

COLORADO SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Sex Offender Community Supervision Teams

In an effort to address the needs and concerns of Community Supervision and Multidisciplinary Teams, a process has been developed whereby the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) may receive and provide feedback to Teams regarding critical issues related to the implementation of the Standards.

Critical Issues are defined as problems that the Team is not able to resolve in the implementation or interpretation of the SOMB Standards. Critical Issues may include problems arising from lack of clarity or other issues not yet addressed by the Standards.

Conflicts and problems may arise from unresolved interpersonal conflicts among Team members, in which case this process may not be the appropriate method for resolution. (Please refer to the Adult Standard, Section 5.150 or the Juvenile Standards, Section 5.140.) **This process is not intended to offer legal advice.**

Critical Issues may be referred to the Board after the following steps have been exhausted:

1. All Team members shall read and be familiar with the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board Standards for Adults and/or Juveniles.
2. The entire Team shall have at least one meeting specifically to discuss and attempt to resolve the Critical Issue. This meeting shall include, at a minimum, the supervising officer, sex offense specific treatment provider, polygraph examiner, victim's advocate or therapist (if appropriate), and if involved, county department of social services caseworker and out-of-home home care provider.
3. Team members shall solicit feedback from colleagues outside the Team, such as supervisors and other individuals that may be knowledgeable or have expertise in the area of concern.
4. After consulting with outside colleagues, the Team shall reconvene to share information and attempt to resolve the Critical Issue.
5. If the Team is still unable to reach consensus or resolve the Critical Issue, one Team member shall be designated to contact the SOMB by email - somb@cdps.state.co.us or fax - 303-239-4491.

The written communication shall:

- Define in detail all of the elements involved in the Critical Issue;
- Identify the related or applicable Standard(s);
- Include a synopsis of the Team's efforts to resolve the Critical Issue; and
- Indicate the type of information or assistance needed from the Board.

The written communication shall include the name of the referring Team member, agency, county, address, telephone & fax numbers, e-mail address, and other Team members' names and agencies. Communications should be addressed to "SOMB, Critical Issues" and should indicate a requested timeframe for response.

Response from the Sex Offender Management Board will include:

- A staff person at Division of Criminal Justice acknowledging the receipt of the Critical Issue communication;
- The written communication being forwarded to Board members for review;
- The staff, in consultation with Board members, determining the type of review;
- An attempt to provide a response within a reasonable timeframe.

This process is not intended to be a crisis intervention process. Unless exigent circumstances exist that are outside the Team's control, the Team should allow for a reasonable amount of time for a response.

The Board also welcomes input regarding positive outcomes experienced in the implementation of the Standards.