

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

BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING PLATFORM

5.21.2021

10:30 A.M. –12:00 P.M.

Attendees

L. Trifiletti; M. O’Connell; P. Hannon; M. Reese; P. Grant; D. Yanisch; W. Cardona; J. Pelander;
C. McNally

Absent

R. Beattey; M. Kokko; H. Coryell; D. Winter

Agenda

1. The program committee has been reformed. M. O’Connell, M. Reese, P. Hannon, and L. Trifiletti have volunteered to be on the committee.
2. Dan Knoepfler had offered to assist the program committee with setting up, advertising, and putting on meetings, trainings, and conferences. The board voted unanimously to appoint D. Knoepfler to this role on the program committee.
3. WATSA was asked to disseminate a survey to membership regarding availability/ access to treatment for juveniles. The board voted unanimously to send the survey out to our contact list.
4. Upcoming events- 1/2 day training, Spring retreat, possible conference 2022, and general meeting ideas

DOC Update (M. Reese; C. McNally; D. Winter): There has been some turnover of therapists in the institutional programs. M. O’Connell, P. Grant, and L. Trifiletti have started quarterly case consultations with the Lynnwood DOC office. It appears there is a disconnect between DOC’s understanding of what SOTPs do and vice versa. The process of therapists going through public records requests to obtain polygraph reports has proven to be ineffective and cumbersome. M. O’Connell has been in contact with Matt Pevey regarding DOC policy related to out-of-county travel for clients.

SCC Update (H. Coryell; D. Yanisch): No update.

Juvenile Rehabilitation Update (J. Pelander): Things are stable. They will be hiring soon.

DOH Advisory Committee Update: The emergency telehealth rule will be extended again. In September the WACs related to SOTP licensure will be revisited to see what needs to be updated. There will be an invitation for public comments. A number of board members and SOTPs have been appointed to the committee.

Eastern Washington Update (P. Hannon): No updates.

Membership Update (M. Reese): We are considering decreasing the membership fee for students. The board will vote next meeting on waiving the fee for the first-year students are members. We plan to revisit the overall cost of WATSA memberships.

Meetings

June – TBD

July & August – No meetings

September – annual KCSARC joint meeting

Business Items

Program Committee– The board decided to wait until the Spring retreat to offer in-person meetings. We discussed posting other chapter’s events on our website. M. Reese volunteered to take this on. The membership survey indicated people are most interested in ½ day trainings virtually for now.

It is likely we will not be able to hold the retreat at Mountain View Lodge as they have changed their terms and increased prices. We will need to find a new retreat location, likely in a central location such as Leavenworth, Wenatchee, or Chelan.

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

Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee – The treatment subcommittee heard a presentation from Tim Khan, Karen Feller, and SAY program in DCYF. There appears to be a lack of consistency in pay and providers are unable to accept Medicaid because reimbursement rates are very low. There appears to be inequity in the availability of services. The registration and notification subcommittee will be having WASPC coming to present on 16 and 17 year old offenders who have been committed to adult court. The board discussed having a WATSA representative on the SOPB who see LRA clients. P. Hannon was nominated and the board voted unanimously to have P. Hannon be the WATSA representative on the SOPB for 51.63 follow up.

Treasurer Report –The balance is \$45,081.36. The only expenditure has been mugs.

Legislative Updates – None.

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