

**SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (SOMB)
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (DVOMB)
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA AUDIO/VIDEO
CONFERENCING**

SOMB Board	DVOMB Board		GUESTS	
Amanda Retting	Andrea Bradbury**	Abi Olson	Jason Jankoviak	Nicole Benson
Andrew Luxen	Glory McDaniel**	Aele Martinez	Jeanette Cordova	Patricia Murphy
Carl Blake	Jeanette Barich	Alan Donald	Jen Leonard	Paulette Moore
Casey Ballinger	Jennifer Parker**	Alexandria Mezyad	Jessica Flowers	Phil Morris
David Bourgeois	Jessica Fann	Alexis Martinez	Jessica Lucas	Ralph Parson
Gregg Kildow	Lori Griffith	Amy Strasser Garcia	Jessica Peters	Regina Henson
Hannah Pilla	Michelle Hunter	Ana Barrett	Jordan Hartley	Rick Anglund
Jeff Baker	Nicole Collins**	Anthony Hudson	Juan Urbina	Robin Richards
Jesse Hansen	Raechel Alderete	Aradhana Rabhra	Julia Meunsterer	Rosa
Kent Vance	Sandie Campanella	Audra Eakins	Kellen Lemos	Sandra Merrow
Nicole Feltz	Stephanie Fritts	Brandon Wooton	Kevin Bishop	Sara Raisley
Sarah Croog	Yolanda Arredondo	Brielle Jackson	Krista Wilkens	Sarah Marlow
Taber Powers		Cassidy Rimmer	Laurie Kepros	Shannon Folz
Theresa Weiss		Chela Elliott	Lia Burns	Sharon Griffin
		Christina Lavelly	Lindsey Spraker	Shay Boe
		Cody Smith	Lisa White	Stephen Scippio
		Courtney Corbett	Liz Huerta	Sue Wich
		Haley Clevenger	Macy Dykstra	Tara Saulibio
		Jadelinn Medina	madeleine Darby	Terry McCoige
		James Bailey	Megahn Williams	Tom Nelson
		James Lander	Mike Salaz	Travis Martin
		James Meyer	Monika Connell	Victoria Halpern
		Jamie Cline	Nancy Ortiz-Moreno	Wanda Pierce
		Jason Black	Natalie Chairez	William Toro

** = Attended Meeting - Revised Minutes 9/18/24

Staff Members Present: Alyssa Dalen, Avery Simmons, Brittinie Sandoval, Carolina Frane, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Erin Austin, Paige Brown, Rachel Morton, Rachael Collie, Raechel Alderete, Reggin Palmitesso-Martinez, Yuantin Zhang

Meeting Began: 9:05 am

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) introduced herself and welcomed all.
Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced herself.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) introduced herself and indicated that the meeting is being recorded. She noted that those with accessibility needs should reach out to the Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management (ODVSOM) for help.

Raechel Alderete read the Colorado Department of Public Safety's policy regarding accessibility for all and indicated that any requests should be made with Jill Trowbridge at the registration desk. She also indicated that any meeting material accessibility needs should be requested through the staff of the SOMB or the DVOMB.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) welcomed all, introduced himself, and noted that he is also the Colorado Department of Public Safety representative on the SOMB.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) announced the following:

- Jackie List has left the DVOMB, and he asked for volunteers to be on the interview panel to review the applicants for this position.
- During the networking event there will be a Hot Ones (hot chicken wing eating contest) challenge to raise money for Project Pave.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) asked all to sign in so the minutes will be accurate.

In-person Board members and ODVSOM staff gave extended introductions.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY AGENDA:

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) asked the Board if they approve the agenda for this meeting. There were no dissensions, so the agenda was approved.

WORK AND UPDATES ON RISK RELATED INSTRUMENTS:

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) indicated to all attendees that an interactive APP will be used to encourage participation from the audience for this meeting. He then gave the instructions as how to download and access the application.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) introduced the agenda item on risk assessments and the reason for this discussion. He then introduced Dr. Rachael Collie (ODVSOM Data Analyst) who then guided the following conversation on the analyses of:

- Cross-Cultural Validation of Risk Assessments
 - Cross-cultural validity is important in risk assessment to ensure reliable and valid tools are used and to avoid perpetuating biases.
 - The meeting discussed the use of culturally appropriate risk assessment tools in determining an individual's risk level and predictive recidivism.
- The importance of considering collaboration, discrimination, cultural factors, and societal biases in the development and use of validated tools which use dynamic risk factors.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) discussed the pilot of the Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment-Revised (DVRNA-R) as follows:

- The meeting also mentioned ongoing research and pilot programs to refine and improve the Domestic Violence Risk Needs Assessment Revised (DVRNA-R.)
- The pilot will test this tool with supervising officer referral agents in determining placement in supervision level and supervision needs.
- Will use DVRNA-R pilot outcomes to refine the current training manual and to determine if the tool can be used with both with criminal and non-criminal cases.
- There is a need to better discriminate risk levels for level C clients in the DVRNA.
- The pilot study for the new risk assessment tool is underway with 25 providers participating. The goal is to reduce the probability of reoffending by targeting dynamic scores and providing appropriate treatment.

Dr. Hannah Pilla (SOMB Board Member) discussed the Sex Offending Needs Integrated Classification System (SONICS) as follows:

- SONICS is NOT a risk assessment tool and indicated that it is a way of classifying the population that the SOMB works with in a way that all can understand.
- SONICS is a system that all team members can use to classify clients that follows the risk-needs-responsivity model.
- Training on SONICS has begun with the first training held in June. The next training will be in Grand Junction in September.
- The SONICS training is broken down into 2 trainings: 1 for stakeholders and 1 for evaluators which is more in depth. She indicated that the training manual is located on the SOMB website.

AUDIENCE DISCUSSION:

An audience member responded both True and False that the SONICS is a risk assessment instrument that is more predictive and that it outperforms the VASOR-SOTIPS, C-4 and the Static 99-R.

Can SONICS be used for Adults, Juveniles, or DD/ID only offenders. Dr. Hannah Pilla responded that this excludes Females, Juveniles, and DD/ID populations at this time.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) thanked Paige Brown (SOMB Juvenile Training and Implementation Specialist) and thanked Dr. Carl Blake (Department of Youth Services), Kristin Kubacki (Judicial Department), and Dr. Sue Righthand for their work on the most recent updates and improvements to the J-SOAP II. She indicated to be on the lookout for upcoming training announcements.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) handed over the next agenda item to Carolina Frane and Erin Austin (DVOMB and SOMB Implementation Specialists) to discuss the Statutorily mandated Standards Compliance Reviews.

STANDARDS COMPLIANCE REVIEWS:

Carolina Frane and Erin Austin (Implementation Specialists) outlined the following information regarding the Standards Compliance Reviews:

- Carolina Frane indicated that 10% of providers are subject to Compliance Reviews over 2 years (this is the same for both the DVOMB and the SOMB.)
- Carolina Frane noted that the DVOMB audits are to help providers understand and follow the Standards and are not meant to be punitive.
- Erin Austin noted that due to the addition of personnel in the SOMB, now has the capacity to perform compliance reviews. She indicated that the additional personnel free up time for proper implementation of the Standards and any changes.
- Erin Austin noted that the Reviews will point out weaknesses in the Standards and/or implementation of them.
- Carolina Frane noted that there are 3 types of reviews:
 - For "Cause" Reviews - possible deficiencies - the DVOMB will assist the provider in becoming compliant
 - Random Reviews
 - Voluntary Reviews
- Erin Austin noted the differences in the reviews that the SOMB conduct.
- Carolina Frane discussed a "Random" review that indicated that the provider was fully following the Standards and was recommended to become a supervisor at their agency.
- Carolina Frane noted that the Board is there to assist the providers and educate them when necessary.
- Erin Austin noted that she, Carolina Frane, and Paige Brown are committed in bridging the gap between the field and the Boards, by providing training and support.
- Carolina Frane discussed the Voluntary reviews and noted that a provider may reach out to the staff of the DVOMB or the SOMB and request to be reviewed. She indicated that this could be for a number of reasons.
- Carolina Frane indicated that she also offers to sit in provider sessions with clients when asked by the provider.
- Carolina Frane and Erin Austin noted that once a provider has been reviewed (Random or Voluntary), they cannot be reviewed again for 6 years. It was noted that "For Cause" reviews can happen at any time.
- Erin Austin noted that the SOMB and the DVOMB oversee individual providers but not the agencies they work in. She indicated that they may be asked by providers to come and pinpoint issues in larger agencies to help them stay in compliance.

- Carolina Frane and Erin Austin (Implementation Specialists) discussed the Application Review Committee (ARC) and their duties as follows:
 - The DVOMB ARC meets once per month, on the 2nd Thursday from 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. The SOMB ARC meets twice per month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
 - Carolina Frane noted that the ARC is comprised of Board Members and volunteer members. She noted that they review the Standards Compliance Reviews, they maintain the provider list by adding new "approved" providers and ensuring the status of all providers whether not currently practicing or taking a break for a period of time.
 - The ARC also handles variance to the Standards requests for both Boards.
 - Erin Austin noted that the SOMB ARC has the authority to process complaints brought against providers. She clarified the process when those complaints are received and if the ARC has purview over them or if it is a DORA issue.
 - Carolina Frane noted that all DVOMB complaints are statutorily mandated to be sent the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA.)
 - Carolina Frane and Erin Austin noted that they will work with all providers who have a complaint filed against them and that they are there to help them through the process.
 - Erin Austin and Carolina Frane noted that they are there for provider support and training and noted to reach out to them whenever they need help.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) noted that due to the Sunset Bill which requires Supervising Officers to follow the SOMB Standards. The SOMB does not handle complaints made against Supervising Officers. She indicated that each entity has their own complaint process and noted that the SOMB will assist with Standards interpretation. Raechel Alderete indicated that the DVOMB and the SOMB now take anonymous complaints. She gave kudos to Dr. Carl Blake with the SOMB ARC and Karen Morgenthaler with the DVOMB.

Dr. Carl Blake (SOMB Member) noted that he has been the chair of the ARC for the past 14 years. He indicated that as much information as possible should be provided when filing a complaint so the Committee knows which direction the complaint may have to go.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) noted that if the Domestic Violence enhancer has been dropped as a term of the plea, the offender still is under the purview of the DVOMB and has to go through treatment as ordered by the Court. He noted that this has been updated in Section 1 in the purview section of the DVOMB Standards.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) then asked all in attendance what part of the conference are they most excited for? The responses are as follows:

- Watching Erin Gazelka eat hot wings!
- Meeting new people
- Networking
- Ethical Conflict session
- Keynote speakers
- Addressing Medical Marijuana
- Watching Chief Rob Omer eat hot wings

Audience Questions:

Do the VASOR-SOTIPS have predictive accuracy across cultures. Dr. Rachael Collie (SOMB Data Analyst) responded that that data has not been collected. She noted that the Static 99-R does, and when using in conjunction with the VASORII, to use predictive accuracy in general with VASOR use a limitation statement which indicates that race, culture, etc. has not been established for this tool.

An audience member asked about DV crossover cases. How do we avoid DV plus SO treatment target clinical risks and needs. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) responded with some of the best practices with DV/SO cases, that some criminogenic risks and needs crossover both populations. He noted that some providers are dually credentialed for DV and SO treatment. Jesse Hansen indicated that the focus is on the prevailing need, and to prioritize the appropriate treatment.

Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) noted that this will be discussed at the Best Practices Committee meeting and noted to reach out to her if they want to attend the next meeting.

Taber Powers (SOMB Member) encouraged providers to be credentialed in both treatments and reiterated the need to focus on the prevailing need (whether DV or SO.)

Meeting Adjourned: 10:59 am

Respectfully,

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Chair of the SOMB

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