

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

MONTHLY MEETING – 04.19.2013
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Attendees

Jonathan Allison, Doug Allmon, Thomas Carey, Christmas Covell, Jeff Crinean, Marty Gunderson, Regina Harrington, Marshall Kirpatrick, Olivia Lovely, Renee Newton, Michael O'Connell, Linda Paxton, Myrna Pinedo, Kecia Rongen, Maureen Saylor, Paul Spizman, Laura Tennell Dear, Lisa Trifiletti, Carla van Dam, Erica Walker, Gary Weider, Jennifer Wheeler, Ed Wright, Dan Yanisch

Introductions: Attendees participated in brief introductions

Business Items

Future WATSA Meetings:

The next WATSA meeting will occur on Friday, May 16, 2013, and will be held at Northwest Treatment Associates. Following a general discussion there will be a presentation by Michael O'Connell concerning the latest developments in arousal conditioning for sex offenders.

The June 21 meeting will take place in Wenatchee, and will feature a panel discussion of "How do you know if someone is done with treatment?" This is being coordinated by Marshall Kirkpatrick. It is the first joint meeting of the East and West chapters of WATSA.

Updates:

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 (acupuncture, 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.

Presentation Information:

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by Brian Judd, Ph.D., discussing *When is a Sex Offender Not a Sex Offender?*

For WATSA members who took part in the discussion and presentation--please note that you earned *1.5 continuing education credits* through the Washington Department of Health.