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SOMB Quarterly Minute

January 2024

SOMB Chair's Note:

Hello and Happy New Year to all! I hope and trust everyone was able to step away during the holiday season to take some time for themselves outside of your busy work schedules. I know for myself the New Year always gives me opportunity to reflect on my “why” for this work and I get to renew my sense of purpose. Resiliency studies tell us that connecting back to our own individual “why’s” are imperative to folks in the helping field especially, to assist in avoiding compassion fatigue and burnout. So I’d like to challenge each of you to take just a few minutes after reading this to connect back to what it was that drove you to this vitally important work. This should be the thing that cuts through the rest of the noise to keep you on track and fuels you forward. One thing that really helps me to stay connected to this when I get buried in paperwork and feel overwhelmed is what I call my “in case of emergency, break glass” folder. Over the years I have kept notes from clients, my staff, colleagues, interns and client family members with kind words, simple thank you’s, “atta-kid’s” or even better - former clients checking back in with stories of success and health in their lives post treatment. And on the days where I struggle to remember my “why”, it’s right there in that folder waiting to remind me. Long story short find something that works for you. And in case you need one to add to your own folder, this is your reminder that you are a pretty big deal. Happy New Year!

Thank you,
Kimberly Kline, MA, LPC, ACS
SOMB Chair



In 2022, the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management completed a staffing realignment and received funding for three new staff members. The new staff members are Paige Brown, Kelly Lippitt and Brittinie Sandoval.



Paige began working with the SOMB on 11/6/23 as the new Juvenile Standards Implementation Specialist. Prior to joining the division, Paige worked as a Victim Witness Specialist for the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office and served as an Emerging Leader and Board member on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council.

Paige is a Colorado native and grew up in rural Colorado. She has a 2 year old mini goldendoodle named Sirius (as in Harry Potter's Sirius Black) and spends a lot of her time reading for fun! Paige also enjoys country swing dancing and line dancing.



Kelly joined the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management on 12/5/23 as the new Program Assistant - Documentation Specialist for both the SOMB and DVOMB. Kelly is originally from the Bay Area, CA but spent the last 5 years in Portland, OR. She started as an Onboarding Specialist in Human Resources earlier in 2023 and is excited to now be joining the ODVSOM. Kelly loves hiking with her wife in the mountains, pickleball, and playing with their 2 cats, Roadie (tuxedo) and Mel C. (tabby).

Brittinie Sandoval is the latest addition and started with the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management on 12/11/23 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 her career as a clerk for the pretrial



supervision team and managed 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 working domestic violence cases while managing court dockets, intakes, releases, and supervising domestic violence clients with GPS monitoring. Brittinie also dedicated her time as the co-chair for the Community Corrections Division Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee developing policy and action plans for implementation surrounding EDI. Brittinie spends her free time with her husband raising their 5 kids. She enjoys reading a good book, listening to music, and occasionally dancing.

Please welcome Paige, Kelly and Brittinie to the ODVSOM!



Practice Corner

Updated Sexual Behavior and History Packet

In 2023, the SOMB Best Practices Committee asked for a workgroup to revise the 2018 Adult Sexual History Disclosure Packet with equity, diversity, and inclusivity in mind.

Upon convening, this workgroup decided to rename the packet and remove the term “disclosure” from the title. The term “disclosure” has historically been linked to the polygraph process and is commonly denied as an admission to illegal or violation behaviors. The workgroup felt removing the term would help reduce the assumption that the process was entirely about the polygraph. The group agreed that it might also assist clients in not feeling if everything they discuss regarding their history would be considered abusive or a violation. Overall, the workgroup agreed they would focus on revisions to help provide clarity on how the packet should be used, the barriers to its use with different populations, and remove any stigma around its use within treatment.

One of the goals of the revisions was to structure the packet in a way that was

easier for both clients and providers. The revised packet is separated into ‘Sections’, as opposed to ‘parts’ which were often mistakenly aligned with the polygraph process. Guidance for providers was added to explain how the sex history process should be guided by the therapist and done in conjunction with the client throughout therapy. Clients should never be left to go through the packet independently without therapeutic support.

The new packet also includes guidance for providers specifically on Personal Bias, Cultural Ethnic, and Racial Considerations, Resistance, and Denial. A new section also highlights commonly misunderstood terms that both clients and providers should understand to help providers focus treatment on the individual risks and needs of the clients. Ensuring the packet was inclusive of all individuals regardless of gender, race or ethnicity was important and is reflected throughout the revisions.

Overall, the revisions emphasize the use of the sex history packet as a treatment tool, and the process should be structured by the therapist for the individual client. There is a recognition that in the past, the packet was used to uncover prior sex offenses, and at times its use may have hindered the therapeutic process.

Potential next steps for the Board include following revisions to the American Polygraph Associations to their Sex History Polygraph guidelines and working with SOMB Polygraph Examiners on implementation strategies for the revised packet. For further questions related to the revised packet, please contact

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Policy Update

Greetings and Happy New Year! I wish all of you the very best in 2024! With the New Year comes a friendly reminder that if you have not submitted your renewal application which expired 12-31-23, you only have until 1-31-24 to submit your application for consideration. Please note renewal applications are always due to the SOMB August 31, of the year you renew. This allows staff time to process applications which includes getting backgrounds and references before the deadline of December 31st.

The SOMB has an option to go NCP “Not Currently Practicing” for any provider who is not currently seeing clients that fall under the purview of

the SOMB but who wish to maintain their status with the SOMB. Please reach out to Reggin Palmitesso-Martinez at reggin.palmitesso-martinez@state.co.us.



Next SOMB Meeting

Please join us for our monthly SOMB meeting In-Person or Virtually.

When: January 19, 2024

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Where: Denver Police Protective Association Event Center
2105 Decatur St., Denver, Colorado 80211

Agenda Coming Soon!



Data Collection

The Colorado Legislature passed House Bill 16-1345, which required the SOMB to collect data from SOMB Approved Evaluators, Treatment Providers, and Polygraph Examiners who provide services to adults convicted and juveniles adjudicated for a sex offense since Jan. 1st, 2020. Thank you for entering your treatment data into the SOMB Provider Data Management System (PDMS) (<https://sombproviders.state.co.us/>) before November 1, 2023. The SOMB usually does modifications to the database questions at the beginning of the year. Therefore, if you have any specific suggestions on modifying the existing survey questions or wanting to add additional survey questions, please send them to Yuanting Zhang at yuanting.zhang@state.co.us.



Committee Updates

Happy 2024 with lots of changes starting off this year!

The Sex Offender Management Board has welcomed a new addition to the staff who will be taking over the Juvenile Standards Revision (JSR) committee staffing from Raechel Alderete. We welcome and introduce the new Juvenile Standards Implementation Specialist, Paige Brown. Paige came to us from the 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office where she worked as a Victim Witness Specialist. She also served as an Emerging Leader and Board Member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Council working with the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance for nearly 6 years. Please welcome Paige Brown!

Dr. Carl Blake has decided to step down as chair of the JSR after 14 years of service to this committee. We would like to thank him for his many years of service as the chair of JSR. Dr Blake will still attend and be a part of the JSR committee.

We are thrilled to announce and welcome Theresa Weiss as the new JSR chair. Theresa works as an SOMB Full Operating Provider, Evaluator and Clinical Supervisor as well as specializes in clients who have Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities. We know that she will hit the ground running and look forward to seeing her lead the committee moving forward.

The Juvenile Standards Revisions Committee (JSR) spent the last few months of 2023 working diligently on updating Section 2 of the SOMB Juvenile Standards to be more in line with RNR practices and incorporating the ATSA Adolescent Practice Guidelines. JSR is also proposing some revisions based on the 2023 Sunset Review to include individuals who were under eighteen years of age at the time of the offense and were convicted in adult district court, after the age of eighteen and sentenced prior to age of twenty-one. These revisions are being reviewed by the Board and if approved; will incorporate an implementation date of July 1, 2024. If you have any questions pertaining to the Juvenile Standards, please contact Paige Brown at paige.brown@state.co.us or 720-471-5358.



Understanding Sex Offender Treatment and Supervision in Colorado

The Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) and its Victim Advocacy

Committee are pleased to announce a new resource for those who are victims/survivors of sexual assault. [Understanding Sex Offender Treatment and Supervision in Colorado](#) is a guide for victims/survivors to have a better understanding of what happens in sex offender treatment and supervision in Colorado. This guide provides information that may be helpful to victims/survivors in their recovery and can help answer many questions that they may have. Feel free to share this information from anyone you feel would benefit from it. The SOMB and its Victim Advocacy Committee are committed to the safety and protection of victim/survivors, and doing anything they can to provide needed support. The SOMB would like to thank in particular the two co-chairs of the Victim Advocacy Committee for their work on this guide, Allison Boyd and Katie Abeyta.



Traveling Sex Offender Management Board Meetings

This form is a solicitation for traveling SOMB Meetings across the State of Colorado. This allows for other stakeholders to be a part of our meetings in person. Our meetings are the Third Friday of every month. If you are interested in having a SOMB Meeting in your city, please fill out the form below.

[Traveling Board JotForm](#)



2024 Conference

We look forward to hosting our 2024 Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management Annual Conference in Breckenridge, Colorado. Our conference typically draws a little over 500 attendees and we hope that you will consider presenting at our conference in 2024. The theme of the 2024 conference is "Empowering Collaboration and Integration: Enabling System Enhancement through Professional Connections".

****PLEASE NOTE:** This Call for Papers is for sessions that will be scheduled on July 10, 11, 12th.

Please press "PROPOSAL FORM" below to fill out the form

PROPOSAL FORM

Deadline: February 9, 2024



SOMB Provider HUB

The SOMB is excited to announce the new SOMB Provider HUB!! This is a website where Providers can find Lunch & Learn and standard training recordings. This Hub is for **SOMB Providers ONLY**. In this Hub, all of the previous and future SOMB Lunch & Learn recordings will be posted, as well as Standards Training recordings. You will need to Register for the Provider Hub ONCE and then you will be able to log in throughout the year to view trainings (it is set up similarly to the conference recordings). You will have to be Approved by SOMB Staff before you are able to log into the Provider Hub. If you have already signed up for the Hub, you DO NOT need to re-register. Please email taylor.redding@state.co.us with any questions.

****Note:** There is not a set time or date for these online trainings, they will be available at any time after you register throughout the year. This is where Providers can get their training hours.

[Provider Hub Registration](#)



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