

MSOTA Minutes  
July 30, 2010  
Lakeside, Montana

- I) Brief Introductions:
  - a. Attending: Andy Hudak, Jim Myers, Bob Page, Michael Scolatti, Anne Harris, Kevin Wyse, Mike English, Chris Quigley, Beau Smelko, Barb Bottomly
  
- II) Reading of minutes from Annual Meeting, minutes were corrected and accepted, M,S,P
  
- III) Officer reports/Presentation by Rick Deady and P&P
  - a. President:
    - i. Bob has not yet contacted Quinn's about costs for Spring Retreat
      - 1. Will investigate, Paws Up, Big Sky, Elkhorn Mountain Inn, summer camps
  - b. Vice President: present but no report
  
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. Account Balances:
      - 1. Checking: \$575.28 Previous \$1,594.86
      - Savings: \$8006.44 Previous \$5,626.29
      - 2. Net change since Spring in total assets is +1,360.57
      - 3. Difference since last Summer Balance + 3,657.70
    - ii. Total Cost of Chico Retreat: \$2319.85
    - iii. Special Levy for Legislative Issues:
      - 1. A total of \$1800 has been paid to Andy.
      - 2. Four individuals have not paid this special levy to date: Lindsey Clodfelter, Chris Nordstrom, Mike Scolatti and Mike Sullivan
    - iv. Three individuals have resigned from MSOTA. Gayle Wash, Ginny Watts, and Regina Basolo Titak. The membership expressed regret at the loss of three women who have contributed greatly to our work during their years of participation and leadership
    - v. Twenty two individuals (as best as I can tell if they are members) have not paid dues. All were sent reminders.
  - d. Secretary
    - i. Former members will be listed as inactive on our membership list unless they request otherwise. This is to facilitate connections with former members and their valued experience.
    - ii. Anne suggested a means to maintain some form of membership for retired or inactive but engaged member. Discussion followed briefly to develop an "Emeritus" membership with lesser dues. Decision was tabled to the Fall Meeting with hope for more input from larger attendance numbers.

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- iii. Web site is active, trying to post within 48 hrs of receipt of event postings or changes in membership lists
- IV) Lunch Break: Simply amazing Chicken Cordon Bleu and salad. Great Job Jim Meyers for setting up a great site for a summer meeting. Membership is strongly advised to attend next year
- V) Committee Meetings/Reports
  - a. Ethics: No ethics actions at this time.
  - b. Legislative
    - i. Sullivan is following up on commitment to send letter to Representatives Shockly, Mark Murphy, and Essman.
    - ii. Andy Hudak contacted Mike Ferriter (Dir. DOC), and had a phone conference with Mike Ferriter, Pam Bunke, Andy, and Mike Sullivan
      - 1. DOC has submitted very limited list of initiatives,
      - 2. They are satisfied with current statutes
      - 3. Statutory offender issues (by Mike Sullivan) Ferriter's response was sympathetic to the concerns MSOTA has regarding registration of statutory offenses but neither DOC or DOJ is not going forward with any initiatives. They will remain neutral.
      - 4. When a DOC guard sexually assaults inmate sentencing is different from "civilian" offender.
      - 5. We could use DOC legal dept. for assistance for initiatives we might consider. (issues of compliance with existing statute and regulations.
      - 6. After discussion with State officials, MSOTA will move ahead with our own initiatives.
    - iii. Discussion of the complications of status offenses and mandatory registration:
      - 1. Creates Criminal Endangerment pleas that therefore cannot result in tier designation as a sexual offender. Means that some high risk offenders could be missed. Though some jurisdictions still require registrations.
      - 2. Statutory offender and treatment need material similar to SABR phase I, or the viewing and discussion of the movie "Hitch"
    - iv. State Association of School Boards, recommended a policy to ban offenders from all school functions. Schools have the option to institute or not
  - c. Membership
    - i. Need for a test to get new clinical members in. Test re-work needs to be completed ASAP as applicants are waiting.
  - d. Education/Public Affairs
    - i. The flyer is complete. Bob presented it for final approval.

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e. Standards

- i. Review copies of Adult and Adolescent Standards were presented for review. They are also available in the Members Only portion of the MSOTA web site.
- ii.

VI) Old Business

- a. Follow-up on how the Static-99 and Stable 2007 are working for us as required instruments and whether we should adopt the Static 2002 instead of the 99
  - i. Michael Scolatti is using the 2002-R
  - ii. Discussion of Tier designation as a static state, and is the base for recidivism
  - iii. Samples vs. Montana ruling allows inmates right to due process for tier designation when prison team set their risk levels.
  - iv. Care needs to be taken when we mix the forensic with clinical notions of risk.
  - v. Way to separate tier designation from risk, relies on the meaning of actuarial, a statistical categorization of an individual to a group whose characteristics are similar
  - vi. Static sets the risk forever, and is a legal designation. Clinical/treatment concerns may indicate lowered risk.
  - vii. Medical analogy a person with family history of heart disease will always have those risk factors (what life insurance looks at-actuarial) if patient maintains healthy life style clinical risk is positively affected. But if negative life style resumes, risk remains valid.
  - viii. Membership is encouraged to continue discussion via messaging in the Members only area of the MSOTA web site.
- b. Review of draft of MSOTA brochure: final corrections will be made and flyer will be posted on MSOTA.ORG. Individuals may download and print as necessary or contact Anne for printed Copies

VII) New Business

- a. Discussion of strategies for continued public outreach/relations
- b. Discussion on topic of Supervisor Contracts/Procedures in different programs: Bob requested that people share their supervisor contracts.
  - i. Anne suggested posting them in the member's only area on the web site.
- c. Discussion of different treatment program contracts/procedures and conditions for termination of treatment in different programs
- d. Discussion of recommendations for adolescent registration.

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- i. Clinicians need to remain clear on clinical vs forensic risk levels.
- ii. Clinicians need to be mindful of terms such as “high risk” when making observations of treatment behaviors or treatment compliance behaviors.
- iii. Section on web site
- e. Establishing a way to keep inactive or retired members part of our living organization.  
Discussion of Emeritus and inactive membership status at next meeting
- 1. Montana Sex Offender Board: an entity forming as a format to manage sex offender treatment. Organized by DOC Pam Bunke
  - a. Discussion of implications of such a board.
  - b. May acquire legislative authority over SO assessment and treatment
  - c. Colorado provides an example.
  - d. Will likely be heavily influenced by DOC and legislative appointees.
  - e. Could be an asset to our work, could not. Definite need for MSOTA membership to be involved in formation.

VIII) Next meeting time and location

- a. Motion to move the Fall Meeting to 1-4 Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> following the Montana Sex Offender Management Symposium

IX) Adjournment 2:35