

MSOTA Summer Meeting
Friday, July 18, 2014
Dearborn, Montana

- I) Brief Introductions:
 - a. Attending: Andy Hudak, Jim Myers, Kevin Wyse, Andrew Edgar, Chris Nordstrom, Gwen Farnsworth, Tracy Vaughn, Kevin Wyse, Gwen Farnsworth, David Williams (MSP), Michelle Puerner (MSP), Michelle Davis, Anne Harris, Marla North, Don Bell, Brenda Erdelyi, Bob Page.

- II) Reading of minutes from 2014 Annual Meeting
 - a. Minutes were read and corrected, accepted by motion

- III) Officer reports
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Checking Balance= No Report Available
 - ii. Savings balance= No Report Available
 - d. Secretary
 - i. Web site is maintained for about \$140/year
 - ii. Gwen questioned if the “webmaster” has signed an agreement of confidentiality to be maintaining sometimes confidential information.
 - iii. The “Members Only” tab is working on the MSOTA web site. This is a Yahoo Group and Members must submit to Anne via that group site to get their password. Click on the Members only and then click on the button to request membership on the MSOTA Yahoo Group.

- IV) Committee Meetings/Reports
 - a. Ethics: No Current Business
 - b. Education/Public Affairs
 - i. Don Bell recommended a presenter from Ft Belknap who is doing a social-psychology internship and MSU to Bob.
 - ii. Anne proposed Julie Brown LCSW as a presenter on the use of DBT for variable intellectual levels when treating Emotional Dysregulation and Axis II disorders See the web site <http://www.skillsystem.com>
 - c. Legislative
 - i. Andy attended the interim legislative committee in Helena and presented that there was new research on redemption and risk assessment (Hanson & Harris)
 - 1. Tier levels and re-offense rates were compared to non-SO probationers and their re-offense rates at moderate risk ratings were the same as non-

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2. We estimate risk to be higher than it is.
 3. At 10 or 12 years even high risk have reduced rates of re-offense
 4. There is a request to have an on-going discussion in the fall meeting regarding changes of tier levels and inclusion of detailed offense history in the written risk assessment.
 5. Need for legislators that may carry sex offender legislation in the next legislator.
- ii. The editorial Board of the Billings Gazette will not leave the names of offenders out of the paper in a story regarding offenders.
1. The extended family of registered offenders can complain about the publication of the family name when the offender is already on the internet registration
 2. Law enforcement can still monitor offenders as before but eliminate the public punishment of the family.
 3. Anne will look into a Montana Public TV program on the effect of registration on released individuals and the extended family.
 4. Andy is looking for family members to talk about their experience of having a family member on the registry and the effects upon the non-offending family members.
 5. Andy is looking for people to approach Butch Hughsbee the administrator for the SVOR about having an education page on the SVOR web page.
 6. Gwen: Our, MSOTA, primary client is the community and to make the community safer we need to reduce the impact of the registration on victims and victim families. Could the State let some SOs off the published registry and remain on Law Enforcement supervision with a less expensive continued Polygraph and associated reduction in LE administration cost.
- iii. Andy would like to reverse the current process of Juveniles automatically going on the registry, instead of having to write an order to **not** have a juvenile on the registry. **Andy requested that if clinicians are having the experience of judges putting low to moderate risk younger juveniles on the registry to notify him about the cases.**
- d. Membership
- i. Chris is passing out sample evaluations for a couple applicants.
 - ii. Chris feels that non-clinical members on the membership committee should not be involved in the qualifying of new

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members nor the development of clinical application and test development process except as approved by the Clinical members of the committee Standards

- V) Old Business
 - a. Methods of assessing risk among non-validated populations (Female Offenders, ID Offenders, Child Porn only guys, etc)
 - i. The Matrix 2000 is a risk assessment that has 4 items and claims to be effective for use with Child Porn offenders. See ATSA journal article at [Matrix 2000](#)
 - ii. **Risk Assessment and Tier Levels do not predict re-offense but provides guidance for the level of supervision to keep the community safe when the offender is released into the community.**
 - iii. History seems to be the most reliable predictor of chance for re-offense.
 - iv. Both Risk and History need to be worked with in community supervision and treatment.
 - b. Re-Address how some members may be speaking poorly about other MSOTA members
 - i. It is proposed that the ethics committee in consultation with the full membership have a discussion and considering policy development to encourage responsible ways to address interpersonal disagreements that affect individual practice and our profession as a whole.
 - c. Membership committee will notify those members not in compliance with attendance of 2 meetings per year.

- VI) New Business
 - a. Andy did blviate about needing help with legislative issues during Legislative Committee report.
 - b. Polygraph has become more sensitive and taboo in evaluation process

- VII) Next meeting time and location

Fall Meeting Hosted by Michelle Davis 10:30 September 12th; at the Ranch Club, 8501 Ranch Club Road; Missoula, Montana 59808 off Mullen Road in Missoula

- VIII) Adjournment at 2:50 PM