

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

BOARD MEETING

04.19.2013

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Attendees

Christmas Covell, Brian Judd, Marshall Kirkpatrick, Michael O'Connell, Linda Paxton, Myrna Pinedo, Kecia Rongen, Maureen Saylor, Paul Spizman, Jennifer Wheeler, Dan Yanisch

Absent

Gerry Hover

Agenda

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

Business Items

Program Committee (JW, MS, MO, LP) – In regards to the 2014 Spring Conference, MS received an e-mail from Michael Seto. He is probably not able to come in February. We may be able to secure Andrew Harris as a replacement. James Cantor is a definite. Dates of the conference are posted on the WATSA website.

Ideally we could also seek out Franca Cortoni for future (2015?) conference.

Static training to be held at the beginning of May is full, with a waiting list. Therefore we will be making some money from it, but the majority of the work has been done by Dan Knoepfler. Kudos to him.

Future WATSA meetings:

- May 16 will be at Northwest Treatment Associates with Mike O'Connell talking about latest developments in arousal conditioning.
- June 21 meeting will be in Wenatchee with a panel discussion of "How do you know if someone is done with treatment?" This is being coordinated by Marshall Kirkpatrick, and will be the first joint meeting of the East and West chapters of WATSA.

Retreat planning needs to take place for this fall. Marshall is checking out dates with Mountain View Lodge in Manson, WA for this September.

Membership Committee (CC, KR, JH, PS, JW) – We are higher than last year at 30 members. We would be smart to do more marketing of the benefits of being a member of WATSA. We could perhaps confer with ATSA to add a simple check box when a person joins ATSA where they can register for their State chapter. Michael O’Connell will contact Maia Christopher to check into this possibility. Another option might be to confer with DOH for when someone becomes certified. ATSA will soon need a financial and membership report from LP, CC, and JW.

Sex Offender Policy Board / Media Committee (MO, MS, KR, DY, JH) – A subcommittee of the SOPB is still working on the SSOSA question submitted by Sen. Hargrove last fall. MO, MS, KR, and DY are part of that subcommittee in their different capacities. MS is likely stepping down in July, and MO was supported by WATSA to be the official SOPB delegate / member.

Credentialing question and reasoning around why
-any obvious health care provider,
-why osteopaths and physician’s assistants? Because the RCW specifies that if MDs are appropriate than we have to accept those types of positions. We have to include all doctors if we include psychiatrists. Associate positions are comparable to affiliate status. The WAC has other requirements. We would like to cull the obvious (accupuncture, dentists, chiropractors), and be able to move forward with new certifications. Institutional affiliates are only for substance abuse programs.
If WATSA writes up the language, we still need a representative in Olympia to sponsor a bill. Any recommendations on who to contact? KR will check into this.

ESSB 5735 – The latest legislative bills addressing sex offenders were discussed by Michael O’Connell. Several bills passed in the Senate without opposition, but were significantly whittled down in the House. Most of the bill is about compliance with the Adam Walsh Act.

Budget Committee (BO, MS, MK, PS) – We still don’t have the debit cards from Key Bank, and our treasurer can’t access the website. Consideration was given and approved to move some of our money into savings as opposed to checking accounts. We still have approximately \$18,000 in our accounts. Talk about it in May meeting.

Other Issues

Agenda items for future meetings

- Next meeting will take place on Friday, May 16, 2013. Should we seek out a different bank if Key Bank remains a struggle to deal with?