

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

BOARD MEETING

3.16.2018

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Attendees

H. Coryell; D. Yanisch; L. Paxton; J. Williamson; M. O'Connell; M. Saylor; D. Knoepfler

Absent

F. Wolfe; P. Spizman; L. Trifiletti; K. Schafer

Agenda

- 1) A meeting with Ted Dale of DOH is 3/23 at the University Place Library located at 3609 Market Place West, University Place, WA 98466. This meeting is regarding ways to enhance new affiliate SOTPs joining the field. This came from a bill in the Senate, this year, sponsored by Pierce County legislators, to have LRA clients return to their county of conviction. However, most SOTPs are in the Puget Sound corridor. An amendment to the bill would have SCC cover some of the costs for new SOTP certification in remote counties. It was pointed out the bigger problem is securing housing, not just for LRAs but for sex offenders releasing from prison.
- 2) H. Coryell and L. Paxton were able to put their names on the WATSA bank account and remove Jennifer Wheeler.
- 3) A vote was taken to not have a regular chapter meeting in April. The presenters we had contacted will be making their presentation at the SOPB Conference, in May, instead.
- 4) The Chaperone Training, Training, scheduled for 4/6 has enough persons registered to break even, as of now.
- 5) The Static/Stable/Acute Training, scheduled for 4/11/13 currently has fewer persons registering than needed to break even. We discussed various alternatives to this, including asking the presenter, Jeff Landon, if he would be willing to postpone the training to a later date.
- 6) We discussed the SOPB conference and CEUs and I told the group that I received the Bios for the presenters and will be emailing those out to go along with the workshop descriptions.
- 7) There was a good deal of discussion about unexpected cost of the recent conference. As of current numbers, it looks like we lost \$12,000. Maureen will be contacting the person she was working with at Semiahmoo to get some additional clarification and this will be discussed in more detail at next month's board meeting.

Monthly Meetings

April 2018 –No general meeting. We have the chaperone training 4/6 and the Static/ STABLE/ACUTE 4/11-4/13

May 2018 – When should a general mental health practitioner refer a client to a specialist regarding sexual issues? Discussion to include treatment of non-offending pedophiles. – St. Martin's University, room holds up to 70 people, will need to pre-register. SOPB conference in Yakima

June 2018 - 8th-10th Retreat at Mountain View Lodge

July 2018 – no meeting

August 2018 – no meeting

Business Items

Program Committee–

A list of potential retreat topics was generated. Ideas are always welcome.

Additional upcoming training opportunities: N/A

Eastern WA chapter issues: N/A

Membership Committee – No update

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee – Interesting developments with the Senate version of this bill, SB 6515: Here is a review of the substitute bill that was reported out of the executive committee of the Senate Committee On Human Services & Corrections <https://tinurl.com/y74pkd7b> which removes chapter 71.09 RCW amendments and adds that a SVP review group be established and overseen by the SOPB. Adds a report due to the Legislature by December 1, 2018, and an expiration date of December 30, 2019.

More detail:

The SOPB must establish and provide oversight, staff support, research, and consultation to the Review Group, which must be led by the SVP section chief in the attorney general's office. The Review Group must contain, at minimum:

- a representative of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs;
- the chair or representative of the SVP unit in the King county prosecutor's office;
- a representative from the office of public defense;
- a representative of the Pierce County prosecutor's office;
- a representative of the **Washington Association for the Treatment of Sex Abusers**;
- a representative of the Department of Corrections unit SVPs, or the End of Sentence Review Committee;
- a retired Washington State superior court judge;
- a representative of the Washington State Association of Counties; a representative of the association of Washington cities;
- and the chief executive officer of the Special Commitment Center, or the chief executive officer's designee.

The Review Group shall consult with the Washington Institute for Public Policy and the Office of Financial Management's forecasting and research division, and shall meet with the SOPB on a quarterly basis to review progress and make requests for staff support, research, or consultation.

Budget Committee

Treasure Linda Paxton presented a profit and loss and balance sheet. The chapter's bank account has a balance of \$57,919 but there are still \$26,182 in conference costs to be paid.

Other Issues: N/A

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Andrea Walker's dissertation and recruiting new SOTPs
2. The WATSA PayPal account needs to remove Dan Knoepfler as account holder