

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

BOARD MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING PLATFORM

6.18.2021

10:30 A.M. –12:00 P.M.

Attendees

L. Trifiletti; M. O’Connell; M. Reese; P. Grant; D. Yanisch; J. Pelander; R. Beattey; D. Winter

Absent

H. Coryell; C. McNally; P. Hannon

Agenda

1. WATSA was asked to disseminate a survey to membership regarding availability/ access to treatment for juveniles. The survey was sent out to our contact list and the deadline was extended to 6/25.
2. Walter Cardona, Secretary and Minna Kokko, DOC liaison both submitted their resignations from the board.
3. The board discussed ways to improve efficiency in conducting board business. We plan to shorten board meetings to one hour as long as we are meeting virtually. They will go back to an hour and a half when we return to in-person meetings. The board meeting will be moved to 9:00am on the third Friday of the month. General meetings will be at noon. This will be effective in September. The board voted unanimously to change the time of the board meeting and to shorten the length of the meeting until we return to in-person meetings.

DOC Update (M. Reese; C. McNally; D. Winter): There has been a hiring freeze in community corrections. Transfers are not being approved. CCO caseloads are down due to the shut-down of the courts.

SCC Update (H. Coryell; D. Yanisch): The SCC is working to fill positions budgeted to support the implementation of SB 5163 and is working with project managers from Olympia to help us strategically meet outcomes. There will be a hiring event and D. Winter has agreed to attend on behalf of WATSA.

Juvenile Rehabilitation Update (J. Pelander): As mentioned in previous minutes, there will be a large hiring initiative in the near future.

DOH Advisory Committee Update: No update.

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

Membership Update (M. Reese): The Board voted unanimously to waive the first-year membership fee student WATSA members. The board discussed working on outreach to recruit new providers into the field.

Meetings

July & August – No meetings

September – annual KCSARC joint meeting

October – TBD

November – TBD

December – No meeting

Business Items

Program Committee– The committee is working on topics for the October and November general meetings and a half-day training on the responsivity principle.

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

Sex Offender Policy Board – There was a full-board meeting in June. A number of presentations were made including Word Watch which emphasizes the impact language can have in conveying bias; prevention services by KCSARC; and a presentation from WASPC. Many members felt the WASPC presentation over-focused on an outlier case of a juvenile who committed a number of violent offenses. There is a general consensus that changes need to be made to how juveniles who commit sexual offenses are treated, however a small minority is advocating for things to stay the same. Some groups are opposed to doing away with the juvenile registry because they see it as a just punishment. Leah Landon, the SOPB coordinator will be leaving this position on 7/1. The SOPB is seeking a new coordinator.

Treasurer Report –The balance is \$44,897.31. 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