



NEWSLETTER

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DORA COMPLAINT PROCESS AND APPROVED DV TREATMENT PROVIDERS

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The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board has received several inquiries over the past few years regarding the complaint process for DV Approved Treatment Providers (Providers). Since the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) does not have statutory authority to process complaints against its Providers, all complaints are sent or forwarded to the appropriate Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) mental health board for resolution pursuant to Section 16-11.8-103(4)(c) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. DORA, through its programs that regulate the licensing and discipline of unlicensed psychotherapists, professional counselors, social workers, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, and addictions counselors instituted a complaint and grievance process for Providers.

All Providers are required to be licensed with the DORA boards or listed as an unlicensed psychotherapist. Since the DORA mental health licensing boards had licensing and grievance processes in place prior to the creation of the DVOMB, the General Assembly expanded these processes to include Providers.

DORA, in conjunction with the DVOMB, developed procedures to coordinate this grievance process. The DVOMB provides input to the appropriate DORA board on each complaint filed regarding whether *Standards* have been violated.

Once the mental health boards review the complaint, they may dismiss the complaint because they have no jurisdiction or if there is no violation of the statute; postpone action on the complaint while awaiting additional information; refer the complaint to the Office of Complaints & Investigations for a formal in-depth review; or refer the complaint directly to the Assistant Attorney General (who acts as the board's lawyer) for the filing of formal charges and a hearing.

When it has been determined that a violation has occurred, the respective boards may issue a confidential letter of concern, a letter of admonition, a cease and desist action, suspension, probation, or revocation of the license.

During the year 2004, the mental health boards received 10 complaints against DV Providers. The following statistics reflect the number of actions that have been imposed on Providers:

- 3 were dismissed
- 3 received Letters of Admonition
- 2 received Letters of Concern
- 1 was referred to the Attorney General's Office and is pending
- 1 was referred to Investigations and is pending

DORA BOARD CONTACTS

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2005 SURVEY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION NEEDS APPROVED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT PROVIDERS

The DVOMB created a Training Committee to explore and broaden training opportunities for Providers involved in domestic violence offender treatment. In January 2005, the Committee conducted an initial survey of all Providers to ascertain specific subjects of interest within the following categories:

(1) victim issues (2) diversity/special populations (3) offender treatment (4) addiction issues (5) children/family issues (6) risk assessment. Additionally, the survey asked Providers to identify appropriate trainers for the subject matter of interest. Eighty-five topics were suggested by the respondents.

A second survey was developed and distributed in April 2005 which measured Providers' knowledge or

expertise of the specific topics and their interest in additional training. Among the most frequently selected topics rated were risk assessment, offender treatment, victim issues, child/family issues, and diversity/specialty populations.

Further study may be needed to determine the frequency and length of time Providers would be willing to spend in trainings, acceptable fees, acceptable distance to travel for trainings, and format of trainings preferred.

The Committee will continue to convene to address the results of this survey. They will also work with the DVOMB in creating guidelines to assist treatment Providers in selecting training coursework.

Contact Information

DVOMB website

http://dcj.state.co.us/odvso/m/Domestic_Violence/index.html

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at 303-239-4528

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING DATA COLLECTION FORM

We have received over 3,000 data collection forms since we began this project in September 2004. Thank you all for participating in this very important project. Based on the review of all of these forms (my eyeballs are tired), we have several requests (listed below) which will more accurately contribute to the statistical analysis of the data. Additionally, the data entry personnel are having some difficulties in reading Providers' writing and in deciphering what box or line is marked.

- PRINT LEGIBLY AND STAY WITHIN THE LINES
- IF YOU FAX FORMS, DO SO IN ORIGINAL FORMAT—OUR FAX HAS 8 1/2 BY 14 INCH PAPER
- COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS
- PLEASE USE THE MOST CURRENT FORM WITH THE DATE OF 8-27-04 ON THE TITLE BAR. IF YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT VERSION, PLEASE CONTACT US AND WE WILL SEND YOU THE MOST CURRENT ONE.

IF THERE IS INFORMATION THAT YOU CAN'T OBTAIN, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. STAY TUNED FOR SOME DATA RESULTS THAT WILL BE REPORTED SOON.

Colorado Domestic Violence Offender Management Board
CLIENT DATA COLLECTION FORM (08/27/04)
 To be completed by treatment providers in compliance with the terms of the contract.

CLIENT INFORMATION	CASE INFORMATION	CRIMINAL INFORMATION
1. Agency No. _____	13. Current Offense (Date of Offense, Code, Description, etc.) _____	17. Previous Offenses (Date of Offense, Code, Description, etc.) _____
2. Agency Name _____	14. Date of Assessment/Referral _____	18. Victim Information (Name, Address, Phone, etc.) _____
3. Client Name _____	15. Date of Treatment Start/End _____	19. Treatment Program (Name, Description, etc.) _____
4. Client Address _____	16. Date of Last Assessment/Referral _____	20. Treatment Status (Completed, Ongoing, etc.) _____
5. Client Phone _____	17. Date of Next Assessment/Referral _____	21. Discharge Information (Date, Location, etc.) _____
6. Client Date of Birth _____	18. Date of Next Assessment/Referral _____	22. Discharge Reason (Completed, Ongoing, etc.) _____
7. Client Sex _____	19. Date of Next Assessment/Referral _____	23. Discharge Location (Home, Jail, etc.) _____
8. Client Race _____	20. Date of Next Assessment/Referral _____	24. Discharge Reason (Completed, Ongoing, etc.) _____
9. Client Ethnicity _____	21. Date of Next Assessment/Referral _____	25. Discharge Location (Home, Jail, etc.) _____
10. Client Marital Status _____	22. Date of Next Assessment/Referral _____	26. Discharge Reason (Completed, Ongoing, etc.) _____
11. Client Employment Status _____	23. Date of Next Assessment/Referral _____	27. Discharge Location (Home, Jail, etc.) _____
12. Client Education Level _____	24. Date of Next Assessment/Referral _____	28. Discharge Reason (Completed, Ongoing, etc.) _____
25. Client History/Assessment/Offense Information _____	26. Client History/Assessment/Offense Information _____	27. Client History/Assessment/Offense Information _____
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28. Client History/Assessment/Offense Information _____

29. Client History/Assessment/Offense Information _____

30. Client History/Assessment/Offense Information _____

DID YOU KNOW?

Reapplication Process for Domestic Violence Approved Treatment Providers.

The Reapplication Process for Continued Placement on the DV Approved Provider List is concluding its first year. One of the requirements is for Providers to submit a community letter of support from local victim services programs. Working with local victim services programs is

an important component of the *Standards*. Providers have a responsibility to develop a community approach to the provision of treatment and maintaining cooperative working relationships with domestic violence victim services.

Since there has been some confusion, we want to clarify this requirement.

Local victim services are

defined by the DVOMB as non-governmental, local victim services programming, such as a domestic violence shelter program.

The DVOMB has created *Guidelines for Obtaining Community Letters of Support from Local Victim Services Programs*. A copy of this paper is available on the DVOMB website or by contacting Dana LaPointe.





BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to spotlight Steve Landman, the DVOMB member who represents Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. In addition to having his LMFT, Steve is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Approved Domestic Violence Treatment Provider, and a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor III.

For the past eight years, Steve has taught the class “Marriage and Family Sociology” at Mesa State College. He is also the Director of the Family Counseling

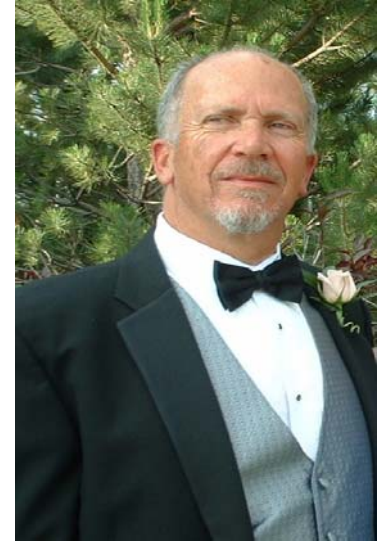
Center in Grand Junction and a mental health consultant for the Collbran Job Corps.

Of particular interest is the earthship made of 3,500 recycled automobile tires in which Steve lives located about 16 miles west of Grand Junction.

The earthship is a completely independent globally oriented dwelling unit made from materials that are indigenous to the entire planet. Earthships exist in

almost every state and in many countries around the world in virtually every climate habitable.

When not decked out in his tuxedo or relaxing in his earthship, Steve is an avid athlete partaking in swimming, bicycling, and walking with his wife, Anne, and his loyal dog, Jack. In fact, Steve has completed eight marathons and is a volunteer for the Powderhorn Ski Area Handicap Ski Program.



Steve Landman

Board Member of the DVOMB

DVOMB STANDING COMMITTEES

The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) has formed many committees to address specific issues. The name of the committee, purpose, and meeting schedule is listed below. Please contact Dana LaPointe at 303-239-4528 if you have any questions regarding any of these committees.

Domestic Violence/Sex Offender Crossover Committee

Meeting schedule: Meets on 2nd Wednesday, 9:30 -11:30 AM
700 Kipling, 1st floor

September 14 October 12

Purpose of the Committee:

Currently working on identifying ways to increase the knowledge of domestic violence and/or sex offender treatment providers regarding their work with domestic violence offenders and sex offenders.

DV Treatment Review Committee

Meeting schedule:

Meets from 9 AM–1 PM
September 30 at 710 Kipling, Suite #308

Purpose of the Committee:

To review current treatment standards and explore options for differentiating treatment.

Offender Assessment Committee

Meeting schedule:

9-11 AM
Aug. 26–700 Kipling 1st floor
Sept 27–710 Kipling Suite 303
Oct. 28–700 Kipling 1st floor
Nov. 29–710 Kipling Suite 308

Purpose of the Committee:

This committee is working on reformatting the evaluation of offender risk and needs assessments.

Research Committee

Meeting schedule: Meets the 3rd Thursday, 1:15-3:15 PM at 700 Kipling, Chief's
Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov. 17, Dec 15

Purpose of the Committee:

To research and analyze the effectiveness of the Standards.

Specific Offender Population Committee

Meeting schedule: Meets the 3rd Tuesday 12–1:30 PM at 700 Kipling, Chief's Conference Room
Oct. 18, Nov 15, Dec 20

Focus groups gathering feedback on the female and GLBT drafts are currently being held around the state. Meetings will resume in October.

Purpose of the Committee:

To enhance offender accountability and victim safety by identifying treatment approaches that are relevant and meaningful to specific populations. The committee is currently working on developing guidelines for working with GLBT and female offenders.

Standards Revision Committee

Meeting schedule:

Meets the 2nd Friday, 9-11 AM at 710 Kipling St, Suite 308
Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov.9
Dec. 9 (700 Kipling, 1st floor)

Purpose of the Committee:

To discuss revisions to the “2005 Standards for Treatment with Court Ordered Domestic Violence Offenders.” This committee is currently looking at training requirements for new applicants based on DVOMB input and direction.

Training Committee

Meeting schedule: Meets from 10 AM - noon
Aug 26 Sept 23 Oct 28
710 Kipling (Suite 308)

Nov. 18 and Dec. 16th
at 700 Kipling (1st floor)

Purpose of the Committee:

To broaden training opportunities for those involved in domestic violence offender treatment.

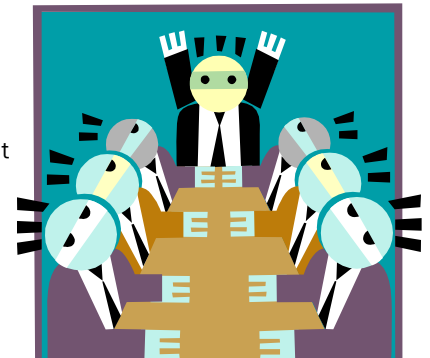
Victim Advocacy Committee

Meeting schedule:

Meets from 1-3 PM
Oct. 18, 700 Kipling 1st floor

Purpose of the Committee:

Working to find ways to reach out to treatment advocates. This committee will be creating a contact information list for interested treatment victim advocates.



Become a member of a committee because ... you CAN make a difference!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Department of Public Safety
Domestic Violence Offender Management Board
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NEWLY-APPROVED PROVIDERS

From October 2004 through August 2005, there have been 18 applicants who have received full approval. Their names and primary location of practice are listed below.

Abney, John – Trinidad	Gahagan, Michael – Edwards
Anaya, Priscilla – Denver	Fleck, Patricia – Lakewood
Augustyn, Mary – Breckenridge	Fogel, Jeffrey – Loveland
Burns, Louise – Commerce City	Gleditsch, Anne – Loveland
Cagle, Linda – Northglenn	Long, Deborah – Denver
Conti, Peter – Denver	Lugo, Martha – Brighton
Easton, James – Glenwood Spgs.	Martinez, Joseph – Pueblo
Farrell, Stephanie – Ft. Collins	Norgren, J. Eran – Greeley
Finlaw, Kathryn – Thornton	Smith, Randall – Greenwood Village

A LISTSERV IS AVAILABLE.

DV TREATMENT PROVIDERS,
Don't forget to utilize the DVOMB ListServ!

Reminder

HOW TO CONTACT US

303-239-4442
1-800-201-1325 (in Colorado)

Email: dana.lapointe@cdps.state.co.us
(type "DVOMB" in the description of your message)

Website: <http://dcj.state.co.us/odvsom>
Click on "Domestic Violence Management Board"

ARE WE REALLY CONTAINING ADULT SEX OFFENDERS IF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS OCCURRING?

The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board and the Sex Offender Management Board are pleased to sponsor a free training *Identifying the Domestic Violence Offender in Sex Offender Treatment* at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan on Friday October 7, 2005 from 9 am–4 pm. Lunch will be provided free of charge at noon for those who RSVP. For additional information, see flyer on website under "Training." To register, contact Dana LaPointe by email at dana.lapointe@cdps.state.co.us or by telephone at 303-239-4528 by September 15, 2005.