

Sex Offender Management Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2024

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Board Member Attendance: Sarah Brown-Foiles, Dan Hunt, Brian VanMeter, Jonathan Warshawsky, Abdi Tinwalla, Alison Foley, Najma Adam, Vernon Foli, Marshon Conrad

Absent: Carrie Ward, Delrice Adams, Michael Anton, Jacqueline Bullard, Carol Costello, Patrick Delfino, Margaret Menzeberger, Annette Milleville, Elizabeth Tarzia, Sharon Coleman (Weems), Mary Jackovac

Non-Board Members Present: Tara Clark (IDOC), Tracy Tholin (IL ATSA), Randy Plunk (Liberty Health), Kelly Phelps (ISP)

Called to order at 10:09am

Old Business

- There is the subpopulation of individuals that are currently committed that are not admissible for treatment due to not meeting the criteria.
- There are also individuals who may meet criteria that are lower risk but are unable to care for themselves for various reasons such as physical health, physical limitations, or mental health but also those who are unable to find resources in the community.
- Some individuals have already been discharged and there are no resources for them in the community that help them transition to being on their own.
  - Kelly Phelps spoke on how to handle SVP individuals and how to help them with finding both therapy and other resources for adapting to the community. However, he feels releasing them is better than to keep them in detention facilities also based on cost and what they are provided as long as we can find them the help they need. FYSA Grant Funding information: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-24-006>
  - Sarah has spoken with other states SOMB about the ageing population of sex offenders as a whole. Illinois has unique laws that other states don't necessarily have regarding nursing home placements. Every individual placed in a nursing home is required to have an evaluation of risk assessment done upon placement. Not currently sure if SOMB can advocate for legislation changes, and it may not even need to be an advocating role but just something to draw attention to this.
  - Marshon Conrad is open to having suggestions for questions to add to polygraphs and mentioned to send those by email.
  - Tracy Tholin spoke about the ROSAC Training and whether the best option would be to look into Zoom or Eventbrite. Both platforms will charge a fee and it would be best to cap the participants at 100 individuals based on cost for registration and manual fee which runs anywhere from \$20-\$34.
- There were not enough capable voters for the meeting, but Sarah would like to have a vote on whether SOMB should cover the cost for the ROSAC training to offer this free to the community and manual cost at \$20.

- Last meeting Sarah provided information on CE Providers but was minimal which didn't give much of an opportunity for others to review quite yet. IL ATSA was working on becoming a provider and learned state agencies can do this for free and contacted the SOMB. At this time IL ATSA provides social work and sex offense specific licenses. Sarah will report back before the next meeting on getting ROSAC training in place and try and have a vote along with reporting back on the high need population of sex offenders.

Moving Forward:

1. Contact Department of Health
2. Contact both states for SOMB to know how they address these issues in their states.
3. Sarah to report back on ROSAC Training funding and scheduling for community.
4. Report back on high need population of sex offenders

2024 Quarterly Meeting Dates:

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00am

November 21st, 2024, at 10:00am

Petition to adjourn at 10:56am

Seconded at 10:56am

Meeting Adjourned