

WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS

BOARD MEETING

01.18.2013

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Attendees

Christmas Covell, Marshall Kirkpatrick, Michael O'Connell, Linda Paxton, Kecia Rongen, Paul Spizman, Jennifer Wheeler, Florence Wolfe, Dan Yanisch

Absent

Gerry Hover, Brian Judd, B.J. Oneal, Maureen Saylor

Agenda

- Committee Reports
 - Program Committee
 - Membership Committee
 - Policy Committee
 - Budget Committee
- Other issues

Business Items

Program Committee (JW, MS, MO, BJ, LP) – the Spring Conference is set for February 22-24 at Suncadia Lodge in Cle Elum. We need at least 40 more rooms for us to meet our commitment for the best rate. Please direct any questions to Maureen S.

It has now been confirmed that the March WATSA meetings will take place in the Steilacoom Town Hall on March 15, 2013. It will feature Dr. Jonathan Allison discussing the Bio-psychological Model for assessment and treatment. April and May are still open for programming. Please propose your own or encourage others to submit ideas.

In regards to the Fall Retreat, we will be returning to the Mountain View Lodge in Manson, likely the last weekend in September (though this does need to be finalized).

Membership Committee (CC, KR, JH, PS, JW) – Marshall Kirkpatrick has been working to expand membership in the Central and Eastern parts of the state. In the past there was lots of interest expressed for some form of technological meeting mechanism, but after investigation it appears the cost would be prohibitive. Instead, Marshall has been floating the idea of establishing an Eastern Washington subchapter of WATSA. He would spearhead meetings and discussions (that would not conflict with the meetings of the Western side) and encourage greater connection with the main WATSA chapter. He requested and was given enthusiastic permission to proceed in that direction.

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee (MO, MS, KR, DY, JH) – In December there was a telephone conference with former members of the Sex Offender Policy Board. At the request of certain legislators a subcommittee will be looking at the impact of SSOSA and how that is

implemented across the state. Regular meetings have not yet been established, but should be coordinated in the near future.

Legislative concerns – 2 bills have been proposed in the coming legislature that may have some impact on sex offender treatment

HB1020--Banning SOs from Community Protection Zones – 880 feet of school, daycare, etc

HB1125—adult family homes and RSOs

Budget Committee (BO, MS, MK, PS) – We have roughly 18,000 in the budget, which will ensure the Spring Conference will be up and running.

Late last year it was announced that Detective Bob Schilling was appointed to a very select position with Interpol. He would spearhead the international child sex abuse focus for a span of 3 years. Then it was announced he did not have adequate funding, so WATSA decided to make a contribution on his behalf. Discussion was held, and the Board determined to pledge \$1500 to the cause. It is now definite that he will be funded through King County.

Other Issues – A subcommittee did come to an agreement on the minimal criteria for certified SOTPs at a meeting this past fall. The types of licenses and certifications were reviewed, and the list of these will be distributed via e-mail for further confirmation. Dr. Wheeler will review what needs to happen down the line, likely in the 2014 legislative session.

Agenda items for future meetings

- Next meeting will take place on Friday, March 15 , 2013.