

**WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT
OF SEXUAL ABUSERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
3.17.2017
12:00-2:00 P.M.**

Attendees

Michael O'Connell; Maureen Saylor; Holly Coryell; Melissa Morrison; Brian Judd; Dan Yanisch; Michael Comte; Barbara Comte; Leah Fisher

Presentation

Andrea Piper-Wentland – Director of WCSAP discussed the highlights and lowlights of crime prevention policy in 2017

Leah Fisher, SOPB Coordinator contributed to the discussion as well. She mentioned that other States are moving away from Offender Watch and going with SORT which will enable better and more feasible data collection.

Statute of Limitations Bill – passed the House
HB 1754 – DOC Bill – to allocate sex offender treatment resources to high risk offenders passed the House. This has actually been in practice but by becoming law DOC will be better able to defend lawsuits from offenders about being denied treatment.

Andrea provided some handouts including the 2017 Legislative Agenda (<http://www.wcsap.org/policy>)

Andrea has done trainings on the Neurobiology of Trauma. She is willing to lead a training/discussion at one of our WATSA meetings regarding this topic using some web talks as a way to generate discussion.

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