SOMB BUZZ! September 2025

Take the sting out of Standards Revisions by BEEing Informed.

This bulletin is to keep providers and stakeholders informed about Board Business and changes happening that affect their daily practice.

Pending Standards Revisions

The Board Reviewed the Following Action Items:

1. Adult Standards Revisions: Appendix I: Notice of Status Discharge Form - This was an action item and was released for public comment.

The Board Reviewed the Following Decision Items:

1. Adult Standards Revisions: Appendix S - The Board voted to table this item for the October Board Meeting to get further information from the Attorney General. This item will be back to the board for further review.

Public Comment

Public comments will be collected electronically via Jotform. The Jotform will be available on September 29th, and public comments will be accepted until October 10th, 2025. Comments will then be reviewed by the appropriate standards revisions committee and the Best Practices Committee.

• Submit Public Comment for changes to Appendix I: Notice of Discharge Status Form: Change from "Under Seal" to "As Suppressed"

Standards Revisions Approved by the Board

The following Revisions are currently in the implementation phase and should be fully implemented by July 1, 2026

<u>September 2025: Revisions will be published in the October 2025 version of the Adult</u> Standards

- 1. Adult Standards Revisions: Appendix M Guidance Document Regarding Internet Use
- 2. Adult Standards Revisions: Subsequent revisions for Accountability and Responsibility
- 3. Adult Standards Revisions: Section 3.160
- 4. Adult Standards Revisions: Section 3.163

5. Adult and Juvenile Standards Revisions: Appendix E

The following Revisions should be fully implemented as of July 1, 2025

May 2025

- 1. Adult and Juvenile Standards: Section 4 (Provider Qualifications) and Appendix A-SOMB Administrative Policies regarding Criminal History definition.
- 2. Adult Standards Revisions: Removal of Appendix M.
- 3. Juvenile Standards Revisions: Section 5.000 Revisions Regarding Provider Choice

April 2025

- a. Adult Standards Revisions: 3.600 and 3.700 for Continuity of Care and SOTMP
- b. Adult Standards Revisions: 5.110, 5.115 & 5.120: Statutory requirement for Treatment Referrals

March 2025:

Policy:

1. Use of Interns by SOMB Approved Providers

Revisions

- a. Juvenile Standards Revisions: Removal of Appendix K and subsequent revisions to Appendix 10.
- b. Juvenile Standards Revisions: Section 3.151: Individualized Treatment Plans
- c. Juvenile Standards Revisions: Section 5.000: Role of the Supervising Agency

Prior Revisions

November 2024:

- a. Adult Standards Revisions 3.500 regarding Acceptance of Responsibility and Accountability.
- b. Juvenile Standards Revisions 2.210 regarding Pre-Adjudication/Pre-Plea Evaluations.
- c. Revisions to both the Adult and Juvenile Standards, Section 4: Qualifications for Polygraph Examiners.

SOMB Committees

'BEE' a part of the process! Committees are where the honey is made! ALL Meetings have a virtual option. Schedule and Links can be found on the <u>DCJ Public Calendar</u>. You can also email the assigned SOMB Staff to be added to the email distribution list.

- Best Practices 2nd Tuesday of each Month: Erin Austin
- Adult Standards Revisions 3rd Thursday of each month. Erin Austin
- Juvenile Standards Revisions 1st Monday of each month: Paige Brown
- SOMB Victim Advocacy Committee 4th Thursday of each Month: Paige Brown
- SOMB Board Meetings: 3rd Friday of each month. <u>Subscribe to our Newsletter</u> for updates from the SOMB. To see Board Agendas, please visit the <u>Board Meetings Website</u>

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