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MSOTA QUARTERLY MEETING
BOZEMAN, MONTANA
4/27/2006

Individuals in attendance:

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| Marla North | Don Bell |
| Anne Harris | Charmaine Nicholson |
| Shawn Abbott | Ginny Watts |
| Karen Bauman | Kevin Wyse |
| Sam Griffel | Bob Page |
| Regina Basolo | Jim Myers |
| Blair Hopkins | Bob Furu |
| Cathy Murphy | Rita Frost |
| Dawn Handa | Randy Spaulding |
| Sally McRae | Ken Grady |
| Laura McKee | Ron Silvers |
| Andy Hudak | Lindsay Clodfelter |
| Gwen Farnsworth | Michael Scolatti |
| Bobby Jo Buck | Jean Keiley |
| Nina Wendt | Kristina Besseneyey |
| Chris Nordstrom | Roger Dowty |
| Michael English | Rebecca Harris |
| Mike Sullivan | |

- * Meeting called to order by President Marla North
- * Introductions
- * Agenda review
- * Minutes of the last meeting in Helena read by Secretary Wyse and approved as read

- * Officer Reports:

President: Marla North thanked members for input over the last two years and is extremely appreciative of everyone's support.

Vice President: Dr. Robert Page, the new vice president, reminds everyone to read minutes off of the website. He related that Margie, the Web Master, is doing an amazing job and that he is going to work with her to improve tabs and other items which will make the web site more user friendly.

Secretary: Kevin Wyse, the new secretary, is very appreciative of this opportunity to be the secretary for MSOTA.

Treasurer: Shawn reported that there is \$1531.99 in our savings account, \$4420.70 in our checking account for total assets of \$5952.69.

The Honorable Randy Spaulding brought copies of the Montana Codes Annotated Title 45 on Sexual Crimes. Anyone wishing to have a copy of the MCA of Sexual Crimes please see Kevin Wyse. Judge Spaulding also discussed the Montana Judges Association Fall meeting and asked any interested MSOTA providers who

wished to address/educate judges to speak at this meeting. Interested persons should contact Judge Spalding.

* Committees met and reported:

Ethics: In discussing Clinical versus Non-Clinical members, there is a MCA statute which applies to adult offenders and who is eligible to testify as an expert witness. Clinical members are the only persons allowed to testify as expert witnesses.

Legislative: Ginny Watts will contact a professional lobbyist in order to lobby the Montana Legislature for legislation involving indemnification for therapists who work with sexual offenders, and changes in the sentencing guidelines for statutory offenders and young sexual offenders. A motion was made and passed allocating 1000 dollars with which to pay this lobbyist.

Membership: Rebecca Hargis, Christian Evans and Bobby Jo Buck have all become associate members. The Memberships committee reinstated Ms. Lindsay Clodfelter as a Clinical Member.

Standards: The Evaluation and Treatment Standards Committee is in the process of completing the Adolescent Evaluation and Treatment Standards. These will be posted on the website prior to the July meeting. The membership body will vote to approve these standards during the July meeting. Please read the standards prior to the meeting. There was also a discussion as to the program rules across different sexual offender treatment programs. The Standards Committee will review this issue and provide general recommendations for outpatient sexual offender treatment programs.

Education: Marla will be attending a sexual offender treatment conference and will attempt to enlist Dr. Epperson's participation in presenting on the use and validity of sexual offender risk assessments. Marla will also be exploring other possible presenter to discuss this topic.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Kevin Wyse will update roster so if you have information which you wish to change please email him at wyseguytx@aol.com.

Blair Hopkins will send copies of testing materials to Ginny Watts, as Ginny is revising the study guide.

Regarding the Mission Statement, if everyone would review the Mission Statement so it can be discussed as to its relevance and any possible updates which would improve its purpose in defining MSOTA.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ron Silvers discussed his work with the Montana Developmental Center and the Department of Health and Human Services in developing realistic standards of treatment for developmentally disabled sexual offenders. These standards would address issues involving adjudication of DD offenders, funding of treatment, developing of safe guards, the possibility of civil commitments and the coordination of agencies. If you are interested in being involved in this process please contact Jeff Sturm or Dr. Robert Brown at MDC in Boulder. Members may also contact Ron for more information. Ron will be following up on this issue during the July meeting. In addition, Mr. Andrew Hudak reports that Andrew Harris, the God of risk assessments, indicates that the R-RAZOR is the #1 risk assessment when determining the risk of DD sexual offenders.

Regina Basolo reports that she is running parent groups for the parents of adolescent sexual offenders and believes that this has been a very effective process. She strongly encourages other providers to institute parent groups into their treatment programs.

Dr. Robert Page, newly elected VP of MSOTA, reports that Jessica's Law is becoming a growing concern in the treatment of sexual offenders. He indicates that offenders could receive 25 years to life if they are convicted of a sexual crime. Many states have already adopted this statute, and there is concern that Montana may explore the issue in the near future, limiting judges' flexibility in sentencing sexual offenders. Bob encourages everyone to familiarize themselves with this law. The Legislative Committee will follow up on any movement in the State which may suggest further progress in adopting Jessica's Law.

* Meeting was adjourned.

* NEXT MEETING: July 21, 2006 at 2:00 pm. Please note this is on a Friday and at 2 in the afternoon. The meeting will be held at the Mountain West Bank in Whitefish, MT. The address is 601 Spokane Ave. in Whitefish. The bank sits right on hwy 93, and if you have questions about its location you may call them at 406-863-2265. There is also a web site which will provide you with a map to the bank.
<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=601+Spokane+Avenue,Whitfish,+MT&om=1>

* Meetings for the next year will be held on the following dates and in the following Montana Cities:

Friday October 20, 2006
in Lewistown, MT.

Friday January 12, 2007

in Bozeman, MT.

Missoula, MT.
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Friday April 20, 2007 in