

Domestic Violence Offender Management Board
Implementation Committee: Executive Summary - Pueblo Project

Executive Summary

The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) convened the Implementation Committee in December of 2014 with the intent of exploring how the board could improve its capacity to engage, collaborate, and receive feedback from communities statewide by using elements of implementation science¹. The Implementation Committee engaged the Pueblo Domestic Violence Treatment Team (DVTT) to pilot a collaborative process intended to assist in the implementation of Colorado's Standards for Treatment for Court Ordered Domestic Violence Offenders (the *Standards*). This pilot identified community strengths and barriers that could be drawn upon and problem solved, respectively.

The Pueblo DVTT and DVOMB created a multidisciplinary subcommittee to mutually establish objectives to address communication, DVTT creation and representation, *Standards* interpretation related to individualized treatment, and process improvement. Over the course of nine months, this subcommittee was able to accomplish several items:

- Refined the DVOMB variance process which allows for an Approved Provider to request a modification to a *Standard* when experiencing issues or barriers to implementation
- Gained representation on the Pueblo DVTT by the Public Defender's office
- Increased clarity regarding the role and power of a Multidisciplinary Treatment Team (MTT) decision-making and interpretation of *Standards*
- Identified how the Pueblo DVTT formed and sustains its collaborative culture
- Developed strategies for improving communication both within the DVTT and among community stakeholders
- Formalize a process for raising concerns and bringing issues to the DVOMB
- Raised awareness of community resources available to victims and identify gaps

The success of this collaboration was attributed to a culture of encouragement and safety within the subcommittee due to its smaller size and established group norms. This process allowed for vested team members to constructively make recommendations toward improving the coordination and case management of DV treatment and supervision.

Other DV communities throughout the state may find Pueblo's DVTT model one to consider adopting and modifying for their own use. For more information about this pilot project, best-practices for community groups, and ways you can enhance the coordination and case management of DV treatment and supervision, please refer to the full report. This document can be used as a guide in order to discuss the formation and functionality of DVTTs. Additionally, the DVOMB will share the results of the Pueblo Project in 2017 at Roundtables across the state. Please look for more information in the coming months from the DVOMB on where and when the Roundtables are scheduled.

¹ Implementation Science is the systematic study of specified activities designed to put into practice activities or programs of known dimensions