

# SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (SOMB) MINUTES

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

### SOMB MEMBERS

Amanda Retting  
Carl Blake  
Casey Ballinger  
David Bourgeois  
Hannah Pilla  
Jason Lamprecht  
Jeff Baker  
Jesse Hansen  
Kent Vance  
Kimberly Kline  
Lisa Mayer  
Michelle Simmons  
Mike Knotek  
Nicole Feltz  
Norma Aguilar-Dave  
Priscilla Loew  
Sarah Croog  
Taber Powers  
Theresa Weiss

### SOMB GUESTS

Abi Olson	Laurie Kepros
Alan Donald	Lisa Sandoval
Alison Talley	Lorraine Archuleta
Brianna Jarvis	Marsha Brewer
Brittany Hafling	Michelle Hunter
Caroleena Frane	Natasha Kindred
Christina Gado	Olga Acosta-Davis
Conrad Gonzales	Pamela Cook
Dana Montoya	Pat Ognie
Dawn Conrad	Rick Anglund
Gabbi Maes	Roger Kincade
Gayla Sykes	Ruby Jaime Soto
Irene Eubanks	Sam Rowan
James Lander	Sarah Marlow
Jason Guidry	Susan Oehler
Joanie Vigil	Tanya Ahamed
Joanne Huff	Tara Chaparro
Jordan Hartley	Tara Saulibio
Justin Ensinger	Tina Veliz
Karen Morgenthaler	Tom Nelson
Kirsten Taylor	Tonya Woodson
Kristin Kubacki	Victoria Halpern
Kyle Jones	Weston Wallace
Kylee Sloan	William LeDoux
Larry Taylor	Xaviera Turner
	Yvette Cousins

**Absent SOMB Members:** Katie Abeyta, Jessica Dotter, and Gregg Kildow

**Staff Present:** Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Erin Austin, Jill Trowbridge, Raechel Alderete, Reggin Palmitesso-Martinez, Taylor Kriesel, and Yuanting Zhang

**SOMB Meeting Begins:** 9:07 am

This meeting was recorded.

**INTRODUCTIONS/ATTENDANCE:**

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) introduced herself and welcomed the SOMB members in attendance along with the members of the public. She read the rules for public and guest participation in the meeting.

Taylor Kriesel (ODVSOM Staff) introduced herself, reviewed the WebEx components of the meeting, and indicated how the meeting will be conducted. She asked all to state their names for clarity in the minutes.

Raechel Alderete (ODVSOM Staff) introduced herself.

The SOMB in-person Board members gave an extended introduction and a fun fact about themselves. The on-line SOMB Board members gave an extended introduction and a fun fact about themselves.

The ODVSOM Staff introduced themselves.

The in-person guests introduced themselves, and Erin Austin (ODVSOM Staff) introduced the online guests.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Board:**

None

**Audience:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Staff:**

Taylor Redding (ODVSOM Staff) announced the following ODVSOM Conference and training updates:

- Training:
  - SONICS Training scheduled on June 4, 2024 Ft. Collins
  - Sex Offender Lunch & Learn on Young Adult Modification scheduled for June 13, 2024 (for providers only)
- Conference Updates:
  - Registration is open and Early Bird pricing ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024
  - The ODVSOM Conference will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup> in Breckenridge, CO at the Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center
  - Taylor Kriesel asked if the Board members to reach out to her if they have any question regarding registering for the conference.

Dr. Yuanting Zhang (SOMB Statistic Analyst) announced that May is Asian, Pacific Islander Heritage month and indicated some interesting information regarding these populations in the United States. She also gave some facts and statistics regarding Asian populations in Colorado. Yuanting Zhang indicated that she brought some Chinese snacks for all to try.

Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) announced the following:

- The Adult Standards Revisions Committee (ASR) is starting to work on revisions to Section 5.00 based on updates indicated by the latest Sunset Review to guide teams. She asked for any updates or concerns to be sent to the Committee, and indicated that the latest updates will include relevant and emerging research.
- Training - Round tables, SOMB 100 and SOMB 101 training are being rescheduled and she asked all to send her requests for future roundtable training topics.
- Taber Powers (ASR) noted there is a workgroup starting in June on Section 3.00 (Core Competencies) for treatment providers. He asked for treatment provider input and participation for these revisions.

Paige Brown (SOMB Implementation Specialist) announced the following:

- Juvenile Standards Revisions Committee (JSR) will be creating a workgroup to update the School Resource document and indicated the first meeting will be held on August 2, 2024. She indicated that this committee will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month from 1:00 pm -2:00 pm and asked anyone is interested in attending to email her or Theresa Weiss.

Raechel Alderete (ODVSOM Staff) announced the following:

- The June Board meeting is canceled due to preparation for the July conference. A combined Board meeting with the DVOMB will occur on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, CO.
- She announced there are two Vacancies on the Board, the Director of Human Services and the Department of Education positions and asked for suggestions for these positions.
- She highlighted the ODVSOM Conference Awards and asked for nominations for the 3 awards available (Denise Fransua Domestic Violence Leadership Award, Gary Bergen Leadership Award, and Norma Anderson Excellence in Victim Advocacy Award. She indicated that nominations are due by May 24<sup>th</sup>, and noted she will put a link in the chat to suggest nominations.
- She thanked Xaviera Turner for requesting that the SOMB come to Pueblo for this meeting and for welcoming the Board.

Amanda Retting (SOMB Member) announced that the Department of Corrections Administrative Regulation #700-19 was officially posted on May 1<sup>st</sup> which includes changes indicated by the recent Sunset recommendations.

Jesse Hansen (SOMB Member) indicated that the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board is also looking for a Community-based Victim Services Representative on the DVOMB Board. He then asked that anyone who is interested to reach out to him.

*Norma Aguilar-Dave (SOMB) arrived at the meeting and introduced herself which included a fun fact.*

**Board Announcements:**

None

**Audience Announcements:**

Laurie Kepros (Audience Member) acknowledged Judge Dennis Maes who in the past has requested the SOMB eliminate the use of Polygraph all together, due to its inadmissibility in court.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**PRESENTATION BY THE PUEBLO TASK FORCE (Presentation): (Attachment #1) - Pueblo Probation and Parole, Pueblo Police and County Sheriff's Office, Juniper Southern Colorado and SOMB Providers**

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) introduced the agenda item and then deferred it to the Pueblo Task Force.

Kirsten Taylor gave some information regarding the Southern Colorado Sex Offender Task Force. She presented the following information:

- Origin
- Purpose
- Current Task Force Membership
  - Law Enforcement membership
  - Pueblo Parole
  - Pueblo Probation
  - Treatment Providers
  - Victim Services (Juniper - Pueblo Rape Crisis Services)
  - Judicial System
  - Education
- Conclusion
- Questions

A number of other members of the Southern Colorado Sex Offender Task Force introduced themselves and discussed their roles on the Task Force.

**Board Discussion:**

Casey Ballinger (SOMB Member) acknowledged the members of the task force for the work they do in post-conviction cases and the collaboration that happens because of their dedication to community safety.

Taylor Kriesel (SOMB Project Coordinator) commented that she invited the Criminology Department, the Social Work Department and the Sociology Department from CSU Pueblo. She indicated that they showed some interest in attending this meeting.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) thanked all those involved on the task force who work to ensure collaboration and community safety. She suggested that this Task Force talk with other areas of the State if they are interested in starting a task force in their area.

**Audience Discussion:**

Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) asked the task force what the benefits are the clients receive due to this collaboration.

- DiDi Conrad responded that the group is able to give post-conviction clients more resources in order to help them.
- Lisa Sandoval responded that the task force provides resources to guide them through the Probation process, and that the resources also consider the offenders, family, and communities.

**BREAK: 10:12 - 10:36**

Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) presented information regarding the Standards Compliance Reviews (SCRs) as required by the Sunset Review which indicates that there should be a formal review of 10% of the providers every 2 years (which equates to 40 providers every 2 years.) She reviewed the process which ensures that the SOMB conducts the 10% requirement and noted that some of the reviews will be random and some will be voluntary. Erin Austin indicated that the reviews are for accountability and indicate how to support providers in the field to ensure they understand and are implementing the SOMB Standards revisions properly. She also mentioned that any providers who voluntarily would like a review of their processes and standards implementation, to let her or Paige Brown know. Erin Austin noted that if a concern is brought to the Application Review Committee's attention, then they can do a SCR "for cause" to forgo any formal filing of a complaint. She mentioned that voluntary reviews do not have to be reviewed by the Application Review Committee unless there is an area that needs to be addressed. Erin Austin noted that using the SCR's will drive the need to schedule training and roundtable discussions.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) noted that the DVOMB has also been mandated to complete SCR's and has been doing these for a year ahead of the SOMB. Jesse Hansen (DVOMB Program Coordinator) shared that the DVOMB has some discretion on how the SCRs are selected and noted that they have done 7 to date (4 voluntary, 3 for cause) and indicated that the results have been positive. He mentioned that the reviews have been very promising. Jesse Hansen noted that the Board is in support of the providers and mentioned that the providers can reach out anytime regarding Standards questions.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) noted that the start-up of the SCRs was on January 1, 2024. She noted that the reviews are not a sanction on what they do wrong. She reiterated that the reviews are to supply support and clarification of the Standards to help providers ensure they are in compliance.

**PRESENTATION OF THE SEXUAL TREATMENT AND EVALUATION PROGRAM (STEP) (Presentation): (No Attachment) - Susan Oehler, PsyD, MSCP and SOMP Provider, Evaluator and Clinical Supervisor**

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) introduced the agenda item and then deferred the presentation to Susan Oehler.

Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) noted that there is a Sex Offense Program at the State Hospital in Pueblo named the Sexual Treatment and Evaluation Program (STEP) and introduced Susan Oehler.

Susan Oehler (Presenter) of the Colorado Mental Health Institute indicated that the State Hospital in Pueblo has the STEP program, which is a 516-bed facility for mentally ill clients with pending criminal charges. She indicated that the program provides group and individual sex offense specific treatment and then discussed the following information:

- Overview of the Colorado Mental Health Hospital in Pueblo (CMHHP)
- STEP services offered
- STEP population
- Current STEP population
- Risk Estimates
- STEP and the SOMB
- Risk Assessments
- Results of Assessments
- Treatment
- Why Can't We Use Predominant Offense-Specific Treatment Models
- Responsivity Factors
- STEP Therapy Options
- Treatment Approach
- Key Aspects of Treatment
- Group Therapy
- Treatment Progression
- Treatment Programming
- Movement to Maintenance Phase
- Individual Therapy
- Arousal Reconditioning
- Supportive Therapy
- Advocacy
- Healthy Sexuality
- STEP's Role in Treatment
- Successful Completion of STEP

**Board Discussion:**

Jeff Baker (SOMB Member) thanked Susan Oehler for the presentation and expressed concern with the reduction of available Doctors at the hospital from 35 to 5, and asked if this reduction has affected the competency evaluations. Susan Oehler responded that that area of the hospital has not been reduced and is fully staffed. Jeff Baker noted that there are a number of individuals being held in Arapahoe County jail due to a competency evaluation backlog.

Rachel Alderete (SOMB Program Manager) thanked Susan Oehler for all the work she does with these individuals and for taking the time to present this information.

**Audience Discussion:**

Marsha Brewer (Audience Member) asked if there has been difficulty finding assisted living housing for those with a sexual offense released from the Mental Hospital. Susan Oehler (Presenter) responded yes they do and noted that many of these individuals have a lower recidivism. She also indicated that some of them are sent to the Trinidad facility and noted that there is some apprehension from housing facilities to take these individuals. Susan Oehler indicated that the facilities need assurance that those who are transitioned to community settings normally have a lower risk to recidivate.

**LUNCH BREAK: 11:52 - 12:45**

*David Bourgeois left the meeting at 12:32 pm*

**PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, VICTIM OUTREACH AND CONTINUITY OF CARE (Presentation): (No Attachment)** Tara Saulibio, Victim Liaison, MA, LPC and Natasha Kindred, Community Liaison, SOMB Provider  
Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) introduced the agenda item and then deferred the presentation to Rachel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator.)

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) introduced Natasha Kindred and Tara Saulibio from the Department of Corrections.

Tara Saulibio (Victim Liaison) and Natasha Kindred (Community Liaison) introduced themselves and their backgrounds and then presented the following information:

Tara Saulibio presented the following victim outreach information:

- Works in Survivor Outreach
- “Continuity of Care” for Survivors
- “Continuity of Care” Challenges
- Notifying survivors/Responding to survivors
- Collaboration with Community Victim Advocates
- Collaboration with Treatment Providers
- Looking to the future: victim engagement in treatment with post-conviction clients

**Board Discussion:**

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) asked if there are other ways to help reach Victim Advocates/Victim Representatives to be part of the teams and have their voices heard. Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) noted that treatment providers should reach out to Tara Saulibio to let her know what clients they work with for victim representation.

**Audience Discussion:**

Laurie Kepros (Audience Member) asked Tara Saulibio if she knows how many requests have come to her from survivors. Tara Saulibio responded that she does not have that information available yet.

Natasha Kindred (Community Liaison) presented the following information:

- Works with clients who have committed a sexual offense.
- SOMB Standard 7.00 (Continuity of Care)
- Benefits of continuity of care across agencies
- Collection of Collateral to support risk-need-responsivity and treatment placement.
- SOTMP Discharge Summary and Record Request documents
- The Impact of Continuity of Care on Responsivity
- Continuity of Care and Community Collaboration
- Contact Information

**Board Discussion:**

Casey Ballinger (SOMB Member) thanked Tara Saulibio and her determination to connect with survivors impacted when clients re-enter the community to ensure safety.

Jesse Hansen (SOMB Member) asked Tara Saulibio if clients still contact her once released, and if she has measured what the victim experiences have been when their offenders are released. Tara Saulibio (Victim Liaison) responded that sometimes they reach out to her with questions and noted that at this time she is not measuring what or when they do contact her. Casey Ballinger (SOMB Member) noted that additional tracking would be cumbersome but noted that Victim Services might have some of this information.

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky (SOMB Program Manager) noted that some of the Sex Offender Surcharge funds have been made available to help fund the cost of housing for those leaving incarceration, and to develop victim advocacy and victim representation services. He indicated that the Sex Offender Surcharge fund will provide funding for the Division of Youth Services for the development of tracking juvenile case management. Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky indicated that they are waiting for approval from the Joint Budget Committee and the Legislature before releasing these funds in March of 2025 through June of 2026.

**Audience Discussion:**

Marsha Brewer (Audience Member) noted that one of the key factors for success of those released from incarceration is the family and community support. She noted that the children and families of offenders need various resources and support to ensure the transition works efficiently. Marsha Brewer mentioned the Family Resource Guide that is available to families who have loved ones who are in the criminal justice system.

Jordan Hartley (Audience Member) noted the need for all parties to understand the offender needs inside incarceration and the needs outside when released from incarceration or supervision. Kimberly Kline (SOMB chair) noted the need to have a continuity of care session with community services and their treatment provider when inmates transition out of the Department of Corrections. Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) also indicated the need to build bridges to connect all the resources. Natasha Kindred (Community Liaison) mentioned there is a need for more provider Lunch and Learn discussions where all programs can share their services and understand the roles of each other.

Raechel Alderete (SOMB Program Coordinator) expressed concern that business was not conducted very well before the creation of Section 7.00 (Continuity of Care) in the Standards.

**OPEN FORUM WITH THE BOARD (Public Discussion): - Members from the Audience**

Kimberly Kline (SOMB Chair) introduced this agenda item and indicated that individuals and agencies have 10 minutes to speak with the Board regarding broad, state-wide policy development.

**Board Discussion:**

None

**Audience Discussion:**

Marsha Brewer (Audience Member) discussed a committee meeting in 2017 she attended that opened her eyes to the aspects of the SOMB, the SOTMP, and the DOC. She discussed when she joined the Family Resource Guide Committee and noted that the atmosphere has changed between offender advocates, family advocates, the SOMB, and the victim advocates. Marsha Brewer indicated that they continue to work together to make life better for all involved. She then discussed that Family Voices is the Southern chapter of Advocates for Change which is an organization to offer resources and support for individuals who committed a sexual offense. Marsha Brewer indicated the next Family Voices meeting is scheduled on 5/26 at 1:30 pm in Pueblo and that the next Advocates for Change meeting is scheduled on 5/28 at the Miracle Center in Denver.

Erin Austin (SOMB Implementation Specialist) thanked Marsha Brewer for helping to develop policy and working with all the different professionals at the Adult Standards Revisions Committee.

Alan Donald (Audience member) thanked the SOMB Board members and indicated that his supervisor always refers him back to the SOMB Standards for direction and guidance. He thanked Natasha Kindred and the information she provides and the care coordination information she offers. Karen Morgenthaler (Audience Member) from Gateway to Success discussed the agency and the various populations that they provide services for.

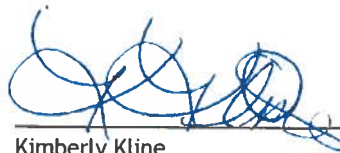
**BOARD MEETING ADJOURNS: 1:40 pm**

Respectfully,

**Jill Trowbridge** Digitally signed by Jill Trowbridge  
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Kimberly Kline  
Chair of the SOMB

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