

MSOTA Minutes  
Annual Spring Meeting  
May 6, 2015  
Chico Hot Springs

Wed. May 6

-Intro of Officers, Bob informed members that he has assumed duties as treasurer since fall 2014, due to Shawn Abbott's medical issues, and intro'd board members

-bob read pres letter, member intro

Thurs May 7, 2015

Member intro, pres letter

-Minutes read

-request for discussion about "how we're perceived in the community?", a few shared about how many in the professional community don't know much about us, Sandy Heaton, as a new member of MT parole board shared that the board has tremendous respect for MSOTA, she shared about her experience as a new parole board member, and the board's function and challenges, tier III parolee issues. Sandy was nominated and chosen to be MSOTA board member #10

-Jean Keilly announcement that RFP's will be going out from Feds for tx providers

-pres report, nothing

-treasurer report, Bob Page, Shawn's cancer in remission, Bob's in position as treasurer, read names of those with delinquent dues

-member, new members announced, 4 total

-committee breakouts

-Education/Public Affairs, The brochure will work towards informing public. Don will get it published in The Montana Reporter, (Montana Bar Association).

-Ethics, no pending complaints or issues. Discussion about how to approach colleagues regarding ethics problems directly with concerns. Discussion about the importance of upholding MSOTA membership vs. "msota equivalent".

-Legislative, statutory rape bill, failed to find someone to carry it. Appeal to members to seek a local rep to carry the bill next session, maybe someone who is terming out.

-Andy described the recent changes to HB 219 regarding residency restrictions. Mainly tier III offenders being held to tighter restrictions, with Andy's proposal for changes allowing for "safety plans" produced with providers, which allow exceptions. Adults tier III's with victim

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under 12, can't live or work within 300 ft of place where children congregate. Andy issued a request to eastern Montanans (MSOTA members) to volunteer to do legislative committee work.

-Membership, - Finished reviewing Andrews Edgar's work and will be doing orals later today.

Standards: Looked at DD standards. Everything else was updated. Still old versions on the web site. Looked at standards for supervision. Looked at hours and how that will work. Have heard the standards are working well in court.

-Old Business, Continuum of care discussion, (post incarceration). Discussion about Missoula/DOC prisoner re-entry program. Are there new grant opportunities?

-Discussion regarding transition in tx from prison to community, time spent in outpatient. What about "Phase IV" following release? Most agreed that current, individual therapist methods policies work.

#### New Business

Bob reminded members elections are next year, nominations occur in the fall.

-Can we find an avenue for stakeholders outside msota to get feedback to our resolutions to formal complaints against members?

-discussion on alford pleas, how do we treat deniers?

-summer meeting, time and place? Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>, at 23 River Drive, Dearborn, MT