

COLORADO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2025

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ATTENDANCE:

Domestic Violence Board Members Present:

Andrea Bradbury, Erin Gazelka, Glory McDaniel, Jeanette Barich, Jennifer Parker, Jessica Fann, Karen Morgenthaler, Lori Griffith, Michelle Hunter, Nicole Collins, Nil Buckley, Sandra Campanella, Stephanie Fritts, Tally Zuckerman, Yolanda Arredondo, Roshan Kalantar, Raechel Alderete

Domestic Violence Board Members Absent:

Hon. Bradley Burback, Tracey Martinez

Staff Present:

Brittinie Sandoval, Carolina Frane, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Jill Trowbridge, Ellen Creecy, Rachael Collie, Taylor Kriesel, and Yuanting Zhang

Guests:

Mike Johnson, Ellen Stein Wallace, Elizabeth Alvarez, Kristina Carrera, Sade Lee, Erin Walker, Mindy Walker, Mark Held, Kaye Knaub, Sharon Griffin, Gail Prim, Sophia Mokhtari, Courtney Sutton, Marquis Phillipe, Kat Foreman, Laura Carter-Beck

INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting convened at 9:04 AM

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced herself as the Chair and welcomed the Board and guests. She indicated that quorum was present.

Carolina Frane (ODVSOM Staff) introduced herself and announced that she has been promoted to the position of DVOMB Program Coordinator. She welcomed everyone and noted that the meeting was being recorded and to contact Taylor Kriesel if anyone is experiencing technical issues. She asked that Board members and guests sign in.

Taylor Kriesel (ODVSOM Staff) introduced herself and announced that new microphones were being tested during the meeting and explained how to use the microphones. She indicated that she would be monitoring the online attendees.

The in-person DVOMB members introduced themselves.

Jesse Hansen introduced the online DVOMB members and the guests.

The ODVSOM staff introduced themselves.

The in-person guests introduced themselves.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (Division of Criminal Justice Staff) introduced himself and congratulated Carolina on her promotion. He then thanked the Board members for their work.

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

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) then moved to the next agenda item related to reviewing the November minutes.

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

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) made a motion to approve the November Minutes as presented.

Jeanette Barich (DVOMB Member) 2nd the motion.

There was no discussion on the motion.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked staff to prepare the vote.

The Session ID: In person voting.

Question #1

The motion passed with 15 votes to approve the November 2024 meeting minutes, 0 votes to object, and 2 votes to abstain.

Responses	Percent	Count
Yes	88.24%	15
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	11.76%	2
Totals	100.00%	17

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff Announcements:

Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff) announced the following:

- The 2025 Annual Legislative Report is ready to be submitted. He thanked DVOMB Approved Providers (Providers) for their help with submitting data, and thanked the research team, including Dr. Collie, Dr. Zhang, and Alyssa Dalen.
- Alyssa Dalen is now working full time with the Office of Victim Programs. The Staff Researcher position will be posted soon.
- Staff will give a presentation to the Joint Judiciary Committee on the 2025 Annual Legislative Report tentatively on January 29. The presentation will summarize findings from analysis and highlight policy issues recommended by the DVOMB. Jesse will email the Board when the date is set.
- January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Maria Trujillo, Program Coordinator from the Human Trafficking Council, will be presenting at the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) meeting on January 17. DVOMB members can attend in person or virtually.
- NPR published an article in September 2022 regarding the prevalence of human trafficking. He shared an infographic that shows the intersection between human trafficking and domestic violence. This is important to consider both from an assessment, treatment, and victim standpoint. He encouraged everyone to share article.
- Thoughts and prayers go out to California from the impact of wildfires. There is unprecedented economic and environmental devastation.
- There will be a board appreciation luncheon after the meeting adjourns.

Carolina Frane (ODVSOM Staff):

- She thanked the DVOMB for the vote of confidence in her new position. She is excited and passionate about the field and feels grateful to work with all DVOMB members.
- The Standards are updated twice a year, once in January and once in June. The January revisions are in the final stages and the finalized document will be posted on website.
- New competencies have reached the end of the implementation period. All Providers must be using new competencies effective January 1, 2025.

Taylor Kriesel (ODVSOM Staff):

- Training Events:
 - DV101: January 21
 - DV102: February 18
 - DV103: March 18
 - DV Lunch and Learn with Erin Gazelka: Understanding the Difference Between Criminogenic Needs and Responsivity will be held on February 5.
 - She noted that DV Lunch and Learns are for Providers and Treatment Victim Advocates (TVAs) only.
- ODVSOM Conference:
 - Call for papers was sent out December 16 and will be due at the beginning of February.
 - The July DVOMB meeting will be held July 9, and the DVOMB member networking event will be held July 8.

Brittanie Sandoval (ODVSOM Staff)

- The final round of Standards Compliance Reviews was sent out in December 2024. All 10% have been initiated for the two-year period.
- The deadline for the Application Review Committee to review submitted materials at the February meeting is January 27.

Yuanting Zhang (ODVSOM Staff)

- Chinese New Year is January 29 and there will be a celebration in Denver held on January 25. She indicated to contact her for discounted tickets and more information.

Board Announcements:

Nil Buckley (DVOMB Member) discussed issues with assessments for individuals that are going through diversion and not through sentencing. Individuals going through diversion cannot always pursue a presentence evaluation due to financial concerns. She stated that she has faced challenges regarding how to complete comprehensive assessments while considering the needs of the individual. She noted that she would appreciate more guidance being incorporated into the Standards.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) acknowledged the concerns and that the Executive Committee would take the request under advisement as a potential future agenda item.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) stated she would also appreciate more guidance from the victim perspective. Nicole Collins (DVOMB Member) agreed that access to evaluations is important and will provide better outcomes.

Public Announcements:

None.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRSHIP (DISCUSSION & VOTE):

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) announced this will be her last meeting as DVOMB Chair. She expressed gratitude to the DVOMB and shared that she has learned a lot and has become a more well-rounded prosecutor. She noted she will remain on the board until May. She asked if there were any board members that would like to nominate someone or themselves as Chair. Stephanie nominated Michelle Hunter (DVOMB Member).

Board Discussion:

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) and Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) supported the nomination of Michelle Hunter.

Audience Discussion:

None.

VOTE TO ELECT MICHELLE HUNTER AS DVOMB CHAIR:

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) made a motion to elect Michelle Hunter as DVOMB Chair.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) 2nd the motion.

Michelle Hunter left the room for the vote.

Session ID: 549442

The motion passed with 16 votes to elect Michelle Hunter as DVOMB Chair, 0 votes to object, and 1 vote to abstain.

Question #2

Responses	Percent	Count
Yes	94.12%	16
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	5.88%	1
Totals	100.00%	17

Roshan Kalantar and Glory McDaniel voted "Yes" in the chat.

PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW: APPENDIX - OVERVIEW FOR WORKING WITH LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION SERVICES (DISCUSSION & VOTE) (Attachment #2) - Jennifer Parker, DVOMB Board Member and Carolina Frane, ODVSOM Staff

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) indicated that this a discussion and voting item and referred to Jennifer Parker (DVOMB Member) and Carolina Frane (ODVSOM Staff). Jennifer noted that the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee now meets quarterly to raise continued awareness. She reminded the Board and guests to be aware of the impact that this work has on historically marginalized communities, encourage the value and need to be culturally humble, to be aware of privilege held, and purposefully encourage the inclusion of all people impacted by the decisions made today. Jennifer stated that the DEIB Committee reviewed each public comment thoroughly. Carolina also emphasized that all public comments were taken into consideration, however, some comments address issues that are outside the purview of the DVOMB. Carolina noted there was a comment regarding Google translate, and the Standards do not speak to any one specific translation software. No changes were made to the Appendix based on the public comments.

Board Discussion:

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there was any discussion from Board members. There were concerns voiced about relying on Google translate software for treatment. Carolina shared that she has spoken to a provider that used Google translate as an aid during treatment when necessary, and that the Standards do not speak directly to any specific translation software. A Board member noted there are differences between professional translators, family members, and interpretive software. The DEIB Committee thoroughly discussed the use of Google translate for treatment and possible issues with HIPAA compliance. Carolina clarified that the Standards speak to interpretative services, implying the use professional translators and not simply computer software, highlighting the difference between interpretation and translation.

Public Discussion:

None.

VOTE ON REVISIONS TO APPENDIX - OVERVIEW FOR WORKING WITH LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION SERVICES

Raechel Alderete (DVOMB Member) made a motion to approve the Revisions to the Appendix as presented.

Tally Zuckerman (DVOMB Member) 2nd the motion.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked staff to prepare the vote.

The Session ID: 549442

The motion passed with 17 votes to approve the changes to Appendix as presented, 0 votes to object, and 0 votes to abstain.

Question #3

Responses	Percent	Count
Yes	100.00%	17
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	0.00%	0
Totals	100.00%	17

Roshan Kalantar voted "Yes" in the chat.

FOCUS GROUPS RELATED TO THE BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER TREATMENT IN NON-CRIMINAL CASES (PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION): Yolanda Arredondo, DVOMB Board Member and Jesse Hansen, ODVSOM Staff

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) indicated that this a presentation and discussion item and referred to Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff). Jesse discussed that previously, the Board helped provide direction and resources in creating guidelines for youth who are engaging in relationship abuse, which was published in 2021. He introduced the idea that the Board and its partners could create something similar for non-criminal cases in the Division of Child Welfare. The Division of Child Welfare has contracted with Johnson and Wallace Consulting to help accomplish this work. Ellen Stein Wallace and Mike Johnson from Johnson and Wallace Consulting will be presenting on this project. Yolanda Arredondo (DVOMB Member) explained that the goal is to create guidelines for parents or caregivers that are involved in dependency and neglect court cases or non-court cases where there are concerns for child welfare.

Ellen Stein Wallace and Mike Johnson introduced themselves and their backgrounds in the field of domestic violence advocacy. Ellen explained there is a need for consistency in best practices across the state regarding this topic. She explained that Phase One of the project will start with both virtual and in-person focus groups to gather information from stakeholders across the state. By the end of September 2025, the information gathered in the focus groups will be assimilated to make recommendations for the implementation of Phase Two. Phase Two will involve facilitating steering committees and workgroups through the process of creating guidelines and best practices for when there are concerns of domestic violence in the home but there is no criminal case.

Mike explained the end goal is to create best practices for these situations, and determine what resources are needed for implementation. He stated the timeline for the focus groups will be winter through spring of 2025. The focus groups will consist of 8-10 individuals and have standardized questions while also including some questions that are specific to the participants to gain professional and personal insights. The focus groups will include DVOMB members and Providers, anti-violence victim advocates, child welfare case workers, child welfare supervisors, families with lived experienced, other partner agencies, legal professionals, and other interested parties. Mike explained the in-person focus groups will be targeted at county Department of Human Services that are in the far corners of the state. Mike asked Board members and the public to let him know if there is any interest in participating in the focus groups or providing feedback on focus group questions.

Board Discussion:

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there are any questions or discussion from Board members. The discussion is summarized below:

- The Board thanked Ellen and Mike for their presentation.
- A question was asked about what professions are included under legal professionals. Yolanda stated the initial thinking was legal professionals included legal representatives that are involved in criminal justice court cases or civil cases but explained that they are open to considering other legal professionals and to bring ideas forward.

- There was a question about the time commitment for the focus groups. Yolanda answered that Phase One is a one-time commitment of 1-2 hours for 8-10 individuals per focus group, with each group targeting specific professionals such as Providers, victim advocates, legal representatives, etc. Phase Two will involve time-limited committee meetings that will take information from focus groups to develop guidelines. Mike added that there will be 8-10 questions total for Phase One focus groups to hear input from everyone in the group within the time frame allotted.
- Yolanda passed around an interest sheet for Board members and guests to indicate their interest in participating in the focus groups.

Audience Discussion:

Stephanie asked if there were any questions or discussion from guests. A member of the public expressed interest in the focus group.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SECTION 6.0 REGARDING THE TREATMENT CONTRACT AND CONFIDENTIALITY (FORMERLY PART OF SECTION 5.0) (DISCUSSION & VOTE): (Attachment #3) - Erin Gazelka, DVOMB Board Member, Jeanette Barich, DVOMB Board Member, and Jesse Hansen, ODVSOM Staff

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced this as a discussion and voting item and referred to Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff). Jesse stated that the Board reviewed original language related to the revisions that are being proposed for Section 6 of the Standards. He reminded that the Standards Revision Committee is currently working through Section 5, and that revisions to language around the treatment contract was necessary and long enough to bring to the Board. The Board gave feedback on the language and how it was presented. The Standards Revision Committee realized Section 6 speaks to offender confidentiality and contractual obligations and has some redundant language. To streamline language in the document, the Standards Revision Committee is recommending pulling out the treatment contract language from Section 5 and incorporating it into Section 6. Jesse summarized the changes and rationale for the proposed revisions to Section 6.

Erin Gazelka (DVOMB Member) agreed it makes sense to move administrative items to one location and appreciates Board's feedback from the last discussion. Jesse noted that discussion points about the use of substances in a treatment setting, and purchase or possession of firearms or ammunition was left in its original location in the Standards. Jesse stated the Board will vote for the revisions to go to public comment, then the public comments will be brought to the Standards Revision Committee for their consideration, and subsequent revisions will be brought back to the Board in April.

Board Discussion:

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there was any discussion from the Board. A Board member noted a typo in the revisions which was amended.

Audience Discussion:

None.

VOTE TO SEND REVISIONS TO SECTION 6.0 TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea Bradbury (DVOMB Member) made a motion to send revisions to Section 6.0 as amended to public comment.

Jessica Fann (DVOMB Member) 2nd the motion.

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked staff to prepare the vote.

The Session ID: 549442

The motion passed with 17 votes to send revisions to Section 6.0 to public comment, 0 votes to object, and 0 votes to abstain.

Question #4

Responses	Percent	Count
Yes	100.00%	17
No	0.00%	0
Abstain	0.00%	0
Totals	100.00%	17

Roshan Kalantar voted "Yes" in the chat.

BREAK: 10:37 am - 11:00 am

PROVIDER ACCESS TO COLLATERAL INFORMATION (DISCUSSION & CONSENSUS): Jesse Hansen, ODVSOM Program Manager and Andrea Bradbury, DVOMB Board Member

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) introduced this topic as a discussion and consensus item and referred to Jesse Hansen (ODVSOM Staff). Jesse explained this is a broad issue that potentially the Board can help address. He explained that Providers need collateral information to adequately assess clients and design and individualize treatment plans according to risk-need-responsivity principles. It can be challenging for Providers to get this information in some jurisdictions. He posed the question of how the Board can mobilize their resources and connections with other state agencies to make it easier for Providers to get the information they need. Andrea Bradbury (DVOMB Member) mentioned the possibility of obtaining Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) assessments from law enforcement and accessing records from District Attorney's offices to help Providers gain access to necessary collateral information.

Board Discussion:

Stephanie Fritts (DVOMB Chair) asked if there are any questions or discussion from the Board. The discussion is summarized below:

- Treatment Victim Advocates (TVAs) struggle to obtain victim contact information when Providers cannot access collateral information, and this issue delays providing services to victims. It was asked if TVAs can use private investigators to get victim contact information, but this is not always financially feasible since TVAs are dependent on compensation from Providers.
- TVAs only get notification of victim information if the victim opts in to probation notifications.
- LAP assessments have valuable information and sometimes judges use these assessments at bond hearings. Stephanie clarified that there is not a uniform procedure for using risk assessment tools throughout the state, and not all judges use risk assessment tools at bond hearings.
- Stephanie explained that the prosecutor does have access to risk assessment tools as part of their file, and she has been trying to educate other District Attorneys on the importance of collateral information and victims opting in to notifications through probation, and the use of TVAs in providing victim services.
- The TVA can perform a LAP assessment to gain better understanding of the situation and better help the victim once they have contact information, but there is not currently a standardized practice among TVAs when performing LAP assessments. The biggest concern currently is acquiring victim contact information.
- There are policies within probation in some jurisdictions that prevent sharing victim information, and some information is marked as law enforcement only.
- Delays in receiving necessary collateral information can come from inconsistencies in the process of sharing information between agencies. Due to delays, in some cases, victims are not being contacted until 2-3 months into the process, which is very frustrating. This sentiment was shared by several Board members.
- The Board has the authority to make legislative recommendations in the Annual Legislative Report. However, it is important to complete due diligence on this issue to understand the mechanics and barriers and determine if this is a statutory issue or if it can be solved through memorandum agreements between agencies.

Stephanie posed the question of where the Board goes from here in terms of TVAs and Providers accessing necessary information. Carolina Frane (ODVSOM Staff) asked Raechel Alderete (DVOMB Member) if the SOMB struggles with this issue as well. Raechel explained that this is also an issue for the SOMB, and ideally all

necessary information would be available under one database, but that is not the current situation and would require legislation to change. It was suggested that the DVOMB join forces with the SOMB to address this issue.

Jesse stated that this issue will be brought to the Executive Committee as well as the SOMB, which will help start conversations and potentially elevate the issue through a policy paper or white paper in partnership with the SOMB. This issue will be brought before the SOMB and more information will be reported back to the DVOMB at the next meeting.

Audience Discussion:

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 pm.

BOARD APPRECIATION LUNCHEON - No Business Conducted

Respectfully submitted by,

Ellen Creecy, Program Assistant

APPROVED

Name	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Andrea Bradbury	1	1	1	1
Erin Gazelka	1	1	1	1
Glory McDaniel	3	1	1	1
Jeanette Barich	1	1	1	1
Jennifer Parker	1	1	1	1
Jessica Fann	1	1	1	1
Karen Morgenthaler	1	1	1	1
Lori Griffith	1	1	1	1
Michelle Hunter	1	3	1	1
Nicole Collins	1	1	1	1
Nil Buckley	1	1	1	1
Sandra Campanella	1	1	1	1
Stephanie Fritts	1	1	1	1
Tally Zuckerman	1	1	1	1
Yolanda Arredondo	1	1	1	1
Roshan Kalantar	3	1	1	1
Raechel Alderete	1	1	1	1
Bradley Burbach	NP	NP	NP	NP
Tracey Martinez	NP	NP	NP	NP
Total	Yes = 15 No = 0 Abstain = 2 Total Present = 17	Yes = 16 No = 0 Abstain = 1 Total Present = 17	Yes = 17 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Total Present = 17	Yes = 17 No = 0 Abstain = 0 Total Present = 17

Q1 Motion to approve the November Minutes.

Q2 Motion to elect Michelle Hunter as DVOMB Chair.

Q3 Motion to approve Appendix - Overview for Working with Language Interpretation Services as presented.

Q4 Motion to approve Proposed Revisions to Section 6.0 for Public Comment as amended.