

# NEWSLETTER

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## UPDATE: DVOMB STANDARDS REVISION

The process for revising the *Standards for Treatment with Court Ordered Domestic Violence Offenders (Standards)* is detailed and comprehensive. The first step is the recognized need for revisions (either from interested stakeholders or the DVOMB). A multi-disciplinary committee of all interested persons is formed to create revisions. The draft of these revisions is then sent to the DVOMB. After the DVOMB adopts the draft, it is distributed statewide, generally to focus groups, for comment and review. The focus group feedback is subsequently reviewed by the DVOMB, final revisions are incorporated based on this feedback, and the revisions are formally adopted. The final step entails the statewide distribution of the formally adopted revised standard.

### Provider Qualifications

Section 9.0 Provider Qualifications is currently being revised. There are three levels of approval proposed for Providers: (1) Entry Level Provider, (2) Full Operating Level Provider, and (3) Clinical Supervisor. For each level there are specific educational requirements, Department of Regulatory Agencies' licensure or listing requirements, experiential requirements, and training requirements.

The proposal of a new Entry Level Provider was created in response to statewide feedback. Rural areas, in particular, reported having a very difficult time meeting the requirements of the current standards.

A draft of the proposed standards is available for feedback on the DVOMB website or upon request. The revisions on this draft will be finalized in January or February of 2007.

### Best Practice Guidelines for Providing Court-Ordered Treatment to Female Domestic Violence Offenders

Proposed guidelines have been developed to address the unique aspects of treatment with female domestic violence offenders. These guidelines supplement the DVOMB *Standards for Treatment for Court Ordered Domestic Violence Offenders*.

A Specific Offender Population Committee of the DVOMB was established to develop these guidelines. The Committee, comprised of state and local experts in the field of women's treatment and female offenders (including Providers, victim service providers and advocates, probation/corrections officers, and others involved in the criminal justice system) collaborated in the creation of these guidelines. Clinical and professional expertise, as well as a review of available research and literature, served as the foundation for these guidelines.

The treatment issues unique to female offenders require that Providers working with this population have specific experience, knowledge, and assessment skills to effectively assess for, and provide treatment to female offenders. The guidelines include information on training, assessment, treatment, and supervision related to effective work with female offenders. The proposed guidelines are in the final editing stages and will be presented in December to the DVOMB for final approval.

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FACTS IN COLORADO

- Domestic violence victim programs were forced to deny 4,793 requests for shelter in 2004 because shelters were at full capacity (Source: Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence).
- 45% of women murdered from 1996-1999 in Colorado were killed by their intimate partner (Source: Project Safeguard: “When Domestic Violence Kills: The Formation and Finding of the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee”. Pg 14.)
- Of the 231 homicides that occurred in Colorado in 2004, 17% involved intimate partner violence (Source: Colo. Dept. of Public Health and Environment. “Injury in Colorado: Homicide and Assault.” <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us//pp/injepi/InjuryinColorado/13homicide.pdf>)

MEET THE STAFF

**Cheryl Davis** has been the Program Director for the Domestic Violence Offender Management Program since early in 2001. Cheryl is an Approved Treatment Provider and a Licensed Professional Counselor in Colorado. She has over 14 years experience working with domestic violence victims and offenders. As the Program Director, Cheryl manages the daily operations of the domestic violence program, including the *Standards* revision process, the application review process, trainings, community outreach, and oversees legislative issues.

**Zoe Henry** has been the Research Coordinator for the Domestic Violence Offender Management Program for five years. Previous to working for the DVOMB, Zoe was a policy analyst for the Department of Regulatory Agencies where she authored Sunrise/Sunset reports. Zoe is responsible for collecting and analyzing data regarding the impact of the *Standards* for domestic violence offender treatment. She creates reports on program implementation and data analysis for the Colorado Legislature and the DVOMB.

**Dana LaPointe** has been the administrative assistant for almost five years. Her previous work experience was in law enforcement and the medical field. She is responsible for answering the DVOMB main phone line; responding to mail and phone inquiries for information and materials; processing new applications and reapplications; distributing mass mailings; monitoring the DVOMB budget; organizing travel and meeting arrangements; and maintaining the Provider Database, Approved Provider List and website. Along with Zoe Henry, Dana co-publishes the Newsletter.



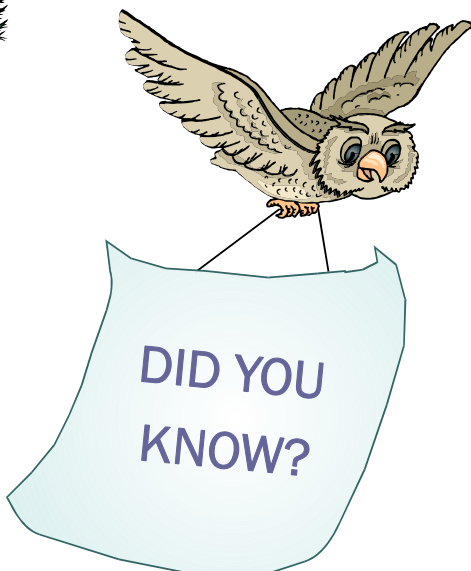
OWL JOKE

What does an owl with an attitude have?

Answer: A scowl

HOW CAN YOU COMMUNICATE YOUR THOUGHTS, IDEAS, AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (DVOMB)?

- Attend DVOMB Meetings (2nd Friday of each month)
  - Have your task force represented at DVOMB meetings to present ideas and to keep abreast of DVOMB proceedings
- Review proposed revisions online and submit your ideas in writing
- Attend Committee Meetings
  - Teleconference from your community to a committee meeting
  - Attend in person
- Attend Focus Groups on proposed standards revisions
  - These are held statewide
  - or sponsor a focus group





**BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

We are pleased to spotlight the Honorable Gilbert A. Gutierrez who was appointed to the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board in 2000.

Judge Gutierrez's accomplished career began in 1980 after graduating from the University of New Mexico School of Law. Before moving to Colorado in 1992, he was in private practice in New Mexico.

The world of academia was his next achievement, where he was a Professor of Sociology (Criminal Justice) at

the University of Northern Colorado from 1992-1996.

As a Weld County Court Judge (1997-2002), he presided over the dedicated Domestic Violence Court for 15 months. In 2002 Judge Gutierrez was appointed to District Court where he currently hears felony cases.

He has been married since June 14, 1969, to his lovely wife, Terri, who is a Professor of Accounting at the University of Northern Colorado. They delight in

their three children and two grandchildren.

While Gil's wanderlust has prompted many exciting travel expeditions, he also enjoys pounding tin, playing the guitar, and listening to bluegrass and flamenco guitar music. He is an avid disc golfer and partakes in this sport whenever he finds an opportunity.

Judge Gutierrez's participation on the DVOMB has been invaluable due to his expertise in the field of domestic violence and the courts.



The Honorable Gilbert A. Gutierrez

**DVOMB STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) forms committees to address specific issues. The name of the committee, accomplishments, and meeting schedule (where applicable) are listed below. Please contact Dana LaPointe at 303-239-4528 if you have any questions.

Many of the DVOMB Committees that have been featured in previous newsletters have accomplished their goals.

**Domestic Violence/Sex Offender Crossover Committee**

The purpose of this Committee was to work on identifying ways to increase the knowledge of domestic violence and/or sex offender treatment providers regarding their work with these clients. The accomplishments of this Committee include:

- Identification of similarities and differences between domestic violence and sex offenders.
- Training for adult sex offender providers regarding victim dynamics and domestic violence offender characteristics.
- Training on teaching healthy sexual behaviors in domestic violence offender treatment.

**Offender Evaluation Committee**

This Committee has successfully completed a draft regarding the evaluation of offender risk and needs assessment (Section 4.0). This draft is available on the DVOMB website or upon request. Focus groups for community input on this topic are scheduled for the dates listed below. Still to be scheduled are: Colorado Springs, Ft. Collins, 5th Judicial District (Eagle or Summit) and 14th Judicial District (Routt):

- Alamosa: January 11
- Boulder: January 18
- Denver: January 8
- Durango: January 18
- Pueblo: January 19

(for further information on time and location, see the DVOMB website)

**Research Committee**

This Committee assisted with the creation of the data collection form used for compiling information for the report, *Preliminary Report on the Findings from the Domestic Violence Offender Management Board Data Collection Project: An Analysis of Offenders in Court-Ordered Treatment (October 2006)*

**Standards Revision Committee**

Section 9.0 Provider Qualifications draft of proposed new standards is available for your feedback on the DVOMB website or upon request. Revisions of this draft will be finalized in January or February of 2007.

**DV Treatment Review Committee**

Section 5.0 Offender Treatment is currently being revised. These revisions propose to design treatment that corresponds to the offender's risk with his/her intensity of treatment, creates three different levels of intensity of treatment, requires offenders to demonstrate certain competencies prior to discharge, strengthens the team management concept and create the Multi-disciplinary Treatment Team (MTT), and addresses offender criminogenic needs in treatment.

This committee anticipates having a draft for statewide feedback in the Spring of 2007.

Meeting time: 10 AM - 2 PM

Meeting location: 710 Kipling, 3rd floor, room #308

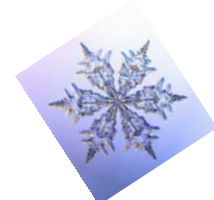
Meeting Schedule:

**2007**

- January 11      March 8
- February 8      April 12



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



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## NEWLY-APPROVED PROVIDERS

From April 2006 through December 2006, there were four applicants who received full approval and three who received provisional approval. Their names and locations of practice are listed below.

### Newly-Approved Providers With Full Approval

Edward "Andy" Anderson – Aurora  
Philippe Marquis – Lakewood  
Julie Trujillo – Grand Junction  
Roland Weller – Arvada, Denver, Idaho Springs, Westminster

### Provisionally-Approved Providers

Theresa Bauer – La Junta, Las Animas, Manzanola, Ordway  
La Wanda Sue Campbell – Burlington  
Bretta Kennedy – Alma



## HOW TO CONTACT US

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

E-mail: [dana.lapointe@cdps.state.co.us](mailto:dana.lapointe@cdps.state.co.us)  
(Type "to the DVOMB" in the description of your message.)

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

## HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

Please inform the DVOMB in writing of any changes to your contact information – mailing address, e-mail address, agency name, office address, phone number or fax number. If you have changed one of your practice locations (either left one agency or moved to an additional one), also inform us in writing regarding which agency and its information. It is also important to provide us with the county and judicial district of the new agency for inclusion on the Approved Provider List. You may fax this information to the attention of Dana LaPointe at 303-239-4491 or email: [dana.lapointe@cdps.state.co.us](mailto:dana.lapointe@cdps.state.co.us)

*Thank you!*