

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

BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING PLATFORM

11.20.2020

10:30 A.M. –12:00 P.M.

## Attendees

H. Coryell; L. Trifiletti; M. O'Connell; P. Hannon; M. Reese; R. Beattey; P. Grant; M. Kokko; D. Yanisch

## Absent

M. Saylor; C. McNally; J. Palander

## Agenda

1. Elections: The Secretary, Treasurer, and three General Board positions are up for election. The call for nominations received an increased response from past years. As such H. Coryell will ask each nominee for a five-sentence bio. The election will be sent out in early December.
2. P. Grant attended the President's luncheon at the ATSA conference on behalf of our president, H. Coryell. P. Grant reported a number of chapters had to cancel their 2020 conferences due to COVID and ended up losing money as a result. It does not appear other chapters have been conducting monthly meetings or anything as elaborate as the retreat.
3. The Board reviewed the feedback and evaluations from the retreat. The feedback was mostly positive and everyone agreed the retreat went very well. There were a number of logistical challenges related to the number of breakout sessions.
4. There has been discussion of a members-only area on the website. Ideas were also put forth regarding holding consultation sessions for members. More information to come.
5. The Department of Health is forming an advisory board to reexamine laws related to SOTPs. The board should be assembled by the end of the month.
6. WATSA will be setting up an account with a website like Café Press to allow people to order items with the WATSA logo. The board also discussed giving out small gifts to presenters with WATSA insignia as a show of appreciation. P. Grant to follow up.

[DOC Update \(M. Kokko\)](#): Skype treatment in the community is going well. The legislature implemented an emergency rule to allow SOTPs to conduct treatment via telehealth until 3/6/21. The language in the WAC requires treatment to be face-to-face. The long-term plan is to have the face-to-face language removed. Treatment in prisons is normal at this time with units that were quarantined slowly coming back.

[SCC Update \(H. Coryell\)](#): Forensic evaluators are now able to use telehealth to meet with residents in total confinement. They are working on remote interviewing for all LRAs. SCC had an "inspection of care" by independent evaluators. It was difficult to coordinate but went well overall. There was excellent feedback given regarding the forensic team and medical department. Residents are receiving one hour of weekly, individual treatment or monthly case management. There are no COVID-positive residents or LRAs at this time.

[Juvenile Rehabilitation Update \(J. Pelander\)](#): All groups in the institutions continue to be held. Treatment in the community continues to be run through virtual sessions. Several community facilities have had to deal with positive cases and have implemented their protocols. Restrictions for community facilities are increasing again due to the spike in numbers statewide.

[Eastern Washington Update \(P. Hannon\)](#): Treatment is continuing to be held remotely and providers are dealing with increased state-wide restrictions.

## Meetings

December – no meeting

January – ATSA recap & Election results

February – Treating Sex Traffickers

## Business Items

**Program Committee**– The Board is in discussion about planning a conference for 2021. It will likely be virtual and in the first half of the year. More information to come.

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

**Membership Committee** – N/A

**Sex Offender Policy / Media Committee** – The Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) has formed three sub-committees including (1) Treatment Plans, Discharge Plans, and Conditions of Release to an LRA (Less Restrictive Alternative) (2) SCTF (Secure Community Treatment Facility) Siting and LRA Siting and (3) Community Notification for SCC Releases.

The treatment planning sub-committee completed a draft of their recommendations and committee members were pleasantly surprised by the positive response they received from cities and counties. They felt this work was important and urgent and they recommended to the legislature that the SOPB remain active. Although the report was unanimously accepted by all stakeholders, the process was frustrating for some members. There were many positive aspects of the process including collaboration between many different parties.

**Treasurer Report** –The balance is \$44,055.09 with no outstanding debts. Expenditures included liability insurance and the website.

## 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