

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

BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING PLATFORM

8.21.2020

10:30 A.M. –12:00 P.M.

## Attendees

H. Coryell; L. Trifiletti; M. O'Connell; J. Palander; P. Hannon; M. Reese; R. Beattey; P. Grant

## Absent

M. Kokko; M. Saylor; C. McNally;

## Agenda

1. Page 12 of the bylaws mention an advisory board which is way to make official the participation on non-ATSA members on the board. These advisors are individuals who have special expertise that can inform board business, who are not ATSA members. J. Pelander, M. Kokko, and C. McNally are examples. The Board voted to approve the formation of the advisory board.

[DOC Update \(M. Reese\)](#): Skype treatment in the community is going well. The DOC has implemented contact tracing procedures following any COVID-positive cases among staff. Inmates in the camps are back to work now. This was the source of the recent outbreak.

[SCC Update \(H. Coryell\)](#): Ten staff members have tested positive for COVID. There is limited movement in the institution which has led to increased stress and poor coping among residents. There are significant program-wide staff shortages. Clinicians are offering weekly individual sessions to residents.

[Juvenile Rehabilitation Update \(J. Pelander\)](#): DCYF is looking at permanent remote working options for staff. They are ending their leases on certain office buildings. There are occasional COVID-positive cases appearing but there is a good management strategy in place. Community-based treatment appears to be going well.

[Eastern Washington Update \(P. Hannon\)](#): Zoom treatment groups are going surprisingly well. The courts are slowly reopening, however the juvenile court is still fairly locked down. DOC has resumed doing polygraphs in office.

## Meetings

[September 18-19<sup>th</sup>](#) – Roger Wolfe Memorial Retreat

[October](#) – ATSA conference, no meeting

[November 20<sup>th</sup>](#) – Sam Louie to present on working with Asian clients with problematic sexual behaviors

[December](#) – no meeting

## Business Items

**Program Committee**– The annual WATSA retreat will be held September 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now available on the website. An advertisement will be sent out soon.

We are working on a joint 2021 conference with the Oregon chapter of ATSA. A location is TBD but Skamania Lodge and Hood River Inn are possibilities. The date is tentatively February 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

*Additional upcoming training opportunities:* The SOTIPS/ ROSAC/ VASOR-2 training will be rescheduled for Spring 2021.

**Membership Committee – N/A**

**Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee** – The Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) has formed three sub-committees including (1) Treatment Plans, Discharge Plans, and Conditions of Release to an LRA (Less Restrictive Alternative) (2) SCTF (Secure Community Treatment Facility) Siting and LRA Siting and (3) Community Notification for SCC Releases.

The Community Notification subcommittee has developed 16 recommendations that do not require any statutory changes. Their report will be completed soon.

Lowell Porter made a second presentation discussing a plan to involve a number of stakeholders in identifying new sitings. These stakeholders may include politicians, business owners, community leadership, law enforcement, etc. When finding new possible locations access to treatment and jobs will be considered. Currently the majority of housing is in relatively isolated areas, lacking resources. The plan is ambitious and likely to be expensive. Another potential problem is the number of people they are considering involving may make it difficult to make decisions.

**Treasurer Report** –The balance is \$42,670.24 with no outstanding debts.

### Agenda items for future meetings

1. Update chapter bylaws
  - a. Training for new board members
  - b. Vote on advisory board
2. Resource list on website for families of youth with sexual behavior problems
3. RSO study provided by Brad Meryhew
4. Chaperone training
5. Board member qualifications and expectations/ clarify when election should be sent out