

**WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS
BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM PLATFORM
09.16.2022
9:00 –10:00 A.M.**

Attendees

L. Trifiletti; D. Winter; P. Grant; C. Woolery; H. Coryell; M. O’Connell; A. Radosteva;
J. Johnson-Riley; C. McNally

Absent

M. Reese

Agenda

Agency Updates (DOC, SCC, DCYF)
Eastern WA
DOH Advisory Committee
Treasury
Membership
Program Committee
SOPB/ legislative updates

[DOH Advisory Committee \(\)](#): No updates

[DOC Update \(C. McNally\)](#): Having a difficult time hiring for Airway Heights in Spokane. Explicit Implicit Sexual Interest Profile as an alternative to PPG. Civil commitment program for DOC closed interviews for supervisor position. Because of increase in number of LRA individuals; new positions will be posted. Covid update- Facility wide outbreak at Mission Creek. No restrictions in the field offices (masks are required in public areas only).

[SCC Update \(H. Coryell\)](#): Masking continued for care staff in facility. Has been a lot of hiring of associates although hiring psychologists has been difficult. Medical staff is now fully staffed. Flow chart for getting out of civil commitment programs is being revised. Case review will be presented from the clinical perspective first. SCC does not have any active cases among clients although there have been a few staff cases. Booster shots will be offered to clients soon; it’s not clear if staff will be required to receive booster.

[Juvenile Rehabilitation Update \(J. Pelander\)](#): No new updates.

[Program Committee](#): Retreat was a success. Good feedback from attendees.

[Eastern Washington Update \(P. Hannon\)](#): No new updates.

[Membership Update](#) : No new updates.

[Misc. Discussions/Updates](#)

WATSA/OATSA meeting

Tentative date for joint meeting with Oregon ATSA chapter February 24-25. OATSA would like to spend a day as a joint board meeting and a day or half day for individual chapter meetings.

Items to consider for joint conference:

- Agenda
- What is going well (legislatively, lobbying efforts, joint conference)?
- How can we take advantage of being in person and maximize time during the joint meeting.

Formation of retreat planning committee for 2023 joint retreat with OATSA. Dan Knoepfler and Kelly Walk (student member) have volunteered.

Future WATSA board meeting, virtual or in-person?

General consensus with board is to schedule two in-person (not hybrid) meetings per year. New normal is likely having the virtual meeting platform.

Advertisers at WATSA conferences?

Will follow ATSA guidelines when deciding if advertisers are allowed to attend conferences.

General meeting ideas/presenters for upcoming meetings?

New legislation (in draft form) that allows people to put themselves on do not sell weapons (suicide prevention). Does WATSA want to be involved in this? More data would be helpful. Is getting into 2nd rights without data worth the exposure? May be helpful to invite Bob Wheeler to a board meeting to present more information.

Meetings

Oct- no meeting

Nov- ATSA Recap meeting and beginning of elections.

Dec- no meeting

Business Items

Program Committee- n/a

Additional upcoming training opportunities: n/a

Sex Offender Policy Board (M. O’Connell)- May be helpful to send out another poll to SOTPs to get information as to how things are going with LRA clients. Elicit feedback (identify themes of issues that are impacting transition and treatment, draft and send out email to contracted providers).

Treasurer Report – Update not provided

Legislative Updates – No new updates.

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Bylaws need to be reviewed. Will send out copy to be independently reviewed via Google Doc and then schedule an extended board meeting to review. May also discuss training of 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. Should WATSA create a social media presence? How are other chapters utilizing social media?