the Board, these recommendations were approved and will be published in the March 2024 version of the Juvenile Standards and Guidelines. Providers will be expected to implement these revisions by July 1, 2024.
2. The Sex Offender Surcharge Allocation Committee presented its recommendations to the Board. By a majority vote of the Board, these recommendations were approved.

3. The Board reviewed the public comment received regarding revisions to Appendix A: Sex Offender Management Board Administrative Policies. By a majority vote of the Board, these recommendations were approved upon a minor language clarification which is not substantive to the revisions.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Board Retreat Work Group Reports - Erin Austin (Implementation Specialist), Theresa Weiss (Board Member), Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (Program Manager), and Gregg Kildow (Board Member)
- Juvenile Standards Revisions Committee Update - Paige Brown (Implementation Specialist), and Theresa Weiss (Board Member/JSR Chair)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CHANGES, OR IMPORTANT UPDATES:

Assessing Risk for Sexual and Domestic Violence Recidivism: Latest research, including cross-cultural validity:

Many racial and ethnic groups are overrepresented in the criminal legal system, and there are reasons to be concerned about whether risk assessment tools developed on predominantly White samples would apply to different racial/ethnic groups. One of the challenges in this area has also been a confusing and conflicting set of definitions for what “racial bias” means. This presentation will review and synthesize different definitions of “racial bias” and outline what is needed in examining the cross-cultural validity of risk tools. Existing research on cross-cultural validity and generalizability of risk factors and risk tools will be discussed, with a particular (but not exclusive) focus on sexual recidivism risk assessment. This will include a summary of a recent meta-analysis on general risk assessment with Indigenous offenders, and meta-analyses and reviews of sexual recidivism risk tools across Black, Indigenous, Hispanic, Indian, and Asian men. Implications for practice will be discussed.

An early meta-analytic summary found that risk tools specifically designed for domestic violence (DV) did not necessarily predict DV recidivism any better than generic risk assessment tools designed for other outcomes. This presentation will summarize three research initiatives related to improving risk assessment for domestic violence.

Date: April 18th, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Format: In Person ONLY

Location: Arapahoe County Human Services
14980 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora, CO 80012

Cost: \$50

Audience: DV & SO Professionals Only

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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