

SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (SOMB) MINUTES

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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

SOMB Members

Allie Miller
Amanda Retting
Andrew Luxen
Casey Ballinger
David Bourgeois
Jason Lamprecht
Jeff Baker
Katie Abeyta
Katie Ruske
Lauren Rivas
Lisa Mayer
Mike Knotek
Nicole Feltz
Priscilla Loew
Sarah Croog
Sonya Hickson
Taber Powers
Theresa Weiss

Ada Padilla
Adrienne Batres
Alison Talley
Amy Rosengrants-Smith
Anthony Hudson
Bart Cox
Brendan Collison
Candice Waltrip
Cathy Rodriguez
Chanelle B.
Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky
Cody Smith
Cortez Harvey
Daniel Barrientos
Daniela Rios
David Kalis
Elana Serrano
Gary Reser
Gina Tambone
Gladys Ruelas

Guests

Heather Johnson
Holly Harris-Yanker
James Bailey
James Lander
Jamie Cline
Jayme Ikelman
Jennifer Rudner
Jessica Peters
Jon Mindos
Justin Ensinger
Kara Kyle
Katelyn Harrison
Katie Annan
Keith Manchester
Kevin Bishop
Kristin Kubacki
Lawrence Garner
Leonel Godina
Maricela Gamboa
Mary Blevins
Matsen Hartsoe
Mireya Alcocer
Missy Gurksy
Nicki Carroll
Sera Bennett
Shannon Folz
Shawn Billings
Tara Saulibio
Taralyn Clark
Tatianna Perez
Tiffi Thompson
Tom Nelson
Tracy Gremilla
Victoria Lonstrom
Yanson Baker

Absent SOMB Members: Jessica Dotter, Kimberly Kline, Michelle Simmons, Norma Aguilar-Dave

Staff Present: Agatha Chronos, Erin Austin, Jesse Hansen, Maija Roscoe, Paige Brown, Rachael Collie, Raechel Alderete

SOMB Meeting Begins: 9:02 am

This meeting was recorded.

INTRODUCTIONS/ATTENDANCE:

Katie Abeyta (SOMB Vice-Chair) introduced herself and welcomed the SOMB members in attendance along with the members of the public. She then read the meeting rules and expectations.

The SOMB in-person members gave extended introductions, and Raechel Alderete (SOMB Staff) introduced the Board members attending online.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (DCJ Deputy Director) introduced himself and mentioned his experience and clinical background in the sex offender field. He then introduced the DCJ Director, Matt Lunn (in absentia). He also explained the various components of the Department of Public Safety and the Division of Criminal Justice's role in that department. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky noted that Director Lunn is currently traveling around Colorado and meeting with various communities and inviting them to learn more about the Division of Criminal Justice plan and to elicit input from all.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Board:

Katie Ruske (SOMB Board Member) requested that the Board consider creating a guidance document for those who create safety plans for supervising authorities and treatment providers.

Audience:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff:

Raechel Alderete (ODVSOM Program Coordinator) announced the following:

- Reminded all that the August 15th SOMB meeting will be for Strategic Planning work and will be held at the Sungate Kids facility located in Greenwood Village.
- She noted that Board members will receive a packet of information that will include background analysis and survey data and other relevant information a few weeks before the Strategic Planning meeting for their review. Raechel Alderete indicated Dr. Candice Waltrip who was present at the meeting, will be one of the strategic planning facilitators for this session.

Paige Brown (SOMB Implementation Specialist) indicated that the request for proposal for developing victim representative training has been sent out to the field and noted they are looking for responses to that request.

Rachael Collie (SOMB Data Analyst) indicated that the Provider Feedback survey has been sent out to all providers (Treatment, Evaluators, Polygraph Examiners) to capture provider responses for the upcoming SOMB Strategic planning meeting. She noted that the second survey is the Annual Lifetime Supervision survey and asked that one provider per agency complete this.

Board Announcements:

None

Audience Announcements:

None

APPROVAL OF MAY 2025 SOMB MINUTES (Decision Item): (Attachment #1)

Katie Ruske (SOMB Member) made a motion to approve the May 2025 SOMB Minutes as presented.

Taber Powers (SOMB Member) 2nd the motion.

Board Discussion:

None

The vote was made by raising hands.

Motion to approve the May 2025 SOMB Minutes as presented: Katie Ruske; Taber Powers 2nd (Question #1)

16	Approve	0	Oppose	1	Abstain	Motion Passes
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APPROVE AGENDA:

The agenda was approved by consensus.

DOC SUPPORT EDUCATION PROGRAM (Presentation & Discussion): (No Attachment) - Tom Nelson, SOMB Provider, DOC; Tanya Ahamed, SOMB Provider, RSA; Erin Austin, SOMB Implementation Specialist

Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) introduced presenters Tom Nelson (SOMB Provider) and Tanya Ahamed (SOMB Provider) who presented on the Department of Corrections regarding approved supervision within the Department of Corrections (DOC).

Erin Austin (SOMB Staff), Tom Nelson (DOC) and Tanya Ahamed (Treatment Provider - RSA) then reviewed the following information regarding the Support Education Program (SEP):

Overview

- Mission & Change Initiative
- History of Support Education Program (SEP)
- Filling the Gaps
- SOMB Standards Application
- Community Implementation
- Goals and Summary

SOTMP Mission

Support Education Program (SEP) Mission

The Problem(s)

- Housing
- Family reunification
- Parental separation

SOMB Standards Application

- Approved Supervision Standards
- Supervised Contact within DOC
- Roles of Community Support & Family Members
- Transition to Parole, Continuity of Care and Re-entry

Community Implementation

- Parole/Comm Cor Plans
- Treatment Intake
- 5.7 Assessment
- Continuity of Care
- Community Re-Entry and Stability

Goals & Summary

- Improve Positive Support while clients are in DOC
- Increase options for Parole release plans, reduce homelessness or placement outside of the home
- Increase Continuity of Care from DOC to Community Providers

Board Discussion:

An audience member asked how Parole is going to receive the information that there is an Approved Support person in a home with a minor child. Tom Nelson (DOC) responded by requesting to send him a quick email or phone call, and he will look that information up. Tanya Ahamed (SOMB Provider) indicated that typically when a client comes out of DOC, that the providers reach out to Natasha Kindred (DOC Community Liaison) to receive all the client information from the SOTMP program. She also indicated that they would receive the certificate of the Approved Support person along with proof of a background check for that client. Amanda Retting (SOMB Member) responded that the client SOTMP therapist will let Natasha Kindred know about these situations to ensure there is an approved support person in the home. Maija Roscoe (SOMB Staff) responded to check the offender portal that includes PPI information. She also indicated that those who attend the re-entry meetings for offenders and family members have helped set up the offenders for success when coming out of DOC.

Amanada Retting (SOMB Board) member reiterated that the clients coming out of DOC who have an Approved Supervisor are those who have successfully completed SOTMP while in DOC to have contact with minors upon release.

Audience Discussion:

Gary Reser (Audience Member) commented that there could be a gap in services when an individual comes out of prison due to the need for a new contract with a therapist/agency. Tanya Ahamed (SOMB Provider) responded that family support and the Approved Supervisor will help during transition and indicated that the client's new therapist should follow-up with the previous provider to get the client background information and all reports to ensure continuity of care during the transition time. Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) indicated the need for all involved to stay connected to ensure better outcomes for the client.

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT REGARDING INTERNET USE (Presentation & Discussion) (Attachment #2) - Dr. Rachael Collie, SOMB Researcher and Erin Austin, SOMB Implementation Specialist

Dr. Rachael Collie and Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) gave the following presentation on the Guidance Document regarding internet use as follows:

Internet Access and Electronic Monitoring suggested Guidance:

Purpose of a Guidance Document:

- Share relevant research
- Provide practical recommendations
- Serve as a resource

Background Context

- 2018 Judicial Dept. - Reforms removed blanket bans
- 2019 SOMB White Paper
- 2023 Colorado Court of Appeals Silvanic Case
- 2024 SOMB Annual Legislative Report
- 2025 Development & Revision Process

Evaluating Risk Factors for Internet Access and Electronic Monitoring within SOMB Adult Treatment and Supervision

- Purpose and Scope
- Online Behavior in Context
- Key Research Findings on Risk Factors
- Domains for Evaluation
- Integrating Protective Factors
- Alignment with SOMB Standards
- Practice Recommendations & Key Takeaways

Purpose and Scope

- SOMB Professionals
- Assessing & managing Risk
- Research-Informed Practices
- Balanced Decision-Making

Online Behavior in Context

- Internet access is ubiquitous
- Internet use is Not inherently risky
- Can be criminogenic or protective
- Restrictions: Targeted & proportionate, responsive

Key Research Findings on Risk Factors

- Online sexual activity (OSA)
- No empirical support for blanket bans
- Targeted Restrictions
- Crossover risk
- Specific high-risk areas

Domains for Evaluation

- Internet use
- Social networking sites
- Sexually oriented and stimulating materials
- Risk-relevant factors (Adults, Young Adults)

Integrating Protective Factors

- Reduce recidivism
- Structured assessment
- Protective domains

Alignment with SOMB Standards

- Evaluation Standard 2.210: Potential risk management strategies
- Treatment Standard 3.410: Provider-Client Contract
- Treatment Standard 3.160: Core treatment concepts
- Supervision Standard 3.160: Strategies to support behavior change

Practice Recommendations & Key Takeaways

- Evaluate how sexual interests/behaviors are expressed via electronic devices
- Integrate evaluation findings into access decisions
- Use individualized, responsive contract with graduated monitoring

- Adhere to Court/Parole Board orders, obtain device inventory, use Computer Use Agreements, develop safety plans

Pivoting Towards Safety Planning

- Bridging Guidance and Practice: Internet Safety Planning
- Key Concepts

Aligning with Our Direction - Why Add a Safety Planning Component?

- Current document already
- Opens the door
- We could build

Discussion for Board

- Strengthening the Connection
- Developing a Safety Planning Toolkit
- Making it Work for Providers

Next Steps

- Current Guidance Document
 - Best Practices Committee - Public comment review
 - Board Meeting Decision Item - Vote to approve, return to the committee for further work, or table for later consideration
 - Implementation Steps - Added to Standards; Communication Training Support
 - Potential Safety Planning Resources - If Supported by the Board
 - Bring to Best Practices Committee
 - Begin drafting a Safety Planning Toolkit
 - Involve stakeholders in shaping the format & content
 - Pilot with providers and review based on feedback
 - Bring to the Board for discussion

Board Discussion:

Lauren Rivas (SOMB Board Member) expressed concern with the social networking piece of this document due to sexual conviction restrictions on social network sites.

Raechel Alderete noted that this discussion will continue at the August 12th Best Practice Committee meeting. She reviewed the process being used with this document which included another period of revisions and then indicated it will come back to the Board for a final decision item in September. Raechel Alderete indicated that this will be an Appendix and noted that the appendices approval process is the same as for Standards approval process.

Katie Abeyta (SOMB Vice-Chair) indicated that all SOMB committee meetings are on the Public Calendar with meeting information and meeting links included. She encouraged all to attend any or all SOMB committee meetings.

Sonya Hickson (DYS - Interim SOMB Member) asked regarding internet use that the Approved Supervisors are also educated on the various aspects of internet use. Rachael Collie (SOMB Data Analyst) responded that this is a good suggestion to take back to the Best Practices Committee.

Audience Discussion:

Audience Member noted that those coming out of incarceration do not have a job or the money to purchase the electronic monitoring system. Taber Powers responded that the electronic monitoring guidance is for those who really need it and not for many of those coming out of incarceration.

Cathy Rodriguez (Audience Member - Parole Board) noted that currently the Parole Board does not mandate those conditions regarding the internet or monitoring but may be required by Parole. She also indicated that the use of polygraph monitoring may still be used for those individuals who are at higher risk.

An Audience Member asked about the use of AI that is emerging quickly. Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) responded that the SOMB will have to create guidance that is not always research based on these types of situations and indicated that this information will go to the Best Practices Committee for further review and investigation.

Dr. Candice Waltrip (Audience Member) noted that regarding the social media use in Utah they let social media providers that already self-police and then supplement with further restrictions as needed.

No further discussion.

BOARD MEETING ADJOURNS: 11:00 am

Respectfully,

Jill Trowbridge
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Jill Trowbridge Date
Program Assistant



Katie Abeyta Date
Vice-Chair of the SOMB 11/7/25

VOTES

Question #1

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 2025 MINUTES AS PRESENTED

The motion passed with 16 votes to approve the
May 2025 Minutes, 0 votes to object, and
1 vote to abstain

Responses		
	Percent	Count
Yes	94.12%	16
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	5.88%	1
Totals	100%	17