

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order by Chairperson Alyssa Schafer on November 19, 2015. The meeting was held at the Bloomington Police Department.

PRESENT:

Member(s): Alyssa Schafer, Jaime Oliphant, Dick Winkler, Simeon Kim, Tracie Newton, Jacqueline Bullard, Vern Foli, Jeff Sim, Abdi Tinwalla, Micheal Bednarz, Shawn Albert, Beth Tarzia

Guests: Najma Adam - DCFS, Stephan Vogler - Northwestern

ABSENT:

Member(s):

Excused: Annette Milleville Michael Tardy, Margaret Menzenberger, Mickie Owens, Mike Anton, Pat Delfino, Guy Groot, Carol Corgan

Unexcused: None

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. Review of Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2015

The meeting minutes from the September 17, 2015 meeting were presented. Members approved minutes.

C. Discussion on Meeting Dates and Locations for 2016

There was a consensus that we should at least meet quarterly either in person or via video conference and any other meeting could be held via phone conference.

Shawn Albert will explore the option of using Go to Meeting as well and report back to the Board.

Alyssa Schafer will send out a listing of all meetings for 2016.

D. Update on Submission to JCAR

Alyssa Schafer has been in frequent conversation with JCAR. The Standards and Guidelines were reformatted by Alyssa Schafer to meet the designated format of JCAR. The majority of the former rules will be repealed and the new introduced. Once these are formally submitted, Alyssa Schafer will inform the Board as there will be a public comment period.

E. Plan for 2016

Members had a good discussion in relation to what they would like to see the Board accomplish in 2016. Topics discussed included the following:

- 1) Creation of a resource directory to include treatment resources, adjunct treatment resources such as inpatient substance abuse programs that take sex offenders, employment assistance, etc. This directory would be created as a link on the SOMB webpage.
 - a. Alyssa will explore parole's options and report.
 - b. Jaime will explore probation's options and report.
 - c. Dr. Bednarz will explore the SVP conditional release program's options and report.
 - d. Other board members are encouraged if they know of resources to bring those forward as well.
- 2) Jackie presented the idea of utilizing ICJIA to look at data collection and the creation of a baseline set of numbers for what is going on in the state, county-by-county, perhaps both statewide and county-by-county statistics on the basics: 1) the number of sex offenders, by offense; 2) the number of civil commitments; 3) the number of convictions for SORNA violations, 4) DOC versus probation sentencing, 5) the number of youthful offenders who petition off the registry, 6) recidivism rates, 7) access to victim support services, 8) map of service providers, etc. Also perhaps numbers from DOJJ by county on the number of kids committed to DOJJ versus residential placement versus probation. These numbers might be interesting to spot justice-by-geography problems; identifying areas of need in terms of service providers (i.e., do we have service provider "deserts" -- and how might that affect incarceration and recidivism rates); targeting our training programs more effectively, etc.
- 3) Annette, via email, asked if the Board could look at revisions to the Illinois Sex Offender Registry Act. The Board discussed this and came to the consensus that this would be best spearheaded by one of the commissions.
- 4) The Board also discussed 2016 training topics to include the following:
 - a. Polygraph
 - b. Psychopharmacology
 - c. Civil Commitment and Conditional Release
 - d. Sex Offenders in the age of the internet (sexting, revenge porn, pornography, investigations, treatment, civil commitment)
 - e. Human Trafficking
 - f. Addressing the judges with particular focus on civil commitment

The board discussed having a comprehensive training with key note speakers and breakout sessions.

Assignments to board members will be forthcoming so we can explore presenters.

F. SOMB Committee Reports

- Training – no meeting was held. The fall training was well received and had 116 attendees.
- Standards and Guidelines - no report
- QA – There were no complaints, so the committee did not meet.

- Funding – no meeting held, but the current fund is \$88,113.32. There was a discussion that funding options need to be further explored.
- Appointment – no meeting held
- Legislative- no report

A committee listing will be sent out to the board members so a new roster can be created.

G. New Business:

None

H. Next Meeting:

January 21, 2016 – Phone Conference

I. Adjournment

Following the completion of business, a motion for adjournment was made by Dick Winkler and seconded by Jeff Sim. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.