

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on November 17, 2011 at the Bloomington Police Department, Bloomington, Illinois. Chairperson Alyssa Schafer called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

Member(s):

Alyssa Schafer, Michael Bednarz, Amy Campanelli, Pat Delfino, Sheryl Essenburg, Steve Goytia, Dick Winkler, Robin McGinnis, Verlin Mainz, Abdi Tinwalla, Harry Reed, Tracie Newton, Dustin Sutton

Non-Member(s):

Alesia Crockett (Attorney General's Office), Officer Shawn Albert (Bloomington Police Department), Andrew McGirr (McLean County Probation), Shawn Oetzel (Tazewell County Probation)

ABSENT:

Member(s):

Excused: Cara Smith, Carol Corgan, Mickie Owens, Jennifer Gonzalez, Lisa Stephens

Unexcused: B. Kent Jones

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. Review of Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2011

Upon review of the minutes Dr. Michael Bednarz requested to add that the Board discussed monitoring of sex offenders. However, it was tabled until further review. A motion was made by Verlin Mainz and seconded by Abdi Tinwalla to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2011 meeting. All Board members present approved the motion.

C. Vice Chair Discussion

The By-Laws allow for a Vice Chair for the Board. Alyssa Schafer confirmed Verlin Mainz as Vice Chair.

D. Legislation Update

Tracie Newton provided an update on the changes to sex offender registration laws. Some include:

- **Public Act 97-0578** - becomes effective January 1, 2012 which requires retroactive registration for sex offenders. A sex offender or sexual predator who has never previously been required to register under the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act, has a duty to register if the person has been convicted of any felony offense after July 1, 2011. A person who previously was required to register under this Act for a period of 10 years and successfully completed that registration period has duty to register if: (i) the person has been convicted of any felony offense after July 1, 2011, and (ii) the

offense for which the 10 year registration was served currently requires a registration period of more than 10 years. PA 97-578 explains further retroactive registration requirements regarding sexual predator offenses, and all offenses which have an exact effective date.

- **Public Act 0154** –First degree murder convictions, when the victim is 18 or over, now have a duty to register for 10 years on the Violent Offenders and Murder Against Youth (VOAY) Registry. If the conviction is sexually motivated the offender must register for their natural life on the Sex Offender Registry. This only applies to those convicted after 01/01/02. Residency restrictions do not apply to murderers.
- **Public Act 0155** – A sex offender or sexual predator must register with the public safety of security direct of the institution of higher education which he or she is employed at or attends.

Tracie stated ISP plans to send a letter to all law enforcement agencies, which includes colleges and universities, in January 2012 outlining the new laws. At a prior meeting the Board had agreed to pay the cost of sending a letter of the new laws to all registering sex offenders in Illinois. Verlin Mainz made a motion for the Board to cover the cost of the mailing to sex offenders, Harry Reed seconded the motion. All Board members present approved the motion.

E. Statistics Reporting

The Legislative Committee met and reviewed the Board's duties and responsibilities. One of the duties discussed was how to monitor and track sex offenders. The Committee felt the Board should make an effort to meet this mandate.

The Board discussed the various agencies (AOIC, Probation, Parole, IDOC, etc) that would be able to assist compiling the number of sex offenders in treatment within the community and in custody. Steve Goytia stated that each Probation office collects information in different way. He added that AOIC has an annual plan that may contain useful information. Steve stated he would talk to Dave Gasperin to find out what types numbers AOIC tracks. The Board agreed that it would be able to look at numbers and not monitoring and tracking people. These numbers may allow the Board to identify some trends that relate to sex offender management.

F. Legislation Restructure

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Standards and Guidelines & Research

Dr. Michael Bednarz reported the Committee plans to incorporate training as a part of the Standards and Guidelines. Robin McGinnis stated ATSA currently office eight webinars that the Board may consider reviewing.

Quality Assurance of Providers & Ethics and Conflict of Interest

No report.

Funding

Alesia Crockett reported as of August 31, 2011 the Fund balance was \$56,775.44.

Appointment

Officer Shawn Albert, Bloomington Police Department, is interested in the current Law Enforcement vacancy on the Board. Shawn has completed the required application through the Governor's website.

As for the judicial vacancies,

Legislative

Amy Campanelli stated the Committee met on August 30, 2011. They discussed SB0265 and the loss of Board members. At the next meeting the Committee plans to cover: (1) the By-Laws, (2) membership changes, (3) review statute, (4) audit findings, and (5) developing legislation that may include gaining back loss members. Amy requested everyone take a final look at the letter to Legislature before it is mailed. Alesia Crockett will mail the letter the week of September 19th.

H. New Business

It was announced earlier in the meeting, effective August 31, 2011 that Alyssa Schafer is the new SOMB Chairperson. Everyone present congratulated Alyssa and wished her much success.

Jerry Isikoff said "Thanks" to the Board and expressed that he thoroughly enjoyed participating on the Board and being a member. Jerry resigned on June 3, 2011.

I. Next Meeting: November 17, 2011, Illinois State Police, Pontiac, Illinois

J. Adjournment