

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

BOARD MEETING

7.20.2018

10:00 A.M. –12:00 P.M.

Attendees

H. Coryell; L. Paxton; L. Trifiletti; M. O’Connell; D. Yanisch; P. Hannon

Absent

P. Spizman; M. Saylor; J. Williamson

Agenda

1. Static-99R booster training: The attendance for the 8/13 booster training is increasing. We have 10 attendees currently which is short of the break-even point. WATSA made \$700 from offering CEUs at the SOM conference which should offset the possible losses from this training. Although a financial loss would be unfortunate, members of the Board feel WATSA should be providing trainings like this because it is a standard of practice. The ATSA Practice Guidelines state:

“6.03 Members conducting risk assessments of sexual abusers use empirically–supported instruments and methods (i.e., validated actuarial risk assessment tools and structured, empirically guided risk assessment protocols) over unstructured clinical judgment.”

The Board discussed the possibility of including evaluation and assessment standards in the WACs in the future. There was discussion of recent experiences with client evaluations that did not seem to meet standards of practice and if WATSA has an obligation to address these in the future. WATSA may draft a form letter to be sent to evaluators to remind them of the standards.

The Board discussed the possibility of a Webinar for future trainings. There is the possibility of WATSA purchasing GoToMeeting software. Western State Hospital’s Center for Forensic Services has webinar capabilities. P. Hannon mentioned the DSHS office in Spokane as also having webinar capabilities.

2. The Board will continue to use PayPal to process payments. H. Coryell will remove Dan Knoepfler’s name from the PayPal account.

3. H. Coryell gave an update on discussions with Ted Dale at DOH to update licensing requirements. Ted indicated that he is now turning his attention to this.

4. The Global Institute of Forensic Research (GIFR) contacted H. Coryell about advertising their trainings on the WATSA website. The Board is not opposed to this but would like to be selective about what is advertised so as not to compete with WATSA-sponsored events. GIFR is a for-profit company so it seems reasonable to ask a fee for advertising on their behalf and a possible 10-15% discount for WATSA members who register for their trainings. H. Coryell to follow up with GIFR and Ann Snyder at ATSA.

5. The Board discussed the retreat. Overall the event went smoothly however there were fewer attendees than in the past. It is possible this was because the retreat was not advertised early enough. There was a lot of positive feedback from attendees.

6. The possibility of an Eastern Washington training on the Finkelhor model was raised. A DOC supervisor attended a similar talk at the SOM conference and expressed interest in having the presentation for CCOs.

7. The 3rd annual joint meeting at KCSARC is coming up in September. A possible topic of 'the role of victim empathy in the reunification process' was suggested. M. O'Connell will follow up with Susan Moynahan and Lorraine Lynch.

Attorney Brad Meryhew recently addressed the Board with concerns about SOTPs identifying victims in our evaluations and progress notes. This will also be addressed at the September meeting.

8. L. Paxton did not provide a financial update but did report that she does not want to continue as treasurer starting January 2019. L. Paxton to discuss the scope of what she does as the treasurer at the August Board meeting.

Monthly Meetings

August 2018 – no general meeting

September 2018- 3rd annual joint meeting with KCSARC- topic TDB

Business Items

Program Committee–

Additional upcoming training opportunities: N/A

Eastern WA chapter issues: N/A

Membership Committee – N/A

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee – N/A

Budget Committee – N/A

Other Issues: N/A

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Andrea Walker's dissertation and recruiting new SOTPs
2. Follow up on Suncadia for 2020 and Alderbrook
3. SOTP certification and DOH- update