

**MSOTA QUARTERLY MEETING
LEWISTOWN
OCTOBER 12, 2007**

Individuals in attendance:

Ginny Watts, Kevin Wyse, Andy Hudak, Charmaine Nicholson, Sam Griffel, Chris Nordstrom, Bob Furu, Karen Baumann, Michael English, Dawn Handa, Shawn Abbott, Anne Harris, Rick Deady, Pam Bunke, Regina Basolo, Marla North

- Meeting called to order by President Watts.
- Introductions
- Agenda review
- Minutes of the last meeting in Butte read by Secretary Wyse, approved as corrected.

- Officer Reports:

President:

Ginny thanks Sandy Heaton for residing over the Butte meeting.

Vice President:

No Report

Secretary:

Kevin provided ballots for the upcoming MSOTA officer elections. If you would like to nominate someone to be an officer or a board member call Kevin at 449-3636 or email at wyseguytx@aol.com. Persons currently nominated include:

President:

- Dr. Robert Page
- Mr. Chris Nordstrom

Vice President:

- Mr. Andy Hudak
- Ms. Charmaine Nicholson

Secretary:

- Ms. Regina Basolo

- Ms. Anne Harris

Treasurer:

- Ms. Shawn Abbott

Ballots will be mailed to each clinical and associate member. Please return ballots to Kevin Wyse, PO Box 127, Townsend, MT 59644 or bring ballot to January meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Shawn Abbott reports that there is \$1,562.17 in our checking account and \$2,702.07 in our savings account. Members are reminded that MSOTA membership dues are due.

Presentation by Mr. Deady and Ms. Bunke:

Mr. Rick Deady and Ms. Pam Bunke, of DOC, discussed the development of a specialized treatment unit which will house as many as 140 Tier I and II sexual offenders. They are currently developing the RFP for the project and would appreciate any input which members have regarding treatment of sexual offenders. Mr. Deady and Ms. Bunke are currently exploring ideas such as length of stay for offenders (18-24 months), serving Tier I and II offenders, the appropriate location of such a facility, the possibility of a screening committee for admittance to the facility, the possibility of a step down program from MSP, different therapeutic tracks, serving DD offenders who are sentenced to DOC, entrance and exit polygraphs, having other treatment programs (CD, Anger Management, CP&R) incorporated into the facility, and appropriate outcome measurements. DOC wishes to create a continuum of care for offenders which focus on the prevention of relapse and recidivism. In addition to asking for input from the entire membership body, they will also be working with a newly formed MSOTA committee. Members who are currently on this committee include Chris Nordstrom, Andy Hudak, Mike Sullivan, Marla North, Charmaine Nicholson, Anne Harris and Shawn Abbott.

- Committees met and reported:

Ethics:

No report.

Legislative:

Andy will be contacting committee members to discuss strategies for the upcoming legislative session.

Membership:

Records indicate that the following members currently need to pay their dues:

Sherry Bersanti
Shad Burrows
Chris Quigley (2006)
Michael Scolatti (2006)
Christine Pratt
David McFarland
Rebecca Hargis
Bobbie Jo Buck

Records indicate that the following members are currently out of compliance with the “two meetings per year” requirement:

Don Bell
Shari Bersanti
Jim Meyers
Chuck Newell
Christine Pratt

Standards:

No Report

DD Standards:

Anne reports that she is currently reviewing the Vermont DD Treatment Standards for DD Sexual Offenders. She will be sending out information to DD Committee members.

Education:

Marla thanks everyone for supporting payment to her for her financial loss at the risk assessment conference. She is continuing to plan additional trainings which address the evaluation and treatment of sexual offenders.

- Old Business:

Anne will continue to work with Margie on updating the website.

Kevin will send letters out to the current board members to inform them of time and place for MSOTA meetings. Future secretaries are encouraged to continue informing board members.

Ginny Watts reports that she has been working Dr. Bob Bakko on the issue of a new law which indicates that licensed psychologists are the only people who are allowed to use the words psychological, psychosexual or any other word which contains the phrase "psych." **ALL MEMBERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO STOP USING ANY FORM OF THE WORD "PSYCH" IN THEIR PRACTICE.** Motion was made, passed and seconded for Ginny Watts to write a letter to the Attorney General's Office regarding this law and issues involving restriction of trade issues raised by the APA.

- New Business:

Regina and Shawn will be reviewing the MSOTA By-Laws and present their summary at the next meeting.

Ginny and Regina report that they are currently closing the portion of their program which evaluates and treats adolescent sexual offenders. They will continue their involvement in MSOTA and will be focusing on the education of different agencies, including schools. Ginny and Regina want to make it clear that they are not closing their treatment program due to problems with boys in their program. Rather, a variety of other issues, including a lack of community support, have influenced their decision. KevinWyse will be filling the gap in services for the Bozeman area. Anyone needing evaluations or treatment for the kids in the Bozeman area are reminded to call Kevin at 449-3636.

- Meeting was adjourned

Winter Meeting: Friday January 11th, 2008 at 11:00 am. **Next meeting will be in Belgrade, MT at 409 W. Main in the McKenzie River Pizza Restaurant at the office of President Watts and Ms. Basolo.**

Spring Meeting: Will be in Great Falls, MT on Friday April 11th, at 11:00