

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order by Chairperson Alyssa Schafer on November 21, 2013 at ISP Pontiac facility.

PRESENT:

Member(s): Alyssa Schafer, Michael Bednarz, , Brenda Claudio, Steve Goytia, Simeon Kim, Dick Winkler, Shawn Albert, Robin McGinnis, Margaret Menzenberger, Jeff Sim, Abdi Tinwalla, Annette Milleville, Carol Corgan, Mickie Owens, Jacqueline Bullard

Non-Member(s): Jessica O'Leary (Attorney General's Office), Verlin Mainz, Harry Reed, Guy Groot (IL ATSA)

ABSENT:

Member(s):

Excused: Pat Delfino, Dustin Sutton, Michael Tardy, Sheryl Essenburg, Amy Campanelli, Tracie Newton

Unexcused: None

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. Review of Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2013

Jacqueline Bullard indicated that the wording juvenile committee should be changed to juvenile commission. Jeff Sim asked to be added to the excused absent listing. A motion was made by Dick Winkler and seconded by Abdi Tinwalla to approve the minutes as amended for the September 19, 2013 meeting. All Board members present approved the motion.

C. Training updates

Tracie and Shawn conducted an SOMB training in conjunction with the Illinois Mobile Training Unit in Plainfield on November 5. It had approximately 100 people in attendance. The same training will be held in Carterville, IL on December 17 at John A. Logan College.

Since the last training was focused on treatment providers. This training focused on law enforcement, probation, and parole to educate them on the Illinois Sex Offender Registry and enforcement of the registration requirements.

Dr. Tinwalla asked how this training was advertised and it was done so through the MTU, listed on the SOMB website, and info was given to various probation offices as well as IDOC. Dr. Tinwalla and Robin McGinnis asked that treatment providers be notified as well regardless if it is designed predominantly for law enforcement. Robin indicated that Illinois ATSA could put a notification out as well. Alyssa Schafer said she would provide future information to IL ATSA for all trainings.

IL ATSA is planning a DSM-V webinar with Bo Travis presenting. This will be hosted in either February or March.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the need for judge and attorney training particularly in southern Illinois. This will be investigated.

Alyssa Schafer requested that the Board begin thinking about topics for next year's trainings. The Board will request feedback from providers on the topics that they would be interested in for training.

D. Provider contacts

Alyssa Schafer made a database of SOMB approved providers emails so that mass emails could be sent out with updates, surveys, etc.

An email will be sent to all providers when the application process is ready with IDFPR. This email will also include a request for provider input on training.

E. Legislation SB1600/Admin Rule Progress

The administrative rule went through two hearings and will be adopted in the near future.

IDFPR is finalizing the web application for sex offender evaluation and treatment providers.

SB1600 was passed by both houses and will be sent to the Governor's Office in the near future. This bill extended the deadline for IDFPR from January 1, 2014 to July 1, 2014 and created a grandfathering clause for those providers who have not had supervision within the last four years.

F. SOMB Committee Reports

Standards and Guidelines - Work continues on the standards and guidelines. Mike Bednarz and Abdi Tinwalla have been researching the guidelines that other states have implemented as well. There was discussion on the adoption or at least reference to the ATSA guidelines.

QA – Abdi Tinwalla and Alyssa Shafer are the only two members of this committee. During the last meeting a complaint was discussed. The provider filed a response and the board was made aware of this response. Alyssa Schafer wrote a response to the provider and this was discussed in the meeting. The Board voted in favor of sending the response.

Funding – no meeting held

Appointment – Mickie Owens' appointment was up in October so follow-up will be made with the Attorney General's Office. Carol Corgan's appointment will be up in December. Follow-up with the AG's Office will be done as well.

Legislative- No report

G. Meeting Schedules and Locations for 2014

The Board agreed to continue to meet every other month to include video conferencing and face to face meetings. Alyssa Schafer requested members' feedback on locations.

Brenda Claudio indicated that meetings could be hosted in Kankakee. Shawn Albert indicated that we could also continue to meet at the Bloomington Police Department.

H. Farewells to members

The Board wished farewell to Verlin Meinz and Harry Reed and thanked them for their years of service. Harry indicated that he would reach out to assist in finding his replacement.

I. New Business:

Shawn Albert reported on his attendance at the IL Sherriff's Association meeting.

Robin McGinnis indicated that she will be stepping down from the Board and has indicated that Guy Groot the current IL ATSA President will be applying to the Governor's Office as the IL ATSA appointee. Robin will stay on until he is appointed.

The Board discussed the need for strategic planning in the near future.

J. Next Meeting:

January 16, 2014 – Video Conference IDOC – JRTC and Concordia

K. Adjournment