

SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (SOMB) MINUTES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

SOMB Members

Alli Watt
Allison Boyd
Angel Weant
Carl Blake
Jeff Jenks
Jeff Shay
Jessica Curtis
John Odenheimer
Kandy Moore
Korey Elger
Leonard Woodson III
Marcelo Kopcow
Missy Gursky
Rick May
Tom Leversee

Visitors

Abby Laverenz	Kimberly Dolan
Abby Grant	Kimberly Kline
Alfonso Cappa	Kristen Thompson
Ann Newman	Kristy Stansell
Ashley Nelson	Lisa Belden
Becky Lowe	Lisa Nelson
Bonnie Carter	Mac Fish
Calli McNabb	Martin Leopard
Catania Jones	Mary Anne Avery
Cheryl Cook	Max Will
Cindy Jamison	Melinda Matney
Danelle Looney	Melissa Slucher
David King	Nicole Conaway
Dawn Johnson	Olivia Manfredonia-Foster
Dean Kiahtipes	Patrick Duran
Debbie Baty	Paul Udero
Denise Baldino	Raymond Cardenas
Erin Hunt	Rhonda Eppart
Flint Chambers	Robin Richards
Garrick Pridemore	Ron Herring
George Butler	Russ Brakel
Hallie Miller	Sally Chapment
James Bailey	Sandra Clamon
Jan Switzer	Stacey Pray
Jaon Talley	Stephanie Mauth
Jeff Geist	Sue Campbell
Jeronimo Fransua	Susie Vail
Julie David	Tina Valdez
Karlene Kelsch	Tracy Sharp
Keith Manchester	Ventzi Guentchev
	Yvette Cousins

Absent SOMB Members Amy Fitch, Brie Akins, Jessica Meza, Kim English, Mary Baydarian, Merve Davies, Nancy Jackson, Norma Aguilar-Dave, Pam Bricker and Richard Bednarski

Staff

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky

Raechel Alderete

Michelle Geng

9:00 am

SOMB Meeting Begins:

Introductions:

Introductions were made by all SOMB members and staff in attendance. Judge Kopcow introduced Jeff Geist (past Chair of the SOMB) and thanked him for his commitment to the SOMB.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.

Compassion Fatigue (Presentation): Robert Emerick

Handout provided.

Robert discussed "Burnout", "PTSD", and "Vicarious Trauma" of treatment providers, and the impact these have on provider competency. He continued the presentation with numerous statistics concerning Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) professionals.

Robert summarized the presentation by indicating that CSA professionals in this field need to be helped in any way possible to support their health and sustain their competencies.

Open Forum/Roundtable with SOMB:

Update on SOMB Sunset Review Bill and Other Legislation – Angel Weant

Angel Weant gave a brief overview of the Sunset Review Bill which was passed by the Legislature. She indicated there are new requirements put forth by the Legislature to include a data collection plan that incorporates statistical review of data collected from treatment providers. Angel indicated that the SOMB will be working with the treatment providers to develop a collection plan by July 2017. She stated that if this data plan is not completed by that time, then the SOMB will need to indicate the reason for the delay. Angel also indicated that any agencies that are supervising an offender must provide a choice of two treatment providers whenever possible effective August 10, 2016.

Angel also indicated that the SOMB is in the process of revising the Adult and Juvenile Standards and Guidelines and the Legislature indicated that these need to be completed by July 2017. If not completed by that date, then the SOMB must update the Legislature as to why.

Angel also mentioned House Bill 16-1260 which extends the Statute of Limitations for felony sexual assault classes II, III and IV to twenty years.

No Questions or Comments from audience.

Update on current Court Cases including Burns Case and Von Behren Case – Judge Marcelo Kopcow

Judge Kopcow discussed the current cases which affect the offender's right to invoke the 5th Amendment to remain silent and how these court rulings directly affect the current Standards and Guidelines.

Judge Kopcow indicated that the Standards and Guidelines are not in compliance with these cases and that the SOMB is in the process of putting together a plan that is in compliance with both State and Federal Law regarding the 5th Amendment.

There were various questions involving these cases and continued discussion as to how this affects the treatment providers and immunity.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky indicated that if treatment providers are in a position that would violate the current Standards based on a mandate by the Court, to please contact the SOMB office where a variance can be initiated.

Update on Standards Revisions – Carl Blake and Missy Gursky

Carl Blake gave a brief update of some of the modifications to the sections of the Juvenile Standards and Guiding Principles. He spoke of the addition of 2 new Standards sections and revisions to the appendices and general updates due to recent case law and SOMB directives. Carl also indicated that streamlined processes have been made and invited interested parties to attend the Juvenile Standards Revisions Committee meetings held on the 4th Monday of each month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at 700 Kipling, Lakewood.

Missy Gursky mentioned that the Adult Standards and Guidelines have not been updated since 2011 and that the Adult Standards Revision Committee has been diligently working on revising the Standards. She went on to give a brief review of the Adult Standards Section revisions made to date and future revisions. Missy encouraged any interested parties to attend the 2.00/3.00 Adult Standards Revision Committee meetings that are held the 1st Thursday of each month from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at RSA. She indicated that if anyone is interested, the 5.00 Adult Standards Revision Committee, chaired by Jeff Geist, it is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Westminster Parole Office.

There was a question from the audience as to how the mandate to complete the revisions by July 2017 will affect the progress. Carl Blake responded that the process will continue to proceed in an accelerated manner without compromising the quality of what is being done. He also mentioned that the revisions will be coming before the SOMB more frequently for approval to expedite the process.

11:55 am