

MSOTA Summer Meeting Minutes  
Aug 9. 2019 –  
Meadowlark Country Club, Great Falls

I. Welcome

- a. Thank you, Dr. Page
- b. Logistics/Review Agenda - Any last-minute changes?
- c. Roll Call Barbara Monaco, Tracy Vaughn, Brenda Erdelyi, Andy Hudak, Anne Harris, Brendan McQuillan, Shawn B , Dawn Handa, Mary Cocanhour, Alice Hougardy, Jamie Rogers, Katie Donath DOC Bureau Chief, Lisa H, Annie DeWolf Regional Dep Director OPD,
  - A.

II. Reading of Minutes from Spring Meeting

- a. There were corrections to the minutes and they were then accepted

III. Reports from Officers

- a. Secretary No Report
- b. Treasurer
  - A. Funds on hand \$14,235
  - B. Our costs for Jill Levenson (\$4,400 total) were offset by contributions from funding sources that helped keep our balance high
- c. Vice President No Report
- d. President
  - A. Brenda introduced the Members of the Board to the membership
  - B. All officers were present at the Board as well as Alice Hougardy via phone
  - C. From the Board
    - 1. We could increase attendance at training meetings if we moved the training day to Thursdays by maybe 15-20 individuals
    - 2. Central Locations and State rates

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3. Put buttons on the web page that allow people to select who does juvenile, competency evals, risk assessment, so that users can search more effectively for what they want.
  4. Web cast training or meetings to allow for distance learning
  5. MSOTA members let other members know when doing an in-service or other training event that may be of interest
  6. How do we get out to educate judicial and others about what risk assessment means and the difference between risk and harm done.
  7. MSOTA members going to other professional associations and finding sources of compensation to attend to cross education those organizations as to what we do.
    - a. The prosecuting attorneys association as an example
      - i. Perhaps Big Sky next year?
  8. Prosecutor Boot Camp for attorney's on how to prosecute sex offense specific
  9. Karen: on reservations all SOs are designated Tier III
  10. Unlike State Court evals Federal Risk Assessments are asked to NOT make Tier Designation.
  11. Board of Crime Control Conference Annual as a prime audience
  12. Separating what Risk is vs harm done to victims
- IV. The membership voted to meet as a Committee of the Whole as opposed to individual committee meetings
- V. Old Business
- a. The Bill that eliminates the MSOTA Clinical Member as evaluators
    - A. Law and Justice did not know why this "rider" was attached to a larger bill to change the wording of this law
    - B. State Legislator Ryan Lynch inserted this amendment at the alleged request of the DOC
  - b. Discussion about changes in the non-clinical persons doing assessments

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- A. Brenda: There is continued criticism of MSOTA evaluations by the courts
- B. This may have stimulated the move to construct a Sex Offense Management Board that would replace the credentialing of MSOTA clinicians
- C. Bo: the P&PO may implement the Static/Stable risk assessment to may replace private practitioners doing evaluations.
- D. Discussion about the cookie cutter treatment using a DBT workbook format
- E. Thinking for Change and MRT developed by correction community
- F. Chris Q prosecutors want to see specialty trained professionals conducting the evals and treatment opposed to Probation officers conducting psychosexual as part of PSI.
  - 1. We may need to get use to other than MSOTA clinicians completing Risk Assessments
  - 2. The Role of the Pos taking on the on-going assessment of criminal risk MORA, not same as Sex offense specific risk offense
- G. Karen: trend to put offenders back in the community with the weight of accountability being placed on the client and the provider
- H. Offenders currently need a plan for employment, housing, and treatment to be in place
- I. The drive to take specifically trained clinicians out of the PSI process
- J. Andy: the risk standard that the offender hang outs with other offenders the proper questions is do those relationships promote pro-social or criminal thinking, Katie Donath commented that the nature of the associates is being reviewed by PO for pro-social/criminal behavior.

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- K. Chris: A county attorney commented that MSOTA evals may be demonstrating greater inter-rater reliability.
1. Myth busting that only Tier I should be eligible for community-based treatment,
  2. Tier II may do well in community treatment if they have good community supports.
  3. There are sometimes minute differences between evaluators whether someone gets a Tier I or Tier II
  4. Risk level language and Tier Designation are not the same thing

#### VI. New Business

- a. Changes at the State Prison regarding treatment.
  - A. Rumor that the SO treatment program might be moving to another facility, the former Boot Camp
  - B. The move didn't take into account the nature of the prisoners, Andy: people with an ACES score above for "love changes."
  - C. Core Correctional Principles See report
  - D. The report did point out some of the short falls of the SOP at MSP such as strengthening skills training.
    1. The report did not recommend
  - E. The assessment missed the Sex Specific treatment like covert sensitization
  - F. The proposed DOC preferred program emphasizes the a DBT workbook protocol with behavioral scripts
    1. Clients are not even required to discuss the nature of their crime.
    2. The SABRE Model also lacks comprehensiveness of the current
  - G. A treatment plan begins with a clinician's assessment and decision to chart a course with the client so treatment is specific to the client while also covering Best Practices information

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H. Bo: Treatment of deniers is not unethical though they are approached differently

- b. SO/VO Registry study in Montana
- c. Sam Griffel can send copies of the SO Tx Manual Developed in Ohio similar as the T for C model. This is promoted as a be-all for Tx
  - A. Manual/Book treatment is not a one-size-treats all
- d. Discussion about direction of meetings and how/where meetings are structured. What is our goal with meetings? What our are weakness/deficits?
  - A. Karen we have had god trainings on instruments
    - 1. Directions for using instruments
    - 2. BBH allows long standing MSOTA members to conduct testing in contradiction of current law restricts training to Psychologists
    - 3. Could be on something like the Personality Assessment Instrument
  - B. Motivational interviewing to gain more process like the Good Lives Model
  - C. Bo recommended Kostas \_\_\_\_\_ has training on instruments
  - D. Michael Seto is a preferred provider Also Dan Siegel, Bumby, Prescott, Francina,
  - E. Pick a topic or presenter that will attract non-members
    - 1. Child Pornography
    - 2. Sex Trafficking
  - F. Meeting style strengths
    - 1. retreats are fun, but can we book a block of room
    - 2. Need informal time to chat between members, pre-warn servers as to our debauched nature
- e. Annual
  - A. Fairmont as central location seems to be favored by consensus of members present

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B. Kostas being pursued as presenter.

f. Fall Meeting

A. Butte, Copper King has State rates First two weeks in October  
Sam Griffel will sponsor and make arrangements.

g. Andy requested information from persons who are affected be the SO  
registry

A. Discussion of changes to the registry

VII. Adjourned at 2:45