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*Notes from the SOMB Chair*—Ingrid S. Bakke, Esq.



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Although it is already August it is important to note the significance of the month of April given the role of the Sex Offender Management Board. April is not only Sexual Assault Awareness Month but it is also a time to celebrate Victim's Rights Week. This year the theme was "Every Victim. Every Time. Until all victims report crimes against them, know and exercise their rights, and receive the help they need to rebuild their lives, we have much work to do." The Board has played, and will continue to play, a role in this quest thanks to the victim representatives appointed to represent victim interests in the field of sex offender management.

A sub-committee, The Victim Advocacy Committee, was created to more specifically address victim issues as they pertain to the treatment standards.

This group is currently addressing the role of the victim representative on the multidisciplinary team for juvenile offenders, creating an on-line link for victim's explaining the supervision and treatment of offenders as well as a handout, and members of the group have conducted trainings and workshops on victimization issues for communities across the state.

A victim recently stated to a sentencing Court, "When I was growing up I can remember my dad always telling me that no matter where you go in life or whatever you do you should never trust anyone and trust yourself half of the time. I can also remember being told that when everything else fails, family is all you have. Well, I never really paid much attention to those sayings until just recently then they all made sense. An intruder, outsider, sex offender, or whatever you want to call Shawn, took all of my innocence, loyalty, and self

respect away along with so many other things. I went from being a loving, caring, outgoing, truthful 14-year-old girl to a creature that not even I could recognize nor could anyone else. This has scarred me for life. I wake up everyday wondering what I did, what could I have done, and when they say it's not my fault are they just saying this to help me deal with this mess and not make it any worse? How could I go back into time and erase this nightmare from my life?"

Members of our board certainly recognize that we cannot erase the events that have caused many survivors of sexual assault to have such thoughts but we can do our best to ensure that the standards for the evaluation and treatment of sex offenders are of the highest quality and that the victim's voice is always one that should be heard.

***National Sex Offender Management Symposium Meets in Denver!***



The Colorado Sex Offender Management Board (CSOMB), with the assistance of the National Criminal Justice Association, hosted 29 sex offender management professionals representing 13 states, as well as several national organizations and the federal SMART Office, for a Sex Offender Management Symposium on May 17-18, 2007 in Denver, Colorado. The meeting featured a presentation from and

roundtable discussion with Leslie Hagen, Assistant United States Attorney, SMART Office, on the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. In addition, there were additional roundtable discussions on sex offender restriction issues, sex offender boards/policy groups, and funding opportunities. The attendees also had the opportunity to attend a CSOMB meeting that included a presentation by Kim English,

Research Director, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, on an outcome study of the Colorado Sexually Violent Predator Risk Assessment Instrument. At the end of the meeting, the group decided to continue to collaborate on both a state and national level on sex offender management policy via a listserv set up through the University of New Mexico, and will schedule a follow-up meeting in the next 6-12 months.

## *The SOMB Board Chair and Vice Chair*

**Ingrid S. Bakke** is the representative to the board for the Colorado District Attorneys' Association. She has been a board member since 2001 and took over as the Board Chair in 2006.

Ingrid worked in Jefferson County as a prosecutor for 11 years specializing in the area of crimes committed against children. In 2001 she went to work for the Boulder County District Attorney's Office. She was the Chief Deputy of the sexual assault/domestic violence unit for 3 years and is currently one of the supervisors for general district court.

Ingrid enjoys teaching both locally and nationally on litigation skills and the prosecution of sexual assaults.



**Tom Lerversee** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who is currently the Coordinator of Sex Offense Specific Services for the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections (DYC).

Tom started his 32-year career with DYC as a milieu staff and has also worked as a treatment unit manager and a mental health clinician. In addition to his work with DYC, Tom's private practice has included sex offense specific evaluations, training, professional supervision, and authoring a relapse prevention group curriculum and student manual published by the NEARI Press.

Tom appreciates the opportunities that his roles with DYC and the SOMB have provided him as far as working with quality professionals in order to have an impact in this challenging and rewarding field.

## *Good-Bye and Thank You to Jim Pyle*

The Sex Offender Management Board and the Division of Criminal Justice would like to thank Jim Pyle for all of his work on the BJA Grant project. Jim has been working with the SOMB through a Federal Grant that has ended, and he will be traveling onto new adventures. The Division of Criminal Justice would like to take a moment to acknowledge all the hard work he did in improving the level of care for juveniles who have committed sexual offenses as well as working with the counties in determining areas that need improvement.

Thank you Jim—we wish you the best!

**Thank you Jim for the numerous trainings and incredible hard work you put into improving the standard of care for juveniles in the state of Colorado.**

## *Upcoming Trainings*

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| <b>08/16-17/07</b> | Pueblo         | Strengthening the Continuum of Working with Juveniles Who Commit Sexual Offenses |
| <b>08/23-24/07</b> | Pagosa Springs | Strengthening the Continuum of Working with Juveniles Who Commit Sexual Offenses |



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## *Sex Offender Registration Training Schedule*



This training will address current Sex Offender Registration laws and procedures.

Attendees should include staff from:

Law Enforcement, Probation, Parole, Community Corrections, County Jail, Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Corrections, District Attorneys, Judges, Magistrates, Child Placement Agencies, Foster Parents, Sex Offender Treatment Providers.

To register for these trainings, please contact Donda Gorton at 303-239-4199 or e-mail [donda.gorton@cdps.state.co.us](mailto:donda.gorton@cdps.state.co.us)

Only those registering by e-mail may receive a confirmation.

**08/08/07** 9:15-12:00 **Denver** - 710 Kipling Street Room 308

**08/16/07** 1:15-4:00 **Steamboat Springs** -  
Centennial Hall 124 10th Street

**9/5/07** 1:15-4:00 **Denver** - 710 Kipling Street Room 308