MSOTA Membership Meeting

1. Attending Dawn Handa, Anne Harris, Bob Page, Barb Bottomly, Andy Hudak, Shawn Abbott, Anne DeWolf, Kevin Wyse, Jake Leeper, Michelle Puerner, Chris Quigley, Hal Lewis, Brendan McQuillan, Shaye LaMunyan, Drew Schoening, Bo Smelko, Christa Smelko

There were not enough Clinical Members and Board Members present for a Quorum

1. Reading of minutes from the last meeting
   1. Minutes were accepted as read.
2. Officer reports
   1. President Chris Quigley
      1. There will be a training combined with Board and Membership meetings in October 2021. Site and training topics TBA
      2. May 2022 we go back to Chico
   2. President’s Annual Report:
      1. Chris began by thanking the membership for their patience and cooperation to work with him during this Covid year
      2. He hopes that beginning with the Summer 2021 meeting we will again be able to meet in person
      3. Very active legislative year with bills proposed by several legislative members who want a private organization (MSOTA) NOT to be in charge of the standards for assessment and treatment nor for certifying professionals to do the work with Sex Offenders
      4. Senate bill 39 was the result. And due to the strong support for MSOTA we were well included.
      5. Thanks to Anne DeWolf, Brendan McQuillan, and Jamie Rogers as Board members for their support in the legislative process.
      6. During this year members sought out their own trainings for CEUs
      7. In the coming year Chris hopes to incorporate professional trainings for both members and the wider community of professionals involved in all aspects of working with Sexual Offenders.
      8. Members would like to see outside presenters as well as from our members.
      9. MSOTA members were faced with Covid restrictions in providing on going assessment and treatment and keeping all safe
   3. Chris then asked if any of the Board members wanted to add to the Agenda
   4. Dawn Handa wanted to clarify the composition of committees to boost participation on the Committees including Associate members.
   5. Bob clarified that the Ethics committee is restricted to Clinical Members only because of the sensitive nature of the work of the Ethics Committee
   6. Committee members are appointed by the President and are not even required to be MSOTA members of any stripe.
   7. Vice President Hall Lewis
      1. Has contacted Dr. Kimberly Gorgons from Colorado, on Brain Trauma in criminals. She is interested in coming to the October 2021 MSOTA event. She would be comfortable with MSOTA recording her presentation and offering CEUs for in persons.
      2. Dawn mentioned that the Board of Crime Control is also having their meeting in October 2021.
      3. Hal mentioned that Gorgons recommends the Ohio TBI screening tool
   8. Treasurer
      1. He and Tracy have switched records over to Kevin, and filed IRS annal report, some info is still needed from officers
      2. Board Insurance and Web page are paid for
      3. Many members have not paid their annual dues. Clinical is $300 and Associate is $50.
      4. Dues can be sent to Kevin Wyse 1146 Hwy 12 East, Townsend MT 59644
      5. Checking Balance= 20,201
   9. Secretary
      1. Web Redesign
         1. Proposal to redesign the web site for $1,200
            1. Membership present said that they, clients, and attorney’s use the directory feature the most.
            2. Consensus was the email was best way to contact the membership.
            3. Consider including a brief outline of the offender assessment and treatment options. What community treatment looks like, and what custodial treatment looks like.
            4. Consensus was to move to improve the web page with more information.
            5. Current expenditures are $50/mo to maintain the page
         2. What’s the value to membership?
         3. What should the site emphasize for:
            1. Public
            2. Other professionals
            3. Potential Clients
3. Committee Meetings/Reports
   1. Ethics Chairperson **Jake Leper**
      1. Jake was unable to join the meeting
      2. Bob Page said that there were no current complaints to the ethics committee
   2. Education/Public Affairs Chairperson **Brenda Erdelyi**
      1. Brenda was unavailable
   3. Legislative Chairperson **Andy Hudak**
      1. Senate Bill 363 on the sex offender registry was tabled, and not voted on
      2. SB 361 on certificate of Rehabilitation was passed. It lists things like completing TX, Holding a job as a way to help landlords and employers feel better about working with all types of prisoners. This would be part of a client’s disclosure to potential employers and landlords.
      3. SB 39: Chris did a lot with Senator Regier, and Representative Kelker
         1. They started with ideas like if you had 40 hours of experience you could get the certificate. This was expanded to 2,000 hours
         2. The final Bill does not directly grandfather in MSOTA
         3. The final Board Comprised of 2 each Clinical Psychologists, Nurses, BBH, and Board of Medicine, and Members at Large (hopefully MSOTA) though the bill states members of a Nationally recognized offender TX organization
         4. The legislature seems to think that people will be attracted to SO work
         5. There seems to be resistance to including MSOTA work and standards to guide the SB 39 implementation process
         6. No one without the new endorsement to work with SOs can give testimony or treatment for SOs.
         7. Membership in ATSA may be required for the endorsements.
         8. Andy: There are six sets of things that this Board will have to create and this will all be done by volunteer Board members.
         9. MSOTA next Legislative Chair in or near Helena would work best, or to coordinate with a lobbyist like we did in years past

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* 1. Membership Chairperson **Shaye LaMunyan**
     1. Shaye was unavailable for the meeting
     2. Dawn Handa’s Clinical orals will be conducted today
     3. Documentation of the 2,000 hours is not in Clinical Member files.
     4. Chris, we have to wait for the sub-committee’s work for the specifics on how they are going to grandfather current members in
     5. Shaye hopes to let us know who has documentation in the files and who doesn’t
  2. Standards Chairperson **Bo Smelko**
     1. Bo had nothing new from standards except to prepare for the transition to State control. He’s prepared to help as they direct.
     2. Chris had a meeting with the Board of BBH yesterday, about the composition of their work and it will include two members from MSOTA in the incorporation of MSOTA standards with the new documents.

Old Business

* Transition from prison to the community
  + Desire for a manual or handbook for inmates coming out of prison on what they can expect for Treatment and aftercare
    - Chris there may be some different approaches provider to provider on how the standards are applied, like number and type of sessions
    - DOC would like our input and they will distribute.
    - Hal said some inmates leave with the expectation that they will do aftercare for 6 months, but few of us do that because treatment is based on individual circumstances. Responsivity/Needs model
      * He suggested that DOC would like our recommendations for aftercare and the intervals for each. He pointed out that no institutional program is a substitute for community treatment and support.
* Discuss a lobbyist at the next meeting

1. New Business
   1. New Retreats
      1. Many Members want the annual meeting to be in a more relaxed environment such as Chico
      2. Quinn’s doesn’t offer State rates
      3. Narrowed the list to Fairmont and Chico
      4. Bob Page and Andrew Edgar working on finding presenters of interest to MSOTA and a wider audience
      5. Dawn can we hold the retreat and remain fiscally sound while bringing ins quality presenters
      6. The presence of high-powered presenters bring in more than they cost
      7. Chris is still in contact with Costas as a presenter
      8. Maybe presenters like Brendan to share information about court procedures
   2. Alice spoke about Sexually Reactive Children and assessments that different from offenders
      1. The work is more on the child’s trauma
      2. Suggestion on a presentation on Sexually Reactive Children
      3. Billings does 1-3 a month of SRC’s
      4. Hal says many of these cases come in as part of a contested divorce or parenting plan and these can be extremely difficult cases to work on because of the emotional content.
      5. Chris suggested that Alice, Katie, and Hal and others present on the broad aspects of SRC’s and using the community based investigative programs like First Step
      6. Alice suggested that we should probably develop standards for SRC work
         1. How to assess, write reports, and treat
         2. There is a hunger for this topic
   3. Alice on HIPPA and Sex Offender work
      1. Some clients file complaints about our work
      2. Like we’re ordered by inference to work with Probation Officers
      3. What does treatment really mean
      4. Rules like cell phone use and who decides
      5. From the BBH Licensure committee: Doesn’t MSOTA have its own Code of Ethics. We use our licensure rules or ATSA
      6. Alice is asking for clarification on the development of an MSOTA Code of Ethics
      7. APA, NASW, ACA have codes of ethics why don’t we have ones specific to us
      8. Hal: Would the BBH have felt more confidence if MSOTA were a chapter of ATSA
      9. Chris suggested Alice opening a dialogue with our Ethics committee to develop a response
      10. She was in communication with a PO over termination of a client in her program, the client filed a complaint and her letter to the PO was given to the client by another MSOTA Clinician as part of the bundled PO recird
2. Next meeting
   1. time and location: Missoula August 13
   2. site coordinator Shaye LaMunyan
3. Adjournment at 11:55