

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on November 18, 2010, at Illinois State Police, District 6 Headquarters, Pontiac, Illinois. Chairperson Cara Smith called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

Member(s):

Cara Smith, Patti Sudendorf, Amy Campanelli, Verlin Meinz, Alyssa Schafer, Robin McGinnis, Jerry Isikoff, Sheryl Essenburg, Harry Reed, Dick Winkler, Abdi Tinwalla, Michael Bednarz, Tracie Newton

Non-Member(s):

Dustin Sutton, Alesia Crockett, Craig Adams

ABSENT:

Excused: Jack Cutrone, Mickie Owens, Steve Goytia, Carol Corgan

Unexcused: Shauna Boliker, Pat Delfino, B. Kent Jones

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. Review of Meeting Minutes: July 2010 and September 2010

A motion was made by Alyssa Schafer and seconded by Robin McGinnis to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2010 and September 16, 2010 meetings.

C. Task Force Report - Committees

Jerry Isikoff provided an overview of the revised Task Force Recommendation Chart which outlines the Board's duties and responsibilities. The Board is currently not in compliance with:

1. Developing and implementing measures of treatment success based upon a no-cure policy for intervention,
2. Tracking offenders who are subject to evaluation, identification and treatment, and
3. Developing a system for monitoring offender behaviors and adherence to prescribed behaviors and behavioral changes.

The Board discussed the possibility of taking legislative action to strike these from the Board's duties due to lack of staffing, funds and clarity of the task. Jerry stated he will make any necessary changes to the chart and will ask Board members to volunteer to participate on a Committee at the next meeting.

D. Discussion: Use of Polygraph Results in a Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP) Evaluation

Sheryl Essenburg discussed the use of polygraph results in a SDP evaluation. This came up recently in a Macon County case. The evaluating psychiatrist used polygraph results to help him decide that the defendant was not SDP. He based his decision in part on his belief that the SOMB supports such use. Sheryl thought he was incorrect but wanted some clarification from the Board. The Board agreed with Sheryl that this action was not appropriate. Cara recommended that Sheryl follow up with the psychiatrist and explain the process. Harry Reed commented that polygraphs are best used during the investigative stage and post sentence. Alyssa Schafer stated that polygraphs are covered in the juvenile standards. Harry, Sheryl and Michael Bednarz will meet to further discuss this matter.

E. Discussion: Sex Offender Registration Fee

Effective January 1, 2011 (PA-96-1096 –SB 1702), the sex offender registration fees will increase from \$20 to \$100 annually. The Board discussed what law enforcement agencies plan to do if an offender does not have the funds. It was stated that Chicago will not allow the sex offender to register. However, offender will sign a log as proof that they attempted to register. Per Alyssa Schafer, IDOC will give violations if the sex offender is not registered. Amy Campanelli and Patti Sudendorf agreed to reach out to Chicago and find out what their plans are. Tracie Newton stated that ISP plans to send a letter to all registering sex offenders, law enforcement agencies, probation and parole informing them of the new laws. As of today, ISP has not set a date to mail the letters.

Alesia Crockett discussed the reports that outline which agencies contribute to the SOMB fund. The reports covered the following fiscal years, number of agencies contributing and the total contributions:

FISCAL YEAR	# of AGENCIES	AMOUNT
2010 (up to Oct 2010)	44	12,708.11
2009	42	18,219.14
2008	27	16,878.91
2007	25	622.67
2006	13	2,464.00
2005	9	9,135.21
2004	4	20,023.53

As of October 31, 2010, the SOMB Fund balance was \$71,645.03. This is comprised of \$46,456.32 in the Program account and \$25,188.71 in the Operations account.

F. SOMB Training Update

The Board sponsored a two-day training in Bloomington-Normal, September 29-30, 2010 entitled “A Developmental Approach to the Assessment of Children with Sexual

Behavior Problems” facilitated by Dr. Craig Latham. Alesia Crockett reported a total of 89 participants were in attendance each day. There were a total of 25 Non-Licensed Juvenile SOMB Approved Providers who needed to attend the mandatory training. Of those, five did not attend. The five providers were sent a certified letter informing them of the need to obtain licensure on or before June 30, 2011, if not they will be removed from the SOMB Approved Provider list.

G. SOMB Approved Providers

There was a brief discussion on the federal authorities in Illinois not using SOMB Approved Providers. Cara Smith stated it is not required by state law. In addition, the Board does not have jurisdiction over the Feds. Sheryl Essenburg thought the Board could have a conversation with them regarding the benefits of using SOMB Approved Providers.

Jerry Isikoff discussed the Board hiring a credentialing body to review all Approved Providers and verifying information submitted through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

H. New Business

The Board discussed the possibility of have a retreat in Spring 2011. It was suggested that members select some possible dates and locations.

Alyssa Schafer said “Thank you” to everyone that participated or attended the training sponsored by UIS-Springfield on November 8-10, 2010 in Bloomington.

A request was made for an updated listing of the members and their contact information

I. Next Meeting: January 20, 2011 – Via IDOC Videoconference: Chicago and Springfield

J. Adjournment