

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

BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING PLATFORM

02.18.2022

9:00 –10:00 A.M.

Attendees

L. Trifiletti; D. Winter; P. Grant; C. Woolery; R. Beatty, M. O’Connell; J. Pelander A. Radosteva; M. Reese; J. Johnson-Riley.

Absent

H. Coryell, P. Hannon, C. McNally

Agenda

Agency Updates (DOC, SCC, DCYF)

Eastern WA

DOH Advisory Committee

Treasury

Membership

Program Committee: March: DOC joint meeting on chaperones; April: Jo Langford on social media and cancel culture; May: Robert Beattey and SOTP TBD on revisit of WACs/ community protection contracts (Law and Ethics CEs)

SOPB/ legislative updates

1. WAC 246-930-334 (community protection contracts)- practice alert
2. ATSA president's meeting. L. Trifiletti attended in January. ATSA has compiled a helpful Google doc resource including chapter recruitment information and conference planning. It would be helpful to have a WATSA representative at relevant local conferences to recruit new members- “conference ambassadors”.
3. Meeting with Kari Hempel (OATSA president) on chapter collaboration/ joint Spring retreat. L. Trifiletti had a meeting with Kari to discuss how Oregon does their SOTP licensing and how Washington may use their system as an example as we are reforming ours.

DOC Update (M. Reese, D. Winter): Graduated reentry program to be shorter and more focused although the details of the focus are not finalized. Will likely have clinicians hired before a new supervisor. Neither prison has had treatment in months due to outbreak status. Mask mandate change does not include prisons. Waiting to hear back from CC supervisors for operational changes.

SCC Update (D. Winter): SCC Looking to restart treatment soon. BHA sex offender training had a good turnout.

Juvenile Rehabilitation Update (J. Pelander): There was an incident at Echo Glen wherein 5 juveniles escaped (3 returned to facility). Facility is reviewing situation to assess what went wrong and how they may make improvements. Incident was traumatic, but rare. All staff are physically ok.

DOH Advisory Committee Update : No updates

Eastern Washington Update (P. Hannon): No updates

Membership Update (M. Reese): Membership looks good. Is working on updating website. Send relevant training to Megan to add to resource link on website.

Meetings

March-(DOC joint meeting)- Chaperone Training

April- Social media and cancel culture in regard to people who have sexually offended by Jo Langford.

May- Sex buyers class

June- WACs with emphasis on CP contracts. Some SOTPs may be out of compliance with WACs. Robert will do practice alert on topic next week.

Business Items

Program Committee–DOC meeting next month. Last year went well although the panel wasn't diverse. Moderation would be helpful this time around (D. Winter willing to moderate, Dr. O'Connell and Jenny willing to join the panel. Possible questions for both sides include: What is the process for approving chaperones? What are concerns both sides have for policies? How do we move forward together? DOC may see requests to change policy as somewhat controversial; explaining the value of chaperones by CSOTP would be helpful.

Revisited idea of doing retreat style collaboration next Spring instead of formal conference. OATSA is excited about potential collaboration with WATSA. Came up with preliminary list of retreat locations. Consensus seems to be a preference for retreat over conference so long as CEU's are available.

Additional upcoming training opportunities: The SOTIPS/ ROSAC/ VASOR-2 training will be rescheduled, date TBD. Should I list some relevant trainings here? For example, there is one for suicide prevention that is free!

Sex Offender Policy Board – (Dr. O'Connell)- Not aware of relevant legislation appears as though last years reports are stagnant. Meeting scheduled for March to discuss senate bill 51/63 that made SCC responsible for discharge planning. Board has been asked by legislation to review and report how the process is going. Recommendations for licensing is also stagnate. Will likely need to draft legislation and find a sponsor. This draft is generally created and submitted by a government agency (SCC/DOC). It would be helpful for WATSA to develop a relationship with a legislator for advocacy purposes as the board primary function is to respond to requests.

Treasurer Report –The balance is \$45107 62. No expenditures this month. Taxes were prepared and sent in but have yet to be submitted. Sole income last year was from membership fees. There was a loss of \$876.93. One expense was for Survey Monkey (\$425.00). Board discussed the pros/cons of continuing Survey Monkey subscription. One use could be to get feedback from members after training. Treasurer will review prior to renewal in December. President will ensure treasurer is administrator for any reoccurring fees/memberships.

Legislative Updates – None.

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Change chapter name
2. Update chapter bylaws

- a. Training for new board members
- 3. Resource list on website for families of youth with sexual behavior problems
- 4. RSO study provided by Brad Meryhew
- 5. Board member qualifications and expectations/ clarify when election should be sent out
- 6. Should WATSA create a social media presence? How are other chapters utilizing social media?
- 7. Membership committee