

MSOTA Minutes
September 12, 2014
The Ranch Club, Missoula, MT

- I) Brief Introductions:
 - a. Attending: Michelle Davis, Kirsten Pabst, Susan Bonin, Drew Schoening, Jeffery Scogin, Dave Williams, Kevin Wyse,, Michelle Puerner, Blair Hopkins, Chris Nordstrom, Alicia Esteves, Brenda Kneeland, Alice Hougardy, Barb Bottomly, Charmaine Nicholson, Mike English, Chuck Newell, Bo Smelko, Christa Smelko, Brenda Erdalyi, Tracy Vaughn, Andrew Edgar, Bob Page, Andy Hudak, Karen Baumann, Jean Keiley, Gwen Farnsworth,

- II) Reading of minutes
 - a. Read, Corrected, and accepted.

- III) Officer reports
 - a. President
 - i. We are awaiting a report from the Treasurer
 - b. Vice President: reported issues related to Legislative matters
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Checking Balance=
 - ii. Savings balance=
 - d. Secretary: Web site is getting some repairs.

- IV) Committee Meetings/Reports
 - a. Ethics, issues
 - b. Education/Public Affairs, did not meet
 - c. Legislative
 - i. Andy asked the membership to please pay better attention to his emails and respond with an opinion when he asked for feedback on an idea.
 - ii. We really need to identify legislators to carry the statutory rape when there is a victim over 12 and the offender is under 26 that the judge has the option to impose a shorter sentence
 - d. Membership
 - i. Two new clinical members are in process. Terry Fenandez Tyson and Gerry Blasingame
 - ii. Issue: when someone who is not a resident or licensed in Montana but is licensed in another state can they have a regular Clinical membership.
 - iii. It is Moved seconded and Passed: To create a Non-Resident Clinical membership for persons who meet all of the standards of Clinical Membership with the following exceptions**
 - 1. They are not required to attend more than one membership meeting a year,**
 - 2. Not Required to be a Legal Resident of the State of**

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3. May not hold a position as an Officer of the Board

iv. It is Moved Seconded and Passed That: Full Clinical Membership requires that the individual is Licensed in the State of Montana and is a Legal Resident of the State of Montana

- v. The Membership Committee was tasked to send letters to those who have failed to attend two of the three meetings during the Membership Year that is measured between annual meetings. Persons receiving the letter will be allowed two weeks to respond with their reason for absence and may be allowed an exception as defined in the membership rules.
- e. Standards: The Committee will be working on some revisions of Adult and Juvenile Standards for the Annual Meeting
- i. Bo reported that looking ahead to integrate the ATSA Treatment and Assessment standards for ID/DD with MSOTA Standards
 - ii. There is a need to revise the polygraph standard in the Adult and juvenile Standards to provide congruency between the standards
 - 1. Federal regulations require polygraph at interval, and the State Guide Lines do not
 - iii. The Membership is advised that there will also be proposed changes to the Treatment Standards
 - 1. Continuum of Care as clients move from institution to community based services
 - iv. Mike English pointed out that some programs require differing meeting attendance for clients. Some 2X per month vs 3 or 4 per month in Primary Treatment

V) Old Business

VI) New Business

a. Retreat topic specific time for Thursday to work on the Continuum of Care

b. Moved, seconded, and passed that Article V of the MSOTA By-Laws be amended to read: "Voting at all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, shall be by voice vote of the Clinical Members present."

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- VII) Next meeting time and location
 - a. The Annual Meeting at Chico Hot Springs May 6th, 7th, and 8th 2014

- VIII) Adjournment