

MSOTA Fall Meeting 9/10/10
Great Falls, MT

- I) Brief Introductions
- II) Introduction of John Moog, Regional Public Defender, nominated as a Board Member by Bob Page. John gave a brief introduction of himself. Motion to invite and accept John Moog, as a Board member. MSP* jmoog@mt.gov
- III) Reading of minutes from Summer Meeting, Minutes were M,S,P
- IV) Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Bob is continuing to work on annual retreat, location TBA, Bob will inform via email.
 - ii. Bob requests that the membership let him know who they'd like to see as speakers/presenters.
 - iii. CEUs will again be proposed.
 - iv. Still no charge for attending
 - b. Vice President,
 - i. " I really don't have much to say"
 - ii. Andy requested personal phone numbers for use during in legislative sessions.
 - c. Treasurer, not present, report will be posted
 - d. Secretary, no report
- V) Committee Meetings/Reports/Reviews and Recommendations
 - a. Ethics
 - i. Status of a registrant on SVOR who had no risk??
Bob will investigate.
 - b. Legislative
 - i. Expect someone to take the statutory rape issue to take the language that Mike Sullivan crafted in the past that uses the statute exception for DOC employees convicted with sexual assault and are sentenced differently than "civilians."

c. Membership

i. Membership status:

1. Nina Wendt for example wanted to attend only one meeting a year because of her residence in Alaska.
2. Sandy Heaton suggested a membership that retains “clinical” status but exempts from meeting attendance at all but one meeting
3. Discussion of conference call options to allow remote attendance.

a. Sacrifice face-to-face benefits of contact

d. Motion by Bob:

- i. Adopt a Clinical membership with exemption status to only attend one organizational meeting within any 12 month. Application to be made in writing to the membership committee. The membership committee will develop a policy which stipulates the criteria for acceptance as Clinical Member with Exemption.
MSP

e. Kevin Wyse will contact recently

f. Education/Public Affairs

- i. Marla: students are still unaware that the age of consent is 16.
- ii. Bo shared that Colorado introduced a system for informing School Board members.
- iii. Marla: Just want to get the law regarding consent into the schools.
- iv. Bo requested specific guidance
- v. Education and Public Affairs committee will develop a policy
- vi. Marla: wants to put together a workshop on training P&POs on technical monitoring.
- vii. Invite the MT coalition for domestic violence to MSOTA meetings.

g. Standards

- i. Mike Scolatti will email progress report to Ginny
- ii. Bo has rough draft ready to send
- iii. Need for sexual reactor
- iv. Discussion on Clinical Test

1. Current test is beyond recovery
 2. Need continues to have a test.
 3. Written work examples, and the Oral Exam provides most current relevant reflection of competence
- v. Motion by Scolatti:
1. In the interim between now and the final re-write of the Clinical test, we allow those waiting for full clinical membership to take the oral examination, submit their work samples, and upon recommendation of the full membership committee to advance to Clinical Membership. M, S, P.

VI) Old Business

- a. Flyer status
- b. Adolescent Registration..Discussion
- c. Further discussion of inactive member status
- d. Montana Sex Offender Board Discussion...how it may affect MSOTA
- e. Standards: Correction to Spring Meeting
- f. Motion:
 - i. Evaluators should be using empirically validated risk assessment instruments that include static and dynamic measures and should be making Tier recommendations in their assessment. M, S, P

VII) New Business

- a. Retreat Location, Dates, Topics, Speakers
- b. Mike Aldrich: Bureau Programs Manager:
 - i. Help set up training for new probation officers to work with probation officers
 - ii. Online training preferred to establish a PO as a specialist to work with SOs.
 - iii. Procedures for SO supervisor requirements
 - iv. Discussion about approval of supervisor/chaperone
 - v. Bo: Colorado has system for approval and agency

requirements to approve a, system is risk driven,
Kevin Wyse discussed using Acute for training of
PO's.

- c. Discussion regarding Static and Stable Requirements (Static 99 vs. 200, 2002, 2002-R)
 - i. Changes to the assessment instruments create flux in what is reliable and may change in a year.
 - ii. Standards Committee is proposing a list of acceptable instruments to use in adult assessments that are empirically validated so that different evaluators will arrive at similar risk designation. This expands the potential use of assessment instruments.
- d. Bo will be circulating the adolescent position paper to members for review. Members are to return suggestions to him.
- e. Bob identified the importance of validating a professional opinion with MSOTA membership when making a statement can infer an organizational position.
- f. OPD at first made a policy to disallow the Affinity VRT, and position was reversed two days later to accept the Affinity as well as the Abel.
- g. Bo: need for MSOTA to stand together on practices and standards to maintain a consistent public/agency perception of MSOTA.
- h. Need for a “concrete umbrella” as an organization.

Adjourned at 3:05