

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

BOARD MEETING: DES MOINES LIBRARY

8.16.2019

10:15 A.M. –12:15 P.M.

Attendees

L. Trifiletti; M. O’Connell; J. Williamson; R. Beattay; P. Hannon; H. Coryell; D. Yanisch; P. Grant; M. Swartz; C. McNally

Absent

M. Saylor

Agenda

1. SOTIPS training: Pasha will be the day-of coordinator. There are a few more details to iron out but otherwise we are ready for the training.
2. An idea was suggested to give Board members a 10% discount on the conference, retreat, and trainings. After some discussion it was decided Board members would pay the full fee and 10% of their fee would be put toward a scholarship to help other practitioners attend an event that may be difficult to afford otherwise. Anyone interested in the scholarship can self-nominate or they can be nominated. The scholarship recipient(s) will be randomly chosen from the applicants prior to the event. If you receive a scholarship you will not be eligible to receive another for the next training. There will be a scholarship available for the SOTIPS training.
3. WATSA would like to put on another Static-99R and STABLE 2007 training with Jeff Landon as the trainer in January.
4. It was suggested WATSA offer yearly trainings at a fixed time of year so that people could plan to attend trainings in advance.
5. The Board discussed the retreat and how to improve the experience of attendees. The first session at the retreat will be an activity designed to help people feel included, such as a getting-to-know you exercise with an emphasis on learning people’s names. The facilitator of the exercise will also remind attendees to monitor how much they share and allow space for others to participate.
6. There have been no new developments in regard to changes in the licensure for SOTPs.
7. Some Board members have gone through the public records request process to get information on clients they are treating or evaluating. The feedback is that the process is relatively smooth, however it is an additional step providers must take to get important information. Robert will compose a Practice Alert regarding the DOC Information Sharing Guidelines to go out to our contact list.
8. Andrea Piper-Wentland is now working as a lobbyist and WATSA would like to meet with her to consider retaining her services.
9. A concerned citizen reached out to Holly regarding a level III offender that moved into his neighborhood. The individual found Holly’s contact information because the offender received an unconditional release from SCC. The Board discussed potential conflicts of interest in being public employees and WATSA Board members. When approached by community members in this way Board members will clarify their role. In regard to the concerned community member, the Board discussed ways to help educate the person and potentially facilitate communication between the offender and concerned community members/ neighbors. It was also suggested the [ATSA Sex Offender Residence Restrictions](#) be used as a guide.

DOC Update: A question was asked about which, if any, clinicians offer a sliding scale or pro bono work. It was suggested clients use the [Department of Health SOTP Directory](#) to call around

and ask. Cory and Minna also indicated they are working to provide CCOs in the training academy 2-4 hours of specific sex offender training.

[Eastern Washington Update](#): None.

Meetings

September – 4th Annual joint meeting at KCSARC- What we wish judges knew before presiding over juvenile sexual assault cases: Family dynamics, sibling abuse cases, peer abuse cases, risk factors, protective factors, etc.

October – How much treatment is enough? This will be a discussion about treatment dosage and intensity with some focus on ethical implications of when to end treatment.
Location TBD

November – ATSA Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

December – No meeting

Business Items

Program Committee–

Michael Caldwell and Kevin Creeden have agreed to present at the 2020 conference. Caldwell will present on treating adolescents and Creeden will present on brain development, trauma, and sexual problems. The contracts have been sent to the speakers. We will begin advertising in October.

Additional upcoming training opportunities: N/A

Eastern WA chapter issues: N/A

Membership Committee – N/A

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee – N/A

Financial Update –

Net: \$43,255.01

Other Issues: N/A

Agenda items for future meetings

1. RSO study provided by Brad Meryhew
2. Chaperone training
3. DOC ISG Practice Alert