

**WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT AND
PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE
BOARD MEETING: GOTO MEETING PLATFORM
2.16.2024
9:00 A.M.- 10:15 A.M.**

Attendees

D. Winter; L. Trifiletti; J. Bailey; J. Sather; K. Boren; P. Hanlon; J. Eichenbaum; J. Johnson-Riley; B. Borg; D. Knoepfler; J. Pelander; M. O'Connell

Absent

Agenda

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

- Attendance is sufficient to substantiate offered CEU's at WATSA trainings.
- Secretary-specific onboarding.
- Membership chair.
- Rights and responsibilities of advisory board members.
- Add an advisory board member to represent the Special Commitment Center

DOH Advisory Committee (D.Knoepfler): Jurisprudent exam for out-of-state provider;. No comparable requirements per state; No fees for exam; Unlike any other credential, providers are entwined with the CJS; A robust knowledge of Statutes/WACS add fidelity for incoming WA providers; Affiliate knowledge/understanding of actuarial risk assessments is currently lacking -- Previously it was up the supervisor to inform affiliates of ARA's; Adding various or alternative underlying credentials to obtain certification as an SOTP should bolster numbers of credentialed providers; Current numbers stable at 100 to 110 affiliates; Graduate schools could be interested in adding CSOT as an option for a specialized emphasis.

DOC Update (B. Borg): Expanding reach with training; Fully staffed at Airway Heights; Openings remain in the community; No plethysmographs; ISOP in process of adding SPI-2 as a screener for those aroused by children; Static-99R and STABLE 2007 training for CCOs.

SCC Update (D. Winter): No updates available.

DCYF Update (J. Pelander): JP providing oversight for juvenile offenders; New contractor retained as facilities sex education specialist; Validated CSEC screening tools for incoming juvenile offenders; awaiting legislation; still working on HB 1394 implementation includes going through databases to reclassify juveniles who have committed sexual offenses. We

are still fixing issues regarding its implementation. 64 youth are no longer required to register as a result of the bill.

Program Committee:

2025 PNW Conference planning in full swing.

The monthly board meeting is scheduled to occur at JJ-R's office @ 10am. Jen Wheeler facilitating March training at Pizza Place following board meeting @ 11:30.

What are the details surrounding CEU's, why do we have to pay? Facilitator's may/will be given an honorarium. Do we need grad certs? WATSA should be paid to proctor/grade exams.

In-person, WATSA-sponsored, training in Airway Heights at Fire Department Building to occur on May 10, 2024, with Megan Reese. Topic: Working with Transgender Clients. Honorarium, travel, lodging is approximately \$1000 overall cost. Membership fee: Free for locals? \$50 for WATSA members? Three hours/CEU's.

On May 17, 2024, "Kink 101 in the 2020's" training offered. It is one of the main ORATSA training courses. The honorarium is \$225; No cost to WATSA members.

Eastern Washington Update (P. Hannon): All continues to go well. Nothing new to report.

Membership Update (D. Winter): No new members to report. Currently there are 66 active members, with 3 student memberships, and others pending. What consists of onboarding for new members? What efforts are being made for outreach to college campuses? Talking points should include reducing stigma, understanding resources, describing entity interfaces, and to discuss Title IX issues for the purpose of reducing/eliminating sexual violence of any kind on campuses.

Financial (J. Johnson-Riley) Current CD investments continue at close to \$900. Taxes are not due until May 2024. 990 Filing. Project no taxes required to be filed. New accountant in Everett-\$85 fee. Consider obtaining a Board Approved cash-back credit card for incidentals. Using a cash-back card could benefit and streamline some of WATSA's billing efforts. WATSA is so far below the earnings threshold there is little chance of tax liability. WATSA is seeking to get a tax-exempt status with the IRS. WATSA is currently a 501-C6. WATSA may be better off staying c6 vs becoming c3. WATSA is considering retaining a lobbyist to further its concerns.

Meetings

- January: Packard on psychopathy (34 registrants, 8 paying-\$320)
- February: 2/2 Polyvagal (19 registrants); 2/16 treating deniers (Pasha and Brent are looking to work on Categorical Deniers tx)
- March: tbd
- Retreat planned for Eastern WA, 5/10? Still working out the details. Megan is asking for \$500 for fees. We will likely have free spaces available. Brent B estimates 25 to 30 at Airway Heights. About 20 in the program at Airway. 5 clinicians at AWH. A lot of SOTAP are not members of WATSA. DOC may be on the hook for the bill.
- April: joint meeting DOC April 10-12
- May: Molly Shepard on kink culture
- June: Andy Benjamin on Volk decision and Thornton on time-free risk calculator
- July: no meeting
- August: no meeting
- September: KCSARC joint meeting
- October: possible retreat

- November: ATSA recap and elections
- December: no meeting

Business Items

Sex Offender Policy Board – No updates at this time.

Treasurer Report –

Reducing two accounts to one.
Currently using Affinipay for online billing

Legislative Updates – There are two initiatives to be aware of. The Defense Attorney Association will be working toward expanding the underlying credential for incoming SOTPs. Representative Roger Goodman will sponsor a bill to eliminate lifetime supervision, particularly for SSOSA cases. There is a proposed step-down for ISRB cases and the possibility of an ISRB override.

Agenda items for future meetings

1. Update chapter bylaws and 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. WATSA could benefit from an IT person. Would WATSA be comfortable spending on this position?

Consider adding advisory board member positions from other agencies to create and bolster the WATSA community.

Outstanding SCC advisory position.

Julia Sather has support from the board to work on recruiting and educating new therapists. She is considering what recruiting and training elements are currently in place and who may be involved and/or interested in utilizing her efforts?

A subcommittee with the SOTP Advisory Committee is developing a presentation to provide various graduate programs throughout the State with salient information to substantiate a CSOTP emphasis. It will be informational, with the purpose of spotlighting this credential for those who do not know its an option.

WATSA is using GAAP to track and report income/expenditures, what level of solvency/liquid assets the organization should keep on hand versus investing and/or utilizing appropriately. Lessons learned from COVID. Public policy and how WATSA wants to be involved legislatively.

There is a RESJ Conference – Call for Presentations – Harborview Behavioral Health Institute (uw.edu), which could be an opportunity to present what evidenced-informed policies for ISO’s would like and why that’s important from a prevention perspective.