

Minutes
MSOTA Fall Meeting
Friday Oct. 17, 2008
Montana Technical Assistance Center--Missoula

- I) Brief Introductions and Attendance
 - a. Anne Harris, Chris Nordstrom, Sam Griffel, Bob Page, Charmaine Nicholson, Regina Titak, Ginny Watts, Jim Myers, Ron Silvers, Don Bell, Marla North, Jean Keiley, Bob Furu, Kevin Wyse, Karen Bauman, Gwen Fansworth, Roger Dowty, Mike English, Sandy Heaton, Jeffrey Scogin, Michael Scolatti, Blair Hopkins, Lindsay Clodfelter,
 - b. Guests: Monique Miller (MSP), Tracey Vaughn (MSP), John Moore (MSP), Jen Connors (Developmental Disabilities Case Management)
- II) Reading of minutes from summer meeting: accepted as amended
- III) Officer reports
 - a. President
 - i. One third of DOC admits are SOs,
 - ii. Lack of risk assessments in pre-sentence
 - iii. 800 offenders in PR in MT includes only 8 SO in that population
 - iv. Judges were receptive to Bob's presentation on MSOTA qualifications, assessment, and treatment.
 - v. Discussion: Sandy disputes the numbers on SO population in PRCs
 - vi. Request to form another committee to fund raise
 - 1. discussion: resistance to fund raising task,
 - 2. suggestion to do one project a year to fund raise by presentation of educational events
 - 3. Cost of the retreat was more than we can afford if we pay for food and parts of lodging expenses
 - 4. the 20 CEUs were a strong incentive to attend the annual meeting/retreat
 - 5. Blair: fundraisers add a level of difficulty we likely cannot take on because of time commitment. Suggestion is to raise dues by \$100 rather than fund raise.
 - 6. Regina: see what happens in the coming year to determine need for fundraising
 - b. Vice President-Absent
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Report will be mailed
 - d. Secretary
 - i. Web site: up and running, there was a request to keep the

presentation simple, clean, and professional

- IV) Committee Meetings/Reports
 - a. Ethics
 - i. Bob will send Anne a copy of the procedures for investigating complaints and this will be posted on the web site.
 - b. Legislative
 - i. Sam reported for Andy
 - 1. Committee will submit a budget for legislative work
 - 2. Discussed Andy's concerns
 - 3. MCMHCA as possible partner for legislative work
 - 4. Bob P: issue of an offender wanting to change Tier levels—getting a lobbyist to change law regarding procedures for changing Tier levels and
 - a. Blair, base changes on risk assessment
 - b. Marla: Federal law may prohibit changes in Tier levels???
 - 5. Blair: real need for lobbyist to work legislative issues during legislature
 - c. Membership
 - i. Charmaine: Need for persons to participate in meetings according to by-laws to maintain membership. She is writing letters to persons not meeting clinical membership requirements such as meeting attendance.
 - d. Education
 - i. John Graham: MMPI Training in the spring at Great Falls
 - ii. During the spring meeting attempt to invite more prosecutors and defense attys.
 - iii. Flyer of MSOTA services: Marla will start the process and requests member input sent to her.
 - 1. All clinical members will be listed on the back
 - 2. web site
 - 3. Standards
 - 4. History
 - 5. Tier levels
 - iv. Blair: on the task force reviewing implementation of the CSOM report
 - v. Ron: school district training being developed in Helena
 - e. Standards
 - i. Ginny: committee has divided the Study Guide to review and rewrite. She requests that if a member is contacted by Standards Committee member for information or feedback on an item to please respond promptly to expedite
 - ii. Children's, adult and adolescent standards will be emailed to Anne to be posted on the web site.
 - iii. DD standards are evolving from the use of Community

Treatment/Placement plans as implemented by DDP and community providers

f. Annual retreat

V) Old Business

- a. Finalize issue of requiring Static-99 and Stable 2007 as risk assessment instruments in evaluation standards
 - i. Delaying implementation until spring
 - ii. Mike: Static-99 through www.static-99.org on line training is available for the static-99 on the web site
 - iii. Use a Static and/or Stable
 - iv. Download the manual from the web site
 - v. SORAG was eliminated because of the requirement of a HARE and plethysmograph or Abel to complete scoring
 - vi. Lindsay: not wanting to limit MSOTA by DOJ, DOC, requirements.
 - vii. Marla, clarification that the report contain only standardized instruments in reports
- b. Jean on Federal contracts
 - i. Requirement that officer, therapist, and offender be together to write initial case plan
 - ii. Officer required to meet quarterly with therapist
 - iii. Treatment files will be audited

VI) New Business

- a. Second annual spring retreat:
 - i. Location: Consensus was to go to Chico again
 - ii. Cost: proposal for members to cover own motel and food costs
 - iii. Date: 1st week in May 5,6, and 7 Wed. – Fri.
 - iv. Topics: Risk assessment training
- b. Funding Andy's work in legislature
 - i. Motion:
Each member will make a payment to MSOTA of \$75.00 to reimburse Andy for legislative activity. M,S,P
- c. Lobbying for the creation of a bill to allow some offenders to apply for tier level change under certain conditions
 - i.
- d. Nominations of officers
 - i. President: Bob Page, Chris Nordstrom,
 - ii. Vice President: Andy Hudak, Kevin Wyse, Ginny Watts, Chris Quigley
 - iii. Treasurer: Shawn Abbott
 - iv. Secretary: Anne Harris

VII) Next meeting time and location: Spring Annual meeting at Chico Hot Springs, May 5, 6, and 7 2010

VIII) Adjournment