

**WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT
OF SEXUAL ABUSERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
8.21.2020
LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING
12:00-2:00 P.M.**

Attendees

Caitlin Hanson	Michael O'Connell
Megan Carter	Larraine Lynch
BJ O'Neal	Laura ***
Jedd Pelander	Mary Laskowski
Jenny Johnson-Riley	Priscilla Hannon
Antonio Soto	Rachael LaFonte
Holly Coryell	Melissa Hernandez
Clark Ashworth	Jay Williamson
HarriAnn Ellis	Rick Ackerman
Dan Knoepfler	Renee Newton
Jo Langford	Tim Khan
Lisa Trifiletti	Sean Whalen
Vanessa Corwin	Ashley Sonju
Karen Feller	Marie Pereda

Presentation

Topic: Reducing barriers for children and teens to receive specialized treatment for sexual behavior issues

Description: KCSARC (as an organization that provides both legal advocacy as well as treatment) has an insider's view regarding youth who have sexually acted out. Their staff are concerned over how many of these youth are identified, but ultimately are unable to obtain services to address their treatment needs. Early intervention is key to preventing future victims. The goal is to brainstorm and create an action plan regarding how to reduce the barriers for these youth and their families to receive services. KCSARC and Harborview have offered some services to children under 12 (because there are no potential legal issues that would create a conflict with their legal advocacy) but that may be changing.

One of the primary barriers to getting kids treatment appears to be related to the cost of treatment and the lack of providers who are willing to accept state insurance for payment. Related to this issue is a reluctance on the part of community agencies which accept state insurance to offer these services due to a lack of training and experience. Another issue relates to youth who may have pending legal issues which compete with the family's need to address the issue immediately. Finally, there may be general issues with there not being enough SOTPs trained to work with children and teens.

Discussion Leaders: KCSARC treatment providers and advocates, Dan Knoepfler (SOTP), invited guests who are stakeholders in this system (to be announced)

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