

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

BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING PLATFORM

11.19.2021

9:00 –10:00 A.M.

Attendees

H. Coryell; L. Trifiletti; M. O’Connell; J. Pelander; R. Beattey; P. Hannon; C. McNally; D. Winter

Absent

D. Yanisch; M. Reese; P. Grant

Agenda

1. There has been a call for nominations for President Elect, Secretary, (2) General Board positions, and Eastern Washington Representative. The election will be sent out to membership via Survey Monkey in the next couple weeks.

[DOC Update \(M. Reese; C. McNally; D. Winter\)](#): Community corrections resumed in-person home and field visits on 11/1/21. SOTAP is postponing in-person treatment until 1/22/22. Staff is in office three days per week. The DOC is beginning the “graduated reentry” program, where inmates can be released 12-18 months before their release date to do a “home assignment” where they are at home for 8 hours per day. Individuals with sex offense convictions were not initially included in the program but the rule was changed. As a result, SOTAP is preparing to receive a large number of new treatment admissions in mid- to late- Spring. They are expecting 60-90 people. They will be screening in many low-risk clients and are developing a specific treatment curriculum for these individuals. They will be hiring four new clinicians and one new supervisor.

[SCC Update \(H. Coryell; D. Yanisch\)](#): The biggest issue facing the discharge planning team is finding housing for residents who are transitioning to the community. Housing must be secured three months or so before they move and this can be difficult for landlords to commit to. Keith DeVoss is the CEO and there has been a noticeable positive shift in the organizational style he brings. The Clinical Director position is still open.

[Juvenile Rehabilitation Update \(J. Pelander\)](#): They are expecting to release 25 individuals from community facilities to their homes to complete their sentences on electronic home monitoring. The expectation is the juvenile will be home unless they are attending treatment. Funding will be increased for this program in 2022 and the hope is to release 50 juveniles in this manner.

[DOH Advisory Committee Update](#): The committee will be reviewing the entire WAC pertaining to SOTPs. There will be an opportunity for public comment. D. Yanisch, Jason Bailey, and Lorraine Lynch are SOTPs serving on the committee.

[Eastern Washington Update \(P. Hannon\)](#): There are not enough treatment providers in Eastern Washington and there is not enough housing for juveniles being released. As a consequence, some of the juveniles end up home where their victim is living.

[Membership Update \(M. Reese\)](#): No update.

Meetings

December – No meeting

January – Psychosexual evaluations in the context of child custody by Jennifer Wheeler

Business Items

Program Committee– The committee will begin discussion of the 2022 retreat (hopefully in-person in Fall) and possible trainings. We are planning a joint general meeting with DOC and SCC in Spring to discuss chaperones and supervised contact with minors.

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

Sex Offender Policy Board – The Board is in the final stages of the editing process for their report. 23 of the 27 recommendations were unanimously approved by board members. The recommendations that were not unanimously approved included: what to name the offenses committed by juveniles, to eliminate automatic decline from juvenile to adult court, treatment planning for SCC residents moving to LRA status, an exception to the Public Records Act for juveniles.

Treasurer Report –The balance is \$42,996.75. No expenditures in the month. Dues will be coming in.

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. Board member qualifications and expectations/ clarify when election should be sent out
5. WATSA booth at Children’s Justice Conference- Fall 2022