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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 September Board Meeting.

1. Revisions to the SOMB Administrative Policy were presented to the Board to address policies regarding Standards Compliance Reviews mandated by the recent changes in legislation. The Board voted in favor of Tabling this action item ending further revisions by a two-thirds majority vote. It will not be released for public comment until further approval by the Board.
2. Revisions to the Juvenile Standards Introduction and Section 2.000: Evaluation and Ongoing Assessment of Juveniles Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses were presented to the Board to better align with ATSA guidelines and RNR, as well as to add in another group of individuals who fall under the purview of the Juvenile Standards.

By a majority vote of the Board, these standards will be released for Public Comment. The Jotform will be available on January 29, 2024, and public comment will be accepted until February 9, 2024.

To submit public comment, please follow this link:

<https://dcj.jotform.com/team/odvsom/juvenile-standards>

This form can also be accessed at our website here: <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 January meeting. These documents were finalized and approved by a majority vote of the Board.

1. The Board reviewed Policy Brief #3 regarding Denial. The Board approved the Policy Brief by a majority vote of the Board. This policy brief can be viewed here: [Denial Policy Brief #3](#)

The following Standards Revisions were approved by the majority vote of the Board and will be published in the Standards:

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Psychoeducational Boundaries Discussion – Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Program Manager, and Erin Austin, Implementation Specialist updated the Board regarding prior concerns regarding orders for a treatment known as “Boundaries/Healthy Sexuality”. The Best Practices Committee recommended revising the Standards to allow for evaluators to make specific recommendations on Core Competencies and individual needs of the client and allow a mechanism for providers to modify treatment as needed and clinically indicated without a variance. The Board gained consensus to allow the Standards Revisions and Best Practices Committee to review the Standards and propose revisions.
- A policy statement was presented to the Board regarding Supervising Officers in response to a change in legislation. The Staff proposed a policy statement recommending complaints against supervising officers not be founded in violation if they are found to be following a Court or Parole Board order..
- An update was provided to the Board on the work of the SOMB Best Practices Committee. Committee Chair, Hannah Pilla and Erin Austin explained there have been many new members to the committee in addition to two representatives from supervision agencies. The new public comment process has also allowed the Best Practices Committee to review the comments before the review by the Board and look at them through a wider lens. Often public comments help point out confusion or lack of clarity within revisions that may cause issues. Another point was that when the public comment is not ‘relevant’ to the revisions, though may point to other policy or practice issues, this committee will add them as a future agenda item to discuss. They can also make recommendations to the Board or Standards Revisions Committee for possible revisions. It gives the Committee a more thorough view of issues that may be happening in the field and a chance to address them.
- The Lifetime Supervision Report was presented by Dr. Rachael Collie, SOMB Staff Researcher, Amanda Retting, DOC, and Kristin Kubacki, Probation Analyst with Judicial. Copies of this report are available on the SOMB Website.
- A presentation by the DOC Treatment Solutions Committee regarding their report and recommendations that will be provided to the legislature was made the board by Kim Kline, SOMB Chair, Amanda Retting, DOC, Dr. Yuanting Zhang, SOMB Statistical Analyst, and Michelle Geng, Parole Board.

- Raechel Alderete, SOMB Program Coordinator, and Kim Kline, Board Chair, led a discussion with the Board regarding the recent retreat and what next steps will be taken to follow up on suggestions and recommendations from Board Members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CHANGES, OR IMPORTANT UPDATES:

- Staff have updated the Committee Charters for all SOMB Committees. Jesse Hansen will update the joint DV/SO Training Committee Charter and inform the Board when that is complete. Charters were updated to reflect changes in the Chair, Vice Chair, and appointed membership.
- The Public Comment Process Standard Operating Procedure as finalized by SOMB Staff. The Board gained consensus to approve this process.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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