

COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2024

Attendance:

Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

Andrea Bradbury, Erin Gazelka, Glory McDaniel, Jackie List, Jeanette Barich, Jessica Fann, Karen Morgenthaler, Lori Griffith, Michelle Hunter, Nicole Collins, Nil Buckley, Sandra Campanella, Stephanie Fritts, Tracey Martinez, Yolanda Arredondo

Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Honorable Bradley Burbach, Jennifer Parker, Raechel Alderete, and Tally Zuckerman

Staff Present:

Brittinie Sandoval, Caroline Frane, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Jesse Hansen, Jill Trowbridge, Kelly Lippitt, Rachael Collie, Reggin Palmitesso-Martinez, Taylor Redding, and Yuanting Zhang

Guests:

Anne DePrince, Danielle Lewis, Kelly Miller, Lindsey Spraker, Marisela Elliott, Patricia Murphy, Russha Knauer, Shaylin White

Introductions:

The meeting convened at 9:09 AM

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced herself and welcomed the Board and guests.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) introduced himself and noted that Taylor Redding would control the WebEx portion of the meeting. Jesse Hansen asked all attendees to sign-in if they haven't already done so and noted that this meeting was being recorded.

The in-person DVOMB members introduced themselves.

The DVOMB staff introduced themselves.

Taylor Redding introduced the online DVOMB members.

Taylor Redding introduced the on-line guests.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) introduced Kelly Lippitt as the new Office of Domestic Violence and Sex Offender Management (ODVSOM) Program Documentation Generalist. Kelly Lippitt gave a brief review of her past experience and background.

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) indicated to Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) that a quorum was present.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there was consensus to approve the March agenda.

There was consensus from the DVOMB members to approve the March agenda.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING MINUTES: (Attachment #1)

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) moved to approve the February 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Nil Buckley (DVOMB Member) 2nd the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) to prepare the vote.

Question #1

The motion passed with 11 votes to approve the February 2024 meeting minutes, 0 votes to object, and 2 votes to abstain.

Responses	Percent	Count
Yes	84.61%	11
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	15.39%	2
Totals	100.00%	13

Karen Morgenthaler was not present at time of vote

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff Announcements:

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) announced the following:

- Copies of the 2024 Annual Legislative Reports are available on the DVOMB Website and at this meeting. He indicated that if more copies are needed to please contact Jill Trowbridge.
- Pending Legislative bill updates will be made available via email soon.
- “Committee Charters and Updates” will be added to future meeting agendas to keep all informed of what is happening at the Committee level.
- The June Board Meeting was Cancelled by consensus of the Board.
- The Standards Revisions Committee may continue to meet in June.
- He indicated that changes to the DVOMB website and communications are being made in order to create accessibility continuity within the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ).
- He noted that the Teletherapy ARC Working Group has met a few times, and is currently on hiatus in order to analyze data based on recent research.

Taylor Redding (ODVSOM Staff) Announced:

Training Events:

- 2024 Training Calendar:
 - Advanced Series Training on “Assessing Risk for Sexual and Domestic Violence Recidivism: Latest Research, Including Cross-Cultural Validity” which will be held on April 18, 2024 by Dr. Helmus (full-day training) for DV and SO professionals. She noted that registration is free for Board Members.
 - Core Training:
 - DV101: DVRNA Training will be held on May 6th which is Virtual only
 - Lunch and Learn (for DV Providers only):
 - Parental Alienation training will be held on April 3, 2024, by Dr. William Beverly, and noted that this will be virtual only.
- Taylor Redding indicated that a JotForm for pre-registration for the LGBTQ+ training in Colorado Springs was sent out (this is not scheduled yet.)
- 2024 ODVSOM Conference Updates:
 - Conference Dates: 2nd week of July (7/9 - 7/12/24)
 - Conference Theme: Empowering Collaboration and Integration, Enabling System Enhancement Through Professional Connections
 - The conference sessions have been selected, and she indicated there are 42 sessions.
 - Award Nominations are open and due May 10th. The awards are: The Gary Bergen Sex Offender Management or Treatment Leadership Award, the Senator Norma Anderson Excellence in Victim Advocacy Award, and the Denise Fransua Domestic Violence Management Leadership Award.
 - There will be a “Board Member only” networking event on Tuesday, July 9th with the combined DV/SO Board Meeting on July 10th.

- The conference registration will open at the end of April and will close at the end of June.
- Carolina Frane (ODVSOM Staff):
 - No Announcements
- Yuanting Zhang (ODVSOM Staff):
 - Noted that March 8th is International Women’s Day.
 - She mentioned an available Demo on the Pocket Talk instantaneous translation device on March 11 at 2:30 pm at the 700 Kipling Street offices. She indicated that she will send out the link to this Demo if requested.

Board Announcements:

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) noted that she will be giving a training with Jaimie Hansen at the District Attorney’s office on Friday, March 15th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm called the Trauma Informed Approach to Mitigating Revictimization in the Criminal Justice System. She indicated she will send the information to Jesse Hansen if anyone is interested. Stephanie Fritts indicated she also put the Survey Monkey Registration in the meeting Chat.

Public Announcements:

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

REVISIONS TO SECTION 7.00 REGARDING TREATMENT VICTIM ADVOCATES (Discussion): (Attachment #2) - Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) and Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager)

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced the agenda item and noted that it will be the initial review and discussion.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) and Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager) provided an overview of the proposed revisions to Section 7.00 and the goals of these changes.

The following revisions were highlighted in the presentation:

- Connected the confidentiality of the Treatment Victim Advocate (TVA) to the community-based Victim Advocate
- Removed provisions for the Multi-Treatment Team (MTT) and the providers, and moved those to more relevant sections
- Discussed the role of the TVA as it is related to the MTT and included empowering language for the TVAs to help support their work

Section 7.00:

- Added Footnotes where needed
- Added definitions of the TVA as a Community-Based Advocate
- Added Confidentiality and Privilege requirement

Section 7.01:

- Added Provider “Cooperative Relationships” with the TVA and the Community and Systems-based victim advocates

Section 7.02:

- Added the “Role of Treatment Victim Advocates”
- Emphasized the role of the MTT in the treatment process

- Moved the Confidentiality Act to the Confidentiality Section
- Added more information about the TVA as a member of the MTT and collaboration as subject matter experts related to trauma and victim safety

Section 7.03:

- Reorganized the qualifications
- Changed language to include Associate Level
- Revised TVA training to fall in line with COVA/NOVA
- Revised the hour certification process
- Discussed TVA dual roles when there is a conflict of interest

Section 7.04:

- TVAs Initial Contact with the Victim
- The TVAs can share information with this victim's consent.
- Limits on confidentiality are to be consistent with community-based advocacy.
- Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) indicated that TVAs do not have legal protection of confidentiality and that by tying the relationship with community-based advocacy, that there might be some form of legal confidentiality protection. He noted that victim information is confidential and noted the need to maintain separate records for TVA files and Provider files.
- The revisions are trying to protect victims and TVAs in this document.

Board Discussion:

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) noted that there are still some areas for providers in this section that include "shalls" that should also be added to Section 5.00. Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) responded some of these could be added to Section 5.00 so that MTTs are also aware of what the provider responsibilities are. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager) indicated that some of the provider direction in Section 7.00 has been moved to Section 5.00 and noted that not all of it has transitioned over yet. He indicated that when all the pertinent provider direction is moved to Section 5.00 then that may be removed from Section 7.00 so there is no loss of direction for the TVA. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky indicated that the Committee is also looking at other MTT sections that should be carried over from Section 7.00.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) asked if the use of the term Certified Domestic Violence Treatment Victim Advocate refers to the COVA certification. Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) noted that the use of this term clarifies this as the Domestic Violence Treatment Victim Advocate with COVA as there are other certification levels within the COVA certification process. She noted that this is certified through COVA and used their language regarding the certification level.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) indicated that the Standards Revisions Committee brushed up the language in Section 9.00 to fall in line with DORA, and asked if the beginner, intermediate, or advances levels for COVA/NOVA are in line with the new DVOMB associate level. Jessica Fann responded that there are different specific levels of TVA certification through COVA. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky and Jessica Fann indicated the need to give TVAs an opportunity to work to higher levels of certification. Jessica Fann noted that the Committee has asked for suggestions from providers to clarify this language.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) questioned if in the "Domestic Violence Treatment Victim Advocates Shall be Violence Free" Section that a background check should be done on these individuals just as is done when reviewing provider qualifications. Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) responded yes and asked Erin Gazelka for suggested language for this. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) indicated that language in the Administrative Policies or Section 9.00 could be added to this section for provider clarification. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager) noted that employers should probably use the Standards when hiring for TVA positions and indicated that the Standards are suggestions for Providers when using a TVA. He mentioned that the DVOMB has no oversight over the TVA but mentioned that a TVA can be rejected based on their background check.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) asked about the language of Mandated Reporting in the Confidentiality Section. Jessica Fann indicated that the Committee used the community-based advocate mandated reporting Colorado

Revised Statutes language to create this language. She noted that when TVAs are in dual roles, they must follow both sets of rules and regulations for mandatory reporting.

Jessican Fann (DVOMB Member) asked Erin Gazelka for suggested provider language roles for the Violence Free section of these Standards.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) thanked the Victim Advocacy Committee regarding the large effort put forth creating these revisions. He noted that there are organizational changes where things are spread out in different areas that need to be corrected. Jesse Hansen noted that mandatory reporting changed from “community-based advocates shall inform approved providers” to “*may inform approved providers when a mandatory report has been made with a victim’s permission.*” He asked if there is any discussion on this point.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) noted her confusion in the language when mandated reporting is required and it is not known if it has been done. Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) indicated that language was created to address the expertise of the TVA and keeping the safety of victim. She noted that information will not be shared when it is not appropriate to share, and that it may be delayed in sharing. Jessica Fann noted that is why they removed “shall” and changed to “may” to protect the confidentiality of the TVA and to follow law. She noted that there needs to be a level of trust between the Provider and the TVA regarding sharing information.

Andrea Bradbury (DVOMB Member) indicated that is the difference between systems-based advocates and community-based advocates (TVAs) and noted the TVAs are doing what they are supposed to do. Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) indicated the continued need for victim safety. Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) noted the need to offer education to the victim regarding the roles of the TVA and the MTT and what can be disclosed legally.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager) noted that previously the Standards implied that the TVA was a junior associate to the treatment provider and indicated that the revisions are giving empowerment to the TVA role with professional qualifications and certifications. He mentioned the need to trust that the TVA will make the report (in emergency situations) and follow-up with the victim.

Jackie List (DVOMB Member) also noted that most times sharing the information is not a big deal for the victim.

Jeannette Barich (DVOMB Member) asked what the TVA training requirements are with the new role in the Standards. She asked if there is any training related to the Domestic Violence risk assessment tools for TVAs, if there is an increase in risk when reporting and what could be relevant. Jeannette Barich noted the need to find ways to collaborate indicated risk factors that drive treatment. Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) noted that TVAs should be required to be trained in DV101, DV102, DV103, and the DVRNA. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager) responded that only employers can mandate training for TVAs and that the Standards cannot require training for COVA certification. Jessica Fann described the differences between Community-Based TVA and Systems-based Victim Advocates and noted that the biggest differences are the confidentiality requirements. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky noted that some confidential disclosure language was removed to eliminate confusion and bad guidance.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) reiterated that TVAs have no overseeing agency except for the COVA/NOVA certification and noted that the DVOMB does not have purview over TVAs. She indicated that this language is guidance for training and how it falls in line with COVA/NOVA and stressed that only the provider has purview over the TVA.

Jeannette Barich (DVOMB Member) asked if TVAs have access for DV101, DV102, DVRNA training if they are registered with the DVOMB at an associate level. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) responded that this training is available to them and that they need to reach out to Taylor Redding (DVOMB Staff) and identify that they are a “Training TVA.” Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) noted that 30 hours of the 60-hour required training are to be DV specific.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there is any further discussion.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) indicated that the Victim Advocacy Committee will be informed of this discussion and any revisions before bringing this back to the DVOMB, possibly in April.

Public Discussion:

None

BYLAWS AND OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS ANNUAL BOARD TRAINING (Presentation & Discussion): (Attachment #3) - Danielle Lewis, Attorney General's Office

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced this item noting that it is a presentation and discussion item. She then referred it to Danielle Lewis for the presentation.

Danielle Lewis presented the Annual Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), Open Meetings Law (OML) and Statutory training and covered the following topics as follows:

- Purpose of the Annual Training
- Governing Law and Policy
- DVOMB Purpose
- DVOMB Membership
- Membership
- DVOMB Other Mandates
- Miscellaneous
- Other Best Practices
- Board and Commission Conduct
- Conflicts of Interest - Policy
- Additional Affirmation for DVOMB
- DVOMB Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Conflicts of Interest
- Wise Old Owl (OML) - Open Meetings Law
- What Does OML Require?
- Except in Executive Sessions
- Attorney Advice in Executive Session
- Guy v. Whitsitt - 19CA125
- Executive Session Recordings and Discovery
- Ask the Magic 8 Ball - Is this a Public Meeting?
- Not This CORA
- CORA - Colorado Records Act
- CORA Requests to DVOMB
- Remember: Dance like nobody's watching...but email like it will one day be read aloud at a deposition.
- Checklist for Ethical Behavior
- Contact Information

Board Discussion:

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) noted that the Application Review Committee (ARC) recuses when a conflict arises and asked all to please email staff with questions. He indicated that if contacted by the media, to not represent yourself on behalf of the Board, and noted that the same applies when testifying.

Audience Discussion:

None

SECTION 1.0 REVISIONS REGARDING PURVIEW OF THE DVOMB (Presentation & Review): (Attachment #4) - Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator, and Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair)

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced this item noting that it is a discussion and voting item. She then referred it to Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) to update the Board regarding revisions made by the Executive Committee to Section 1.0.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Coordinator) reviewed that the DVOMB Standards still have purview over Domestic Violence offenders that have criminal charges (or if the charges have been dropped) without an underlying factual basis of domestic violence and are required by the Courts (both Criminal and Civil) to enter into Domestic

Violence Offender related treatment. He noted that due to the information received from the Attorney General's office, revisions to Section 1.00 have been suggested as follows:

Added and reformatted the language as follows:

- 1.01-1. Board Purview
- 1.02-2. When the DVOMB does not have purview
- 1.01-3. Youth who Engage in Relationship Abuse

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) read the following statement listed in the Standards under Section 1.02.2 and asked Danielle Lewis (Attorney General Representative) if the DVOMB has purview or not: "Where a party is receiving services for Domestic Abuse behavior provided by a County Department of Human Services/Social services (DHS/DSS) without a legal requirement." Danielle Lewis responded that to her knowledge that the DVOMB does not have purview over these cases. Yolanda Arredondo (DHS/DSS Representative) responded that there is nothing that specifically states that DHS/DSS must follow the DVOMB Standards but indicated that best practice would be to follow those Standards.

Danielle Lewis (Attorney General Representative) noted that there could be a question if DHS/DSS is providing treatment that is not best practice, and that the DVOMB would not have purview over those. She indicated that DHS/DSS treatment alignment with the DVOMB Standards would be good best practice. Yolanda Arredondo (DVOMB Member) noted there are times when the Courts order an evaluation (in dependency and neglect cases at the County level) that does not have to be given by a DVOMB approved provider or there is no choice in selecting the provider. She indicated that when an offender is involved in those cases is where there is a lack of alignment with the DVOMB Standards.

It was noted that Karen Morgenthaler (DVOMB Member) arrived at 9:30 am

Board Discussion:

None

Audience Discussion:

None

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) to prepare the vote.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) made a motion to approve the revisions made to Section 1.0 regarding Purview as presented.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) 2nd the motion.

The Session ID: #508506

Question #2

The motion passed with 14 votes to approve the revisions made to Section 1.0 regarding Purview, 0 votes to object, and 0 votes to abstain.

Responses	Percent	Count
Yes	100.00%	14
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	0.00%	0
Totals	100.00%	14

The order of the agenda was changed by consensus due to timing.

TRAVELING BOARD MEETING OPTIONS FOR 2024 (Discussion & Consensus): (No Attachment) - Jesse Hansen and Taylor Redding, DVOMB Staff

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced this item as a discussion and consensus item. She then deferred to Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) and Taylor Redding (ODVSOM Staff) for more information.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) indicated the following potential DVOMB meeting sites as follows:

- Pueblo
- Alamosa
- Colorado Springs

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) noted that Alamosa would be the best option for the traveling Board meeting as the DVOMB has not had a Board meeting in that location in the past.

Nil Buckley (DVOMB Member) agreed that Alamosa would be a good location and Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) noted that this is an underserved area.

Taylor Redding (ODVSOM Staff) indicated that the Traveling Board meeting date will be on October 11th, 2024.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) asked if transportation would be provided. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Manager) responded that a bus might be a good choice for Board transportation. It was indicated that the ARC meeting might have to be moved to another date due to this traveling Board meeting.

BREAK: 11:10 - 11:34

REQUIREMENT IN STANDARD 4.05 FOR THE SECOND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT (Discussion & Consensus): (Attachment #6) Jeanette Barich (DVOMB Member)

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced this item as a discussion and consensus item. She then referred to Jeanette Barich and Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) for more information.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) indicated that it was questioned in Section 4.05 2. A. if an additional risk assessment instrument needs to be required as the DVRNA-R has not been validated for all populations. He then asked for provider input regarding what additional risk assessments should be included, if any.

Board Discussion:

Jeanette Barich (DVOMB Member) noted that a second risk assessment was required as the DVRNA-R had not been validated at the time that Section 4.05 2. A. was created. She noted that the DRVNA-R is not normed for certain populations and indicated that evaluators should be using the appropriate risk assessments for those specific populations.

Nil Buckley (DVOMB Member) agreed with Jeanette Barich that the providers know that the DVRNA-R has been not validated for certain populations and that a different assessment tool may be needed to determine risk. She indicated that the removal of "At least one additional domestic violence risk assessment instrument" be deleted from this section, and to add that a different risk assessment may be used for certain populations.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) noted that the DVRNA-R has been normed and that there may be revisions to the instrument due to the DVRNA-R pilot program.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) responded that providers can use a secondary instrument when other types of criminological behaviors would require that. He noted that the DVRNA-R could still be the sole assessment requirement. Jesse Hansen indicated that the pilot project will gather empirical data for a couple of years before any changes to the DVRNA-R are made. He indicated that in the meantime that providers should interpret what assessment tools are appropriate for their client needs.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) indicated that the use of the DVRNA-R is good for post-sentence clients, and not necessarily good for pre-sentence clients. Nil Buckley (DVOMB Member) suggested for pre-sentence clients that the use of a secondary assessment be included in the Standards until the DVRNA-R has been validated.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked where this revision should be made in the Standards, and indicated that if this is a short-term change, then to fast-track the revision to Section 5.0.

There was DVOMB consensus to send this to the Standards Revisions Committee for fast-track revisions to Section 5.0.

Public Discussion:

None

BREAK: 11:47 am - 12:15 pm

LUNCH AND LEARN: NATIONAL BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH (Presentation & Discussion): (Attachment #4) - Russha Knauer and Anne DePrince

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced this item as a discussion item. She then referred it to Russha Knauer of the MindSource Brain Injury Network (CDHS) & Anne DePrince (DU) for more information.

Russha Knauer and Anne DePrince (Presenters) discussed their background and experience in the brain injury field. Some of the highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- MindSource is the lead State Agency on Brain Injury
- MindSource manages the Colorado Brain Injury Trust Fund
- Per Statute - 55% of trust fund is spent on Client Services, and the balance goes to research, education, and program activity funds
- Acquired Brain Injuries:
 - Acquired Brain Injury (ABI): Loss of oxygen to the brain
 - Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): External blow to the head
- Classification of Severity:
 - Mild
 - Moderate
 - Severe
- In Colorado over 500,000 people are living with a brain injury
- Scope of Problem
- Leading Causes of Traumatic Brain Injury
 - Falls
 - Being struck in the head
 - For children - child abuse
 - Adolescents - engaging in risk-taking behaviors
- TBI and Correctional Services
- Criminogenic Need and Brain Injury
- TBI's
 - Increase Agitation
 - Increase Depression
 - Increase Irritability
 - Decreases Self-regulation, planning
- Nationally
- Criminal Justice, Screening, Research
- What does this tell us?
 - Justice Involved Individuals Cause of Injury
 - Reducing Recidivism for justice involved individuals
- Probation Specific Findings

- Results
 - Co-Occurring Experiences
 - Mental Health Fallout
 - Substance Abuse and Brain Injury
- The Invisible Victims of Traumatic Brain Injury
- How Common are TBIs after Intimate Partner Abuse?
- A Study was discussed in Denver regarding Traumatic Brain Injury
 - The results:
 - Our findings are in line with others - 20-75% of participants with TBI
 - Women's Health Project
 - Extending research beyond emergency settings to women seeking services after intimate partner violence
 - Co-Occurring Psychological Distress
 - PTSD
 - Depression
 - 3 Months Later
 - Exploring factors that might make risk detection and response more difficult
 - 10% of women reported a new head injury with AOC
- Other sources of potential brain injuries
 - 69% of participants had been strangled by the target intimate partner
 - Implications
 - Victim Advocacy
 - Victim doesn't show up for interview or to Court
 - Lack of cooperation
 - Implications for Screening
 - Implications for Support
- Basic Accommodations
 - Multiple reminders
 - The need to write down information
- Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Russha Knauer (Presenter):

- Added the Colorado Brain Injury Model to TBI screening and noted that very few agencies and providers screen for TBI
 - Screen for lifetime history
 - Screen for bothersome cognitive impairments
 - Provide individualized strategies and support
 - Adjust professional approach
- Colorado Symptoms Questionnaire
- Tips and Strategies (Memory Problems)
- New Tool: Colorado Online Brain Injury Screening and Support System (OBISS)
 - This tool is valid and client self-screened
 - Mindsource pays for this screening tool
 - The Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) - will train on Brain Injury 101
 - Recommend that providers screen for TBI

Russha Knauer (Presenter) asked Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) to be on the Leading Practices Academy (LPA) team and noted that there are 5 teams (States) which are focusing on TBI and Domestic Violence.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there was consensus from the Board to allow Jesse Hansen to be a part of this team. There was consensus from the DVOMB.

Board Discussion:

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) indicated that the Denver University Forensic Nursing program is screening for TBI, and asked if there is a push for other nursing programs to include this screening. Russha Knauer (Presenter) responded that there are some that use the "A Screening" tool in emergency rooms and will provide treatment

for those who test positive. She noted the need to expand screening and treatment for TBIs in Colorado emergency rooms.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there is a push to train law enforcement to recognize TBIs. Russha Knauer responded that there has been training for law enforcement officers for years and noted that MindSource and the Brain Injury Alliance in Colorado is working to create materials that can be sent or downloaded to patrol cars and victim advocates. Anne DePrince (Presenter) also noted that some of the forms used have not been adapted yet, so screening may be overlooked.

Andrea Bradbury (DVOMB) asked regarding educating Patrol on TBIs if there is a training video or continuing education that can be self-directed instead of in-person training. She noted that for advocacy that there was an information card/brochure outlining strangulation symptoms and asked if there is something like that available for TBIs. Anne DePrince (Presenter) responded that altered consciousness is complicated and hard to capture.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) noted the need to get the information to victim advocates which would be helpful, such as in-person training that give more background information before watching a video. Anne DePrince (Presenter) responded that there is a need to find a way to present this information that is not alarming.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) asked if there were times where the screening indicated that there was a TBI which provides an explanation of symptoms, and how a life looks post-brain injury. Russha Knauer (Presenter) indicated that the BHA wants to create training and will create training for specific situations (i.e., brain injury as a result of substance abuse, brain injury in children, brain injury as a result of physical abuse.)

Russha Knauer (Presenter) indicated that MindSource has an Advisory Board (oversees the finances) and the Colorado Advisory Council on Brain Injury, who will create and implement the State plan on brain injury. She noted that both the Board and the Council are looking for new members.

Yoland Arredondo (DVOMB Member) indicated the need for training for child welfare staff when working with or interviewing young children who then disclose a loss of consciousness of a parent.

Lindsey Spraker (Audience Member) expressed the need for all providers to screen for TBIs when doing intakes with clients who have committed offenses as they often have had TBIs which are undiagnosed or mis-diagnosed.

Jeannette Barich (DVOMB Member) thanked Russha Knauer and Anne DePrince for this presentation and how it impacts emotional regulation and the need for screening for TBIs for both offenders and victims.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Program Manager) asked the presenters if they have assessed brain injuries in victims which could be used against them in competency cases. Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) responded that prosecutors need to be trained in this, or to have a professional discussion of this with a jury. Russha Knauer (Presenter) noted that those who go to the hospital may not be screened for head injury. She indicated that there have been concerns regarding competency of the offenders or victims, but indicated she has not seen those concerns come to fruition. Russha Knauer asked for victim representatives to share this screening as a resource, but to not use the results in their legal files. Anne DePrince (Presenter) noted the need to use the screening results and ethical considerations in a conservative way.

Lindsey Spraker (Audience Member) shared a story of a significant concussion that was not diagnosed and not treated. She had a brain scan which has helped heal her own issues because of the injury. Lindsay Spraker noted that the screening, continued education, training, and treatment can mitigate the symptoms of brain injuries for both victims and offenders. Anne DePrince (presenter) responded that undiagnosed brain injuries are a definite factor with offenders and victims and may perpetuate recidivism.

Lindsey Spraker (Audience Member) indicated that due to her diagnosis her partner has information to help Lindsay navigate and reduce risk. She noted that support for those with brain injuries is very helpful for clients in reducing risk.

Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) thanked the presenters for this presentation and discussion. He noted that some of this information may be included in the Standards.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (ODVSOM Manager) noted that there is a need for strategies for prosecutors and law enforcement on how to question, how to explain to a jury, to keep information short and concise, and how to elicit information when investigating those who may have had traumatic brain injuries.

Russha Knauer (Presenter) thanked the DVOMB for letting her come and present this very difficult topic.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

APPROVED



	Motion to approve the February Minutes.	Motion to approve the Revisions to Section 1.0 Regarding DVOMB Purview.
Name	Q1	Q2
Nil Buckley	1	1
Bradley Burbach	NP	NP
Nicole Collins	1	1
Andrea Bradbury	1	1
Jessica Fann	1	1
Lori Griffith	1	1
Stephanie Fritts	1	1
Jennifer Parker	NP	NP
Karen Morgenthaler	NP	1
Michelle Hunter	NP	1
Sandie Campanella	1	1
Glory McDaniel	3	1
Yolanda Arredondo	1	1
Tally Zuckerman	NP	NP
Erin Gazelka	3	1
Jackie List	1	1
Jeanette Barich	1	1
Tracey Martinez	1	NP
Raechel Alderete	NP	NP
Total	Yes = 11 No = 0 Abstain = 2 Total Present = 13	Yes = 14 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Total Present = 14

Key

1 = Yes

2 = No

3 = Abstain

NP = Not Present