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Wednesday, May 8: Board of Directors Meeting

1:00-2:30 P.M. Meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers

- Discussion of by-laws,
 - There is a need to change several items, fees, new board members process, membership status.
- sex offender evaluations, standards and procedures for Developmentally Disabled
 - Discuss concerns about current standards and non-MSOTA members conducting risk assessments using RRASOR
 - Standards Committee will review and propose a position statement on DD assessments

2:30-5:00 P.M.

Introduction of Officers, Board Members

- Dawn Handa, Supervisory P&PO in Cascade County
- Jean Keiley, Federal P&PO supervisor in Missoula
- Brian Fisher, Helena Police Department, Internet Crimes Against Children
- Poly Peterson PhD Clinical Director Montana Developmental Center.
- Agenda review, introduction of items for Thursday membership meeting
 - Presenters and topics for
 - Issue of Juvenile cases that are preemptively transferred to adult court
 - Some cases are declared as criminal endangerment rather than statutory rape
 - Bo announced review of Adult evaluation standards as informal discussion after adjournment this afternoon of the full meeting.
- Introductions/Update to Board Member List

Thursday, May 9: General Membership Meeting and Training

7:30-8:00 Continental Breakfast in the Conference Center

8:00-9:00 A.M. Introductions and Attendance

- **Clinical Members:** Alice Hougardy, Andy Hudak, Anne Harris, Barb Bottomley, Blair Hopkins, Bo Smelko, Bob Page, Chris Nordstrom, Chris Quigley, Christa Smelko, Chuck Newell, Don Bell, Drew Schoening, Fred Lemmons, Gwen Farnsworth, Jim Myers, Karen Bauman, Marla North, Mike Sullivan, Nina Wendt, Sandy Heaton, Shawn Abbott, Tracy Vaughn

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- **Associate Members:** Andrew Edgar, Susan Bonin, David McFarland, Katie Wolverton, David Williams, Loretta Bolyard, Anne Headley, Michelle Davis, Hal Lewis
- **Board Members Attending:** Bryan Fischer, Helena PD; Polly Peterson, MDC-DPHHS; Dawn Handa, DOC P&PO, Jean Keiley, Federal P&PO
- **Guests Attending:**
 - Jean Adams, Fergus County Attorney's Office;
 - Jessica Manning, Opportunity Resources Inc.;
 - Madeline Landgren, Opportunity Resources Inc.;
 - Ken Brown, Opportunity Resources Inc.;
 - Rhonda Vick, Opportunity Resources Inc.;
 - Shannon Malmin, Flathead Industries Inc.;
 - Josh Green, Missoula P&PO;
 - Mike Price, DOC P&PO;
 - Sean Goedel, DOC P&PO;
 - Michelle Downey, DOC;
 - Michelle Puerner, DOC-MSP;
 - Teresa Majerus, Lewiston Jr. High
- Reading of minutes from Fall 2013 meeting
 - Minutes were read and approved as written MSP
- Results of election and announcement of new officers
 - President: Bob Page
 - Vice President: Andy Hudak
 - Treasurer: Shawn Abbott
 - Secretary: Anne Harris
- Additions to the Annual Meeting Agenda

9:00-10:30 A.M. Officer Reports

- President

PRESIDENT'S LETTER 2014

6th Annual MSOTA Retreat and Conference, Chico Hot Springs

Hello everyone and welcome to the 6th annual retreat and conference. This year as always, I want to voice my highest regard for all clinical and associate members and members of the board of directors, along with outside agencies and guests who have continued to support us through their participation over the years. I have been the president now since the spring of 2008. This position has not always been easy but I have absolutely

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respected and enjoyed the honor and remain committed to maintaining the integrity of the office.

This past year has brought with it accomplishments and growth commensurate with most other past years. Some concerns have also surfaced. While our internal communication appears to continue to grow in a healthy direction for the most part, I have received information from concerned members on a few rare occasions regarding how outside agencies and some professionals view the comments and actions of a few members. These concerns will remain confidential until or unless more specific details surface or any complaints reach the ethics committee. We are all human and I am certainly no exception. I admit to having occasionally found opinions escaping through my own mouth without adequate deliberation. Suffice it to say that we as members would be well advised to remain vividly aware of how our work in the field must follow the standards of practice we adopt and that the words that appear in our written work or come from our mouths can be misinterpreted, taken out of context, or simply be received as divisive and splitting to our organization if we are not careful.

On a more positive note, this past year has again left us financially secure and able to support the annual conference here at Chico. This year, we are welcoming local professionals as speakers. I believe that with the help of some of you who made excellent referrals and recommendations, we have lined up a superior agenda for Friday. Without your suggestions and referrals, I would not have been able to make such arrangements.

I continue to appreciate the honor of the presidency and welcome any and all constructive comments about MSOTA and what we stand for. As ethics committee chair, I will continue to review new ideas for enhancing the process of screening and responding to concerns and complaints. Thank you all again for a great year and an even better one to come.

Robert N. Page, Ed.D.

President, MSOTA

- Vice President
- Treasurer
 - Savings: \$10,388.20
 - Checking: \$371.87

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- Secretary:
 - Membership lists have been cleaned up and changes as usual will be made after the membership provides corrections at this meeting.
 - The MSOTA web site is being maintained and will be given a new graphic look this year

10:30-12:00 P.M. Committee Breakouts 30 Minute Committee breakout followed by a presentation from each committee to present updates and progress that improves service performance/delivery with offenders for community safety

Ethics

- Chair: Bob Page; Members: Mike English, Sandy Heaton, Nina Wendt, Jim Meyers, Jeffrey Scogin, Gwen Farnsworth, Chuck Newell, Christa Smelko
- Mission: Provide consultation services, investigations and resolutions surrounding ethical issues and complaints involving MSOTA members

Legislative

- Chair: Andy Hudak; Members: Karen Baumann, Sam Griffel, Mike Sullivan
- Mission: To improve community safety through education and legislation by coordinating with state government and other stake holders to influence public policy

Membership

- Chair: Chris Nordstrom, Members: Charmaine Nicholson, Fred Lemons, Chris Quigley, Shawn Abbott, And Karen Bauman
- Mission: To assess the competency of applicants for Clinical and Associate memberships according to MSOTA membership criteria
 - The Membership application is going to be “swept” and reformatted to be less confusing.
 - Clinical, Associate, and Student will be separate applications
 - All applications must come in as a **complete** packet
 - Packet segments have come in separated with some time elapsing between other elements arriving, by having all arrive as a single packet to the committee to produce more timely testing and achievement of member status
 - After Hours of clinical experience, fees, Supervisor approval form, and license, and work samples have been submitted, applicants will be notified to submit letters of reference and official transcript
 - Hard copies of Sample Assessments go to committee after chair

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- receives electronic copy
 - Once packet and all documents have been received and reviewed, applicants will be notified of test date.
- The Committee will review meeting attendance and issue letters to those who have not met the two meetings per year requirement.

Education/Public Affairs

- Chair: Marla North, Members: Don Bell, Blair Hopkins, Ann Headley
- Mission: To explore methods and means to reach out to the public, state officials, and community organizations
 - An information sheet from Blair Hopkins on Sex Offender statistics from Montana State Prison is posted in the resource section on the MSOTA web site.
 - Re-entry program at the prison helps inmates back in community with \$500.00 where needed. Jim Jess is coordinator from MSP. Local programs are developing with integrated community participation to facilitate inmate re-entry.
 - Speakers for education in schools: Jean Adams, Deputy County Attorney and Theresa Maqueris, School Counselor are active in Fergus County
 - Marla presented a brief report on sex offenders in the Cook Islands and their prison system
 - Committee will continue to collect suggestions for Annual Meeting Education Speakers.

Standards

- Co-Chairs: Bo Smelko and Mike Scolotti; Members: Anne Harris, Jean Keiley, Gwen Farnsworth, Don Bell, And Drew Schoening
- Mission: Establish and update standards for evaluation and treatment to promote the professional and effective delivery of services to sexual offenders and the community.

Discussions:

- the use of “may” vs “shall” in the Standards documents
- Required vs. “Do you have to have a mental health diagnosis in a Psycho-Sexual evaluation” It depends on relevance
- Position Paper on DD/ID Risk Assessments and Psycho-Sexual Evaluations.
 - RRASOR
 - Use of Dynamic Assessment data is essential
 - History
 - What is working in the client’s milieu
 - Client use of Proxies for arousal?
 - How the use of supervision mitigates risk

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12:00-1:30 P.M Interactive lunch and discussion about specialties, treatment philosophies, and best practices models for sex offender evaluations and treatment.

1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Jean Keiley addresses conditions of supervision of federal parolees and other related issues. Discussion

The defendant shall enter and successfully complete a sex offender treatment program. The Defendant is to enter a program designated by, and until released by, the United States Probation Office. The Defendant is to pay all or part of the costs of treatment as directed by United States Probation.

All employment must be approved in advance in writing by the United States Probation Office. The Defendant shall consent to third-party disclosure to any employer or potential employer. The defendant shall not be allowed to do the following without prior written approval of United States Probation: knowingly reside in the home, residence, or be in the company of any child under the age of 18, **with the exception of his or her own children**; go to or loiter within 100 yards of school yards, parks, playgrounds, arcades, or other places primarily used by children under the age of 18.

The defendant shall not knowingly acquire, possess or view any materials depicting sexually explicit conduct as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2)(A)(i)-(v), (5), (8), (9) and (10), including written stories, visual, auditory, telephonic, or electronic media, and computer programs or services. The defendant shall not knowingly patronize any place where sexually explicit material or entertainment is the primary item of sale, such as adult bookstores, clubs, or Internet sites. The defendant shall not utilize 900 or adult telephone numbers or any other sex-related numbers, or on-line chat rooms that are devoted to the discussion or exchange of sexually explicit materials as defined above.

The defendant shall not knowingly possess or use any computer or other device with access to any online computer service without the prior written approval of the probation officer. The defendant shall allow the probation officer to make unannounced examinations of his computer, hardware, and software, which may include the retrieval and copying of all data from his computer. The defendant shall allow the probation officer to install software to restrict the defendant's computer access or to monitor the defendant's computer access. The defendant shall not possess encryption or steganography software. The defendant shall provide records of all passwords, Internet service, and user identifications (both past and present) to the probation officer and immediately report changes. The defendant shall sign releases to allow the probation officer to access phone, wireless, Internet, and utility records.

The defendant shall comply with Sexual Offender Registration requirements for convicted offenders in any state in which the defendant resides.

The defendant shall not possess camera phones or electronic devices that could be used for covert photography without the prior written approval of the United States Probation Office.

The defendant shall submit his person, and any property, residence, place of employment, vehicle, papers, computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)), other electronic communications or data storage devices or media, to which the defendant has access, to a search at a reasonable time and a reasonable manner, with or without a warrant, by the United States Probation Office, or by any law enforcement officers upon the express direction of the United States Probation Office, with reasonable suspicion concerning a violation of a condition of supervision or unlawful conduct by the defendant.

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Failure to submit to search may be grounds for revocation. The defendant shall warn any other occupants, adults, and minors that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. The defendant shall allow seizure of suspected contraband for further examination.

The defendant shall submit to not more than six polygraph examinations per year as directed by United States Probation to assist in treatment, planning, and case monitoring. The defendant maintains his Fifth Amendment rights during polygraph examinations and may refuse to answer any incriminating questions. The defendant is to pay all or part of the cost of the examinations as directed by United States Probation.

2:00-3:30 P.M. Old Business:

- Address some questions/responses from ATSA and Andy
- Treatment protocol addressing clients with Aspergers and other such conditions
 - Group is not a recommended protocol for clients with Aspergers for primary SO treatment
- Discuss the PPG and due process
 - 9th circuit court is not using PPG for evaluation purposes
 - No MSOTA provider currently uses PPG in assessment nor treatment

3:30-5:00 P.M. New Business:

- Blair would like to discuss how we measure risk among men who commit their offenses as juveniles and are incarcerated until after adulthood
 - Every couple years an inmate leaves prison who was incarcerated as juvenile at ages as young as 13, and are released at age 30 per say
 - Bo: There are no valid risk assessments for use in these situations
 - Go to the data, history, client's use of proxies.
 - Avoid making risk statements for juvenile offenders incarcerated to adulthood
- Discussion about how MSOTA is being perceived by outside sources (P&P, OPD, Judges, Attorneys, etc) How some may be speaking negatively about other members in public and how this fractures our organization.
 - Members are requested take valid feedback to members
- **Dates and locations for summer and fall meetings,**
 - Summer Meeting Hosted by Bob and Kathy Page, 10:30; July 18th at the Page Home on the River, Near Wolf Creek north of Helena.
 - Fall Meeting Hosted by Michelle Davis 10:30 September 12th; at the Ranch Club on Mullen Road in Missoula
- Discussion of the requirement for Clinical Members to attend two Membership meetings each year.
 - **Fred Lemons moved to change the requirement of Clinical members to attend only one meeting per year from two.**
 - **Motion failed.**
- **Amendment to By-Laws to create an Emeritus Status membership for retired**

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members of \$50. Per years

- **Retired Clinical Members shall be allowed to maintain active Emeritus Clinical Status and voting privileges. Their Annual Dues shall be \$50.00 annually. Moved Seconded and Passed**
- Case Reviews/Peer Feedback: Discussion about specific cases and outcomes.
 - Chris Quigley: Risk assessment of Female offender who was a corrections officer
 - Karen Bauman, Use of Social Media use in rural areas for isolation of juveniles, are there alternatives
 - Marla and a bestiality case: Guy in treatment for 12 years when he began digitally penetrating first a dog then attempted penile penetration of a calf, appears to make very poor decisions. The suggestion was for intelligence testing.
- Amend By-Laws regarding nominating and replacing
 - **An Amendment to the MSTOA By-Laws regarding New Board Members.**
 - **The membership shall be notified by email regarding the applicant with relevant career and experience information circulated to all Clinical Members via email for a 30 day response period beginning upon the date of transmission of the email notice.**
 - **Following the 30 day response period and in consideration of the responses of the Membership, the Officers of the Board of Directors will vote to elect New Members to the Board of Directors.**
 - **The motion was Moved, Seconded, and Passed without objection.**

Annual Meeting was adjourned at 3:39