

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

BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING PLATFORM

3.19.2021

10:30 A.M. –12:00 P.M.

Attendees

H. Coryell; L. Trifiletti; M. O'Connell; P. Hannon; M. Reese; P. Grant; D. Yanisch; C. McNally; W. Cardona; D. Winter; M. Kokko; J. Pelander

Absent

R. Beattay

Agenda

1. M. Reese presented survey results from membership that showed people are most interested in multiple half-day or day-long trainings.
2. D. Winter presented survey results from membership regarding collaboration between DOC and community providers. There were a number of responses and it seems people are interested in a general meeting that will include a panel of DOC representatives.

DOC Update (M. Reese; C. McNally; D. Winter): Vaccines are becoming more widely available in the institutions to both staff and inmates. Airway Heights resumed in-person programming with split groups to allow for social distancing. Community SOTAP is also slowly transitioning back to in-person meetings.

SCC Update (H. Coryell; D. Yanisch): There is an effort to increase resident access to treatment. Mental health issues and stress appears to be increasing among residents. COVID-related restrictions are making it difficult for residents to meet milestones toward unconditional release (ex: obtaining a drivers license or working with vocational rehab).

Juvenile Rehabilitation Update (J. Pelander): Some youth are doing polygraphs again. A bill is in the legislature to require more community transition services, particularly funds for treatment to youth who do not go on parole supervision. All juvenile rehabilitation staff have been offered the vaccine.

Eastern Washington Update (P. Hannon): There has been a positive response from the Spokane DOC office regarding participation in the April general meeting with DOC.

Membership Update (M. Reese): No updates.

Meetings

April – Collaboration between DOC and community providers

Business Items

Program Committee–

Additional upcoming training opportunities: The SOTIPS/ ROSAC/ VASOR-2 training will be rescheduled, date TBD.

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee – The Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) is working on a new project regarding juveniles who commit sexual offenses. They are working on a report due in December. Elizabeth Letourneau presented on her research regarding the negative effects of registration on youth.

Subcommittees:

- **Juvenile SO Treatment Subcommittee:**
 - **Item 1:** Conduct a review of current juvenile sex offender treatment programs in Washington including the availability, affordability, accessibility and efficacy of treatment resources available across the state and in institutional settings and an analysis of geographic disparity and recommendations for improvement to the current treatment infrastructure and availability of resources.
 - **Item 5:** Make recommendations.
- **Juvenile SO Registration and Notification Subcommittee:**
 - **Item 2a:** Review current registration requirements for 16 and 17 year olds as well as minors being prosecuted in adult court and a comparison with other states.
 - **Item 5:** Make recommendations.
- **Legal and Legislative Best Practices Subcommittee:**
 - **Item 2b:** Review best practices and make recommendations for how describe these sexualized behaviors, how to name offenses relating to youth sex offenses; and how to differentiate between problem sexual behavior in children under 12 and youth who have engaged in harmful or illegal sexual behavior youth and are 12 or older.
 - **Item 2c:** Review statutory requirements for declining youth who commit certain sex offenses into adult court. In addition, if an individual is prosecuted in adult court for an offense that occurred as a youth, how should that offense be classified.
 - **Item 5:** Make recommendations.

Treasurer Report –The balance is \$45,469.84 with no outstanding debts. P. Grant is preparing the annual report and taxes.

Legislative Updates –

SB 5163- public hearing 3/23 and executive sessions on 3/25 and 3/26
SB 5123

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. Chaperone training
5. Board member qualifications and expectations/ clarify when election should be sent out