

# SEXUAL OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

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QA Sub-Committee  
March 12, 2021  
Idaho Department of Correction  
Zoom

## Members present (subcommittee):

Dr. Michael Johnston, Chair  
Jeff Betts, Vice Chair  
Paula Garay, Member  
Melissa Hultberg, Member  
Brian Marx, Member

## Others Present:

Karin Magnelli, Deputy Attorney General  
Nancy Volle, Program Manager  
Jamie Lundy, AA2

## Guest:

## Call to Order

Ms. Hultberg called the sub-committee meeting to order at 8:11 A.M.

## QA Sub-Committee:

- Ms. Garay moved that the subcommittee convene in executive session at 8:11 a.m. to: Consider records that are exempt from public disclosure [I.C. § 74-206(1)(d)] chapter 1, title 74, Idaho code see I.C. § 74-106(9). The purpose of the subcommittee executive session is to consider applications for SOMB certification and to advise the board. It was seconded by Dr. Johnston. The vote was Dr. Johnson, Chair, aye; Mr. Betts, Vice Chair, aye; Ms. Hultberg, Member, aye; and Mr. Marx, Member, aye and Ms. Garay, aye.

Mr. Marx motioned to come out of executive session 10:15 a.m., the motion was seconded by Mr. Betts.

Regular Meeting Minutes  
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**Members present:**

Dr. Michael Johnston, Chair  
Jeff Betts, Vice Chair  
Melissa Hultberg, Member  
Paula Garay, Member  
Moirra Lynch, Member  
Matt Thomas, Member

Brian Marx, Member  
John Dinger, Member  
Carlos Ponce, Member  
Ted Pulver, Member

**Others Present:**

Karin Magnelli, Deputy Attorney General  
Nancy Volle, Program Manager  
Jamie Lundy, AA2

**Guest:**

Brandy Simmons  
Lawrence Johnson

**Excused:**

Ryan Porter, Member

**Call to Order**

Mr. Marx called the full board meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

**Board Business:**

**1) Renewal Application Approvals:**

- Ms. Volle advised the Board the following application for renewal certification was approved:  
a. TJ16-48: Sr. Level Juvenile Sexual Offender Treatment Provider

**2) Meeting Minutes (Action item):**

- Mr. Marx motioned to approve the January 2, 2021 and February 12, 2021 meeting minutes as is. It was seconded by Mr. Pulver and all remaining members present voted aye. **Motion carried.**

**3) Budget (Action item):**

**A. Office Supplies.** Ms. Volle gave detail for the approval of \$750.00 for office supplies. Mr. Marx motioned to approve the amount. It was seconded by Mr. Thomas and all remaining members present voted aye. **Motion carried.**

**B. Board Member Training.** Review of which member want to attend ATSA. Interested members will let Ms. Volle know by the end of the day.

- Mr. Marx motioned to approve 6 Members to attend the ATSA training. It was seconded by Mr. Pulver and all remaining members voted aye. **Motion carried.**
- Review of the polygraph trainings for Mr. Pulver. Mr. Pulver explained he wants to attend these particular trainings because they are the only 2 available and he would like to gather information to add to quality assurance. Mr. Marx motioned to approve the two trainings. It was seconded by Mr. Dinger and all remaining members voted aye. **Motion carried.**
- There was review of the two virtual GIFR trainings that Ms. Hultberg would like to attend. Ms. Volle asked if anyone else was interested, with no interest. Mr. Marx moved to approve the \$500.00 for the two trainings. It was seconded by Mr. Pulver and all remaining members voted aye. **Motion carried.**
- There was review of the RM2000 training by Dr. Johnston. Ms. Volle and Ms. Lynch s would also like to attend. Mr. Marx moved to approve the \$125.00 virtual GIFR trainings. It was seconded by Mr. Dinger and all remaining members voted aye. **Motion carried.**

#### 4) Evaluations for Juvenile Sexual Offenders ages 18-21:

- Ms. Hultberg inquired about who should be doing evaluations on individuals in DJC custody who are between 18-21 years old. He said the assessment tools are ok for 18 and early 19 years old, after that it is inappropriate. Dr. Johnston said that tools like Stable and Static cannot be used for anyone under 16 years of age He said it is rare among 16/17year olds. He also said he isn't sure when it should be turned over to an adult evaluator. He said over 18 he does not use tools; he goes over the checklist variables. The focus is on adult risk variables on that level. Mr. Betts said he gave a presentation that basically said the same thing. Mr. Betts asked Ms. Hultberg if they are trusting evaluators to determine if something is out of their scope? Dr. Johnston said yes, the evaluator needs to be able to explain themselves. It needs to be based on how are they functioning? Mr. Betts agreed it should be individually characterized with extenuating circumstances being considered.
- Mr. Marx asked if determination can be based on whether juvenile or adult evaluator will get a more accurate risk from an adult evaluator when crime is adult-like? Dr. Johnston said he read Static and Stable manual on age and offense. It comes down to risk variables. The totality of the case always needs to be looked at. Dr. Johnston also noted that we still have 90% of the information that we base assessments on anyway. Mr. Betts added that 18-year olds can have juvenile assessments. If they are coming through the juvenile system and they are 18, this would be a problem. But, if they are 18 and in the adult system, they need to have an adult evaluator. If they are 19 and in juvenile custody, it would probably be better to go to an adult evaluator.

#### 5) SOMB Standards Discussion:

- A. Training and CEU Requirements.** Question arose regarding if all CEUs required for certification need to be sexual offender training related? Ms. Magnelli said at 60-375 it should be special. 30 to adults and no more than 16 related to victims. 20 for specialized, 20 consistent with licensure during renewal.
- B. Dual Certification.** Ms. Volle is looking for clarification regarding standards Section 2X(C)(e). Standards say "the SOMB may consider experience with combined populations (adults and juveniles) on a case by case basis." Ms. Volle is looking for guidance regarding what the Board might be willing to accept in a case

by case basis, in case she needs to communicate this information to providers in the future. Mr. Marx said only if a work around is exceptionally detailed in how the experience has given the necessary knowledge. Mr. Betts said there are very important and distinct differences in juvenile vs. adult treatment and isn't sure how to work around that. Ms. Volle asked if there is additional information that should be asked for in order to present to the Sub-committee. Ms. Magnelli said this is up to the provider to say how the experience comes into play. It is about competency.

#### **6) QA Process discussion:**

- Is there a more efficient way to do QA? Ms. Magnelli said it goes back to the renewal numbers and chart. Ms. Volle brought up the chart that Ms. Magnelli created to break down the number of QA reviews. The even years have more renewals. Mr. Marx said the evaluators take a lot more time to review. The suggestion of moving to quarterly reviews could be open to Board discussion. Ms. Magnelli said January of 2022 will be the largest with 8 to process. Mr. Marx said adding Polygraph will add more time as well. Ms. Lynch asked if it would be helpful to zoom an educational meeting with Providers? Or a video for Providers?
- Mr. Pulver discussed visiting district 3 and 4 to get input from certified polygraph examiners. He would like to develop communication between polygraph examiners and POs. Mr. Marx said there could be a COVID issue. Ms. Magnelli recommends an advance sign up. The training room at Correctional Industries was discussed as a possible location.
- The Board will send out a message to gauge interest.

Adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Jamie Lundy, SOMB