

Program Review Process for Differential Treatment/Supervision Models Guidelines

1. Program Provider Request to Use Differential Treatment Model
 - When a provider of treatment services to juveniles who have committed sexual offenses, or a program administrator on behalf of such providers, is wanting to utilize treatment and supervision interventions that are not consistent with the *Standards and Guidelines for the Evaluation, Assessment, Treatment, and Supervision of Juveniles Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses*, he/she may submit the **Program Provider Request To Use Differential Treatment/Supervision Model application** to the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) for consideration as outlined in the SOMB Differential Treatment/Supervision Review Process flowchart.

2. SOMB Best Practice Committee Pre-screening Process to Determine if Variance is Needed
 - Upon receipt of the request, the SOMB Best Practice Committee will complete a pre-screening process to determine if the proposed differential treatment/supervision model is consistent with the Standards. The Committee will inform the provider in writing if it is determined that a variance is not necessary. However, if the Committee feels that a variance is needed, the differential treatment/supervision model will be reviewed. The Committee will review areas outlined in the request including, but not limited to, the fidelity to the model, documented research in support of the use of the proposed differential treatment model, which specific standards would be impacted by the use of the proposed differential treatment/supervision model, and ways in which victim and community safety are addressed in the proposed differential treatment/supervision model. Upon completion of the pre-screening process, the Committee will make a recommendation to the SOMB recommending a variance submission or denial of the request based on significant concerns that a variance would not overcome.

Outcomes:

- If variance is not necessary, the Committee will notify the provider in writing that no further action is necessary.
- If a variance is needed, the Committee will review areas outlined in the request and will make a recommendation to the SOMB recommending a variance submission or denial of the request.

Once the Committee has received the variance request from the Provider or Program Administrator, the differential treatment model will be reviewed utilizing the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board Best Practices Committee Treatment Protocol Classification System. The classification system uses criteria regarding a treatment's theoretical soundness, clinical support, acceptance within the field, potential for harm, documentation, and empirical support to assign a summary classification score. The

Committee's recommendation will then be presented to the SOMB for final approval. The SOMB will have the option of approving the variance request or denying the variance request.

An annual review of the treatment model will be reviewed by the committee utilizing the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board Best Practices Committee Treatment Protocol Classification System. If a treatment model is approved for a second year, the Best Practices Committee and the SOMB will assess whether it should be implemented into the Standards.