

**WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT AND
PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE
BOARD MEETING: GO TO MEETING PLATFORM
05.19.2023
11:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.**

Attendees

M. O'Connell; H. Coryell; D. Winter; P. Hannon; A. Radosteva; M. Reese; J. Johnson-Riley; L. Trifiletti

Absent

C. Woolery; R. Newton; B. Borg; J. Pelander

Agenda

Agency Updates (DOC, SCC, DCYF)
Eastern WA
DOH Advisory Committee
Treasury
Membership
Program Committee
SOPB/ legislative updates

- The board voted and unanimously passed a motion to invest \$30,000 in a CD ladder with Key Bank. We will put \$10k in a 7-month CD, \$10k in a 10-month CD, and \$10K in a 12-month CD. Treasurer, Jenny Johnson-Riley is authorized to go forward with the investment on behalf of WATSA.
- The joint board meeting with Oregon took place on 5/13/23 at McMenamins Kalama Lodge. The meeting was productive and we began planning for a 2025 Pacific NW joint conference. We discussed chapter operations and goals.
- Insurance update- it is proving to be very difficult to get a general liability insurance policy and a quote for an Errors and Omissions policy (this may be optional but I would like to price it out). I found a broker who is motivated.
- We are looking into hiring a lobbyist.

DOH Advisory Committee: No new updates.

DOC Update (B. Borg): Little change at DOC since last month's update. Clinical practices and operations are continuing to transition out of the Covid disruptions and changes. We recently added a clinician position to the Special Offenders Unit (SOU) at the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC). We have had one clinician at SOU for some time and added an additional clinician to provide more treatment and more support for this population. Hiring is slow throughout most of SOTAP, with vacancies in our community program, at TRU in MCC and at my site, AHCC.

SCC Update (M. Reese): So far as SCC updates, our proposed WAC changes to WAC 388-880 were finally approved last week. This does a few things:

1. Makes the WAC reflect what we are doing
2. Ensures all cases within the TCF are staffed through the senior clinical team annually to allow for treatment and discharge planning recommendations regardless of annual

review recommendations (in the past, cases were only staffed if there was a recommendation for a LRA or unconditional discharge)

3. Gives the ability for phase and level increases to be approved on the treatment team level without residents having to also be approved through senior clinical (in the past once it was approved by the treatment team, residents had to wait to be heard at senior clinical and their request may or may not be denied. If it was denied, they had to go back through treatment team with revisions before being heard again at senior clinical).

Overall, the goal was to streamline processes and ensure no residents were flying under the radar without any review simply because they weren't asking for things.

We also received a DRW Panel review report last week indicating substantial improvement in the programming for individuals within our high acuity programming and now expect to have the settlement agreement completed by the end of the year.

DCYF Update (J. Pelander): Working hard on getting communication out to staff regarding the changes to the juvenile sex offense laws from HB 1394.

Program Committee: Delmonico and Kuniak training in June. Early stages of retreat planning.

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

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

Meetings

June: Delmonico & Kuniak on gaming culture and sexual offending

Business Items

Program Committee– Pacific NW joint conference with Oregon chapter for 2025. Conference committee is being formed and we are looking into different sites.

Additional upcoming training opportunities: N/A

Sex Offender Policy Board – M. O'Connell discussed wanting to send out a survey to treatment providers who work with LRA clients regarding the utility of SCC social workers. The survey was reviewed by the Office of Financial Management and determined to be human subjects research and will not be allowed to be sent out on behalf of the SOPB. Part of the issue is there are only 14 treatment providers who work with LRAs and their anonymity may not be able to be protected in a survey. We discussed if WATSA would consider sending out the survey. It would be Likert scales, which would protect the respondent's identity. The SOPB is hoping to have feedback from providers to include in their report, due 6/30.

Treasurer Report – J. Johnson-Riley and L. Trifiletti went to Key Bank to add J. Johnson-Riley to the bank account. We were advised to open a new business account as the old account is no longer offered by Key Bank. The new account has a balance of \$45,000. \$2200 remains in the old account. We will close out the old account and

transfer remaining funds to the new account once all the recurring bills are set up with the new account.

Legislative Updates – None at this time.

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Update chapter bylaws
 - a. 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. Board member qualifications and expectations/ clarify when election should be sent out
5. WATSA could benefit from an IT person. Would WATSA be comfortable spending on this position?