

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE

BOARD MEETING: KCSARC

9.15.2023

11:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.

Attendees

M. O'Connell; D. Winter; H. Coryell; J. Johnson-Riley; J. Bailey

Absent

P. Hannon; M. Reese; L. Trifiletti; B. Borg; J. Pelander; A. Radosteva; R. Newton

Agenda

Agency Updates (DOC, SCC, DCYF)

Eastern WA

DOH Advisory Committee

Treasury

Membership

Program Committee

SOPB/ legislative updates

- There were not enough board attendees for a quorum.
- Christina Woolery resigned from the Secretary position.
- Elections will take place in December. A call for nominations will go out in November.

DOH Advisory Committee: No new updates.

DOC Update (D. Winter): The Seattle SAU has been disbanded due to too many vacant officer positions. The supervised cases have been transferred to local field units based on address. DOC has had numerous recruitment and retention issues. Randy Vandzandt I believe is still the Supervisor of the SNU.

SCC Update (M. Reese): As far as agency updates go, SCC continues to work to contract with more CSOTPs and housing providers. We currently have 5 new CSOTPs after our last open house some of which serve east of the mountains which has consistently been an area of need.

We have recently spent several days reviewing the first set of reports submitted from our community partners under the new contract and Dr. Ferretti is working to summarize the feedback regarding covering all topic areas required by the new contract. She will be reaching out to some providers who consistently submit documentation that is in line with the requirements in hopes of gaining permission to share some redacted reports in our next meeting so providers can see multiple examples of how the data can be covered with different writing styles and formatting without having to use the SCC provided template.

SCC has engaged in multiple tours and meetings with outside stakeholders over the last several months including attorneys, legislators, senators, sheriffs, individuals from headquarters, and likely others I am forgetting. This seems to be increasing some awareness of the importance of LRAs and the need for additional options for residents to transition throughout the state.

Last year we made updates to WAC 388-880 and are looking at additional portions now reviewing the portions related to annual reviews.

Regarding treatment, before the start of the current treatment cycle all residents were assessed into the Therapist Rating Scale - Second Addition as a way to monitor treatment progress. This scale assesses progress both in knowledge and behavioral demonstration. We utilized the portion on behavior demonstration to assign each resident a stage of change. This stage of change terminology has replaced the old “phase” terminology. It is our hope that by reviewing this measure each treatment cycle we will be able to encourage residents to focus on incorporating skills learned into daily living rather than solely focusing on completing an assignment. Residents who are not in treatment are also receiving these new quarterly reviews in hopes of preventing any possible “out of sight out of mind” complacency related to residents who don’t attend treatment and don’t get in trouble. This paired with the annual senior clinical review process that was updated last year, and the enforcement of treatment team reviews ensures that all resident progress and needs are being assessed by their assigned clinician at least once per quarter, their clinical team at least twice per year, their full interdisciplinary treatment team at least twice per year, the senior clinical team once per year, and a forensic evaluator once per year.

DCYF Update (J. Pelander): My only DCYF update is related to the new bill (HB 1394) regarding juvenile parole supervision requirements and sex offense registration laws. DCYF is going through individual cases to determine who will be impacted by the new law. All youth who are adjudicated of any sex offense will now qualify for 24 months of parole supervision. Registration is now determined based on age when the offense was committed, class of offense, any subsequent sex offense convictions or judicial discretion. Registration length will be either 3 years or 2 years depending on the age of offense and class of felony. DCYF has also released the attached one pager and FAQ related to the new laws that can be distributed widely.

Program Committee: None at this time.

Eastern Washington Update (P. Hannon): None at this time.

Membership Update (M. Reese): None at this time.

Meetings

October: ATSA, no WATSA meeting
October: 10/28 one-day retreat at Cascade Pizza in Bellevue
November: ATSA recap
December: No meeting

Business Items

Sex Offender Policy Board – M. O’Connell is working on a special project with the Sentencing Guidelines Commission reviewing the sentencing grid for sexual offenses and the recommendations are due in October.

Treasurer Report –None at this time.

Legislative Updates – None at this time.

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Update chapter bylaws and training for new board members
2. Resource list on website for families of youth with sexual behavior problems

3. RSO study provided by Brad Meryhew
4. WATSA could benefit from an IT person. Would WATSA be comfortable spending on this position?