

MSOTA Minutes
July 17, 2009
Fairmont Hot Springs

- I) Brief Introductions:
 - a. Attending: Jean Keiley, Sandy Heaton, Charmaine Nicholson, Shawn Abbott, Tracy Park (Pine Hills, YCF), Alice Hougardy(Pine Hills, YCF), Jerri Anderson (Pine Hills, YCF), Mike English, Sam Griffel, Drew Schoening, Chris Nordstrom, John Moore, Ron Silvers, Bob page, Chris Quigley, Rick Deady (DOC), Kelly Speer (DOC), Anne Harris,

- II) Reading of minutes from Retreat: Minutes were read and approved

- III) Guest presentations: regular agenda was suspended to hear from the following guests and member presentations.
 - a. Rick Deady – Department of Corrections
 - i. DOC: provided history of attempt to find a site for 116 bed male SO treatment in Montana under community corrections, one RFP response from Hardin (with NJ and CA companies), @ \$265 per day, too much \$ so no go, continue to be large # of SOs in MSP and in communities.

 - ii. CSOM report- many recommendations from pretrial through supervision, DOC continues to look at this, statewide task force, put in request for grant of \$176,000 for training, DOC will find out this fall, if they get it. DOC will incorporate the training with the DOJ SO registration annual conference for 2 years. The goal is to expand and bring in relevant training for all involved.

- IV) Kelly Speer – DOC-
 - a. Kelly, along with Shawn Abbott, discussed the task force, second meeting to be held next week.
 - b. Big problem is that state judges are at NOT designating tiers, then MSP needs to do that, or Probation officer seeks to amend judgment. This creates due process issues and offender may have to go to court in an adversarial situation. Creates the question of, “what happens if there are two or more expert evaluators using different instruments or standards and the conflict of opinions v.s. a consistent emphasis on community safety from a reliable risk assessment?” MSOTA members need to be consistent in risk assessment process when making tier recommendations. MSOTA members need to stay current on research on risk assessments as well as training. STATIC/ STABLE-2007, are the two core but some may also use HARE/ RASER/SORAG.

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- c. Referred to Standards Committee

- V) Officer reports
 - a. President:
 - i. Retreat was a success with the most attendance for an annual meeting today.
 - ii. Momentum needs to be maintained by committees to assure progress throughout the year
 - b. Vice President: was absent
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Checking Balance= \$3,657.70
 - ii. Savings balance= \$1,589.56
 - iii. The cost of the retreat exceeds what MSOTA can cover with membership dollars to do again next year.
 - iv. Options were discussed including increasing membership AND/OR charge for attendance AND/OR location change AND/OR MSOTA sponsored training at retreat to help defray costs. Retreat Committee lead by president Page to consider options.
 - d. Secretary
 - i. Mosta.org is now up and running. Membership lists are up to date and can be changed easily, minutes are posted. Anne requested members reply to her emails that ask for additional features that members want to have on the web site such as brief their professional bios to appear with their name on the membership list or links to their professional web sites (email links are already present).
 - ii.

- VI) Committee Meetings/Reports
 - a. Ethics: No report
 - b. Legislative: No report
 - c. Membership
 - i. Charmaine:
 - 1. Dues and Tracking membership: Charmaine has composed a letter to expired members reminding them that they need to pay dues or risk loss of clinical designation, and then they will have to provide re-instatement fee plus annual dues
 - 2. People who are ill or otherwise unable to come to meetings must notify the Membership chair, Charmaine by phone at 406-788-1977, or by writing to her at: 1324 Central Avenue West; Suite 6; Great Falls, MT 59404.

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She can also be contacted via e-mail at stevecharm1@yahoo.com. Members should provide a reason for their absence. Clinical members are required to attend at least one meeting for fiscal year.

- d. Education/Public Affairs: no report
- e. Standards
 - i. Motion to implement Assessment Instrument Standards: Chris Quigley moves: **The Standards of Assessment for MSOTA clinical members shall designate exclusively the Static-99 combined with the STABLE-2007 as actuarial risk assessments for adults to determine recommendations for risk assessments and tier designation. This requirement is to be implemented by October 19, 2009.** Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.
 - ii. **Critical:** all clinical members who did not attend the static 99 training conducted by Marla North. Last summer should contact her for a copy of the materials from the STATIC-99, Stable-2007, and ACUTE-2007 training session. A fee for copying, shipping and handling may be applied to these materials for those who did not pay to attend a seminar.

VII) Old Business

- a. Review of mission statement: Mission Statement
 - i. **The mission of the Montana Sex Offender Treatment Association is dedicated to the promotion of community safety and education by maintaining professional standards for the evaluation and effective treatment of sexual offenders.**
- b. **Motion: that the Standards Committee review and update the MSOTA Standards of Evaluation and Care every 2 years beginning at the annual retreat of 2010 and updated every 2 years there after.** Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
- c. Web site needs to indicate the populations served by MSOTA members: Adults, Youth, DD, Victims, affected families, and the general public. Members are encouraged to notify the secretary, Anne Harris, of the population or populations that they serve either for assessment and/or treatment
- d. Individual of the public are encouraged to contact clinical members directly regarding specific questions regarding any aspect of sex offender treatment and/or assessment.
- e. There was discussion of progress on the Education Committee's draft of MSOTA postcard.

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- VIII) New Business
 - a. Changes to by-laws for elections of officer required because of elimination of winter meeting.
 - i. Motion: To amend the MSOTA by-laws to indicate that nominations for Officers shall be made at the Fall Meeting; election of officers to be held by paper ballot at the Spring Meeting; new officers assume responsibility at the following Summer Meeting. M,S,P.**
 - b. Discussion of strategies for continued public outreach/relations
- IX) Next meeting: October 16; 10 AM
Missoula Chamber of Commerce
825 E Front St, Missoula, Mt 59802
Anne Harris and Jean Keiley, Hosting
- X) Adjournment: 2 PM