

MSOTA Winter Meeting Friday January 16, 2009  
Bozeman  
Agenda

- I) Brief Introductions,
  - a. Attending were Anne Harris, Chris Nordstrom, Mike Sullivan, Sam Griffel, Bob Page, Shawn Abbott, Charmaine Nicholson, Regina Basolo, Ginny Watts, Jim Myers, Ron Silvers, Andy Hudak, Don Bell, Marla North, Jean Keiley, Bob Furu, Kevin Wyse, Karen Bauman.
  
- II) Reading of minutes from fall meeting
  - a. Sam corrected that Blair Hopkins represents the prison on the committee to work with the state School Board.
  - b. Several grammatical changes were made and the corrected minutes were posted to the Yahoo web site.
  - c. Minutes were approved as corrected.
  
- III) Officer reports
  - a. President: No report
  - b. Vice President: No report except to clarify that the Vice President does not become the next President
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. Savings Account Balance is \$1,586 Checking \$5,171.64
  - d. Secretary: Minutes and legislative information is posted on the Yahoo web site.
  
- IV) Committee Meetings/Reports
  - a. Ethics did not meet
  - b. Legislative will meet as committee of the whole when Andy leads us on discussion of his experience with the legislature this term.
  - c. Membership met with no report
  - d. Education did not meet
  - e. DD standards Anne and Charmaine met to review their progress. Committee has worked so far on treatment objectives, treatment progress standards, assessment protocol and risk levels as they apply to DD SOs in Montana.
  - f. Annual retreat committee: membership worked with the committee to establish the agenda and goals for the retreat. (see below)
  
- V) Old Business
  - a. Update/discussion on annual retreat
    - i. Actual dates for the retreat are May, 6,7,8 (Wed, Thurs. And Fri,) 2009 at Chico. Meeting begins Wed 3-6 PM
      - 1. Wed. 3-6 business meeting and agenda setting
      - 2. Thurs 1 hour sectionals with strict limits on keeping to an hour. Items like by-law changes, organizational

- identity, public education, work standards and ethics, etc.
- 3. Friday morning =Speakers, like: Judge Spalding, Marsha Hurd (child pornography);
- 4. Friday Afternoon long session with probation and parole.
- b. Discussion of Polygrapher Reports:
  - i. Bob Furu discussed how he does polygraph reports: he sends to treatment providers, or POs if requested as indicated on his release form completed prior to testing.
  - ii. Don always send to the PO as part of treatment contracts
  - iii. Issue discussion: “pass through” is covered by having polygraph reports and Polygrapher covered by the signed treatment agreement.
  - iv. Some PO made erroneous interpretations of Polygraph reports so some Polygraphers began sending only to treatment providers.

VI) New Business

- a. Defraying costs for clinical members and board members at Chico
  - i. Motion by Shawn Abbott that MSOTA pay 25% of the rooming costs for each member’s rooms. Seconded and passed unanimously.**
- b. Jim Myers proposed that we add to our standards that polygraphs be required before youth are released from Pine Hills.
  - i. Ginny, Youth Probation and parole needs more education on treatment because they are separate from adult P&PO and don’t get the same information that adult P&PO
- c. Marla: Judges conference in the fall
- d. Andy Hudak Legislative update, brief descriptions of each bill
  - i. Andy discussed Bob Bakko’s Bill to protect the rights LCPC’s to do testing. This bill challenges one that was put through by the psychology profession which attempted to reserve the right of all psychological testing and the use of the word "psych" for use only by a licensed psychologist at school psychologists. The atmosphere in the legislature has changed and Andy’s feeling is that the former opposition is listening to LCPC’s more than before.
  - ii. Andy has placed copies of the current legislative bills that he’s working with on the MSOTA website they are also published on the am so to Yahoo groups like.
  - iii. Of specific concern is the C. Smith bill (SB 102) increasing the penalties for misdemeanor sexual assault has passed its first reading and moved on and he doesn’t have problem with the wording of this bill.

- iv. The good news and he says is that under the current administration, Montana seems to have taken a position to oppose the Adam Walsh legislation and that there are no current changes proposed to the sexual assault Bill. The two provisions that were of concern were the mandatory minimum sentence things up 25 years and when victims are under age 12 the requirement of mandatory sentencing and registration, regardless of age or risk assessment of the offender.
  - v. The other bill was the bill proposed by Senator Essman which would prohibit family re-unification's.
  - vi. Andy requested that all members stay tuned to e-mail updates for progress on these and other pieces of legislation.
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- e. A formal thank you letter to Margie for her web development, Bob read the letter and had members present sign it.
  - f. Anne Harris gave a brief tutorial to interested members on how to access the Yahoo MSOTA group site.
  - g. And was given funds to purchase Web building software to improve the MSOTA Main webpage and will malfunction is the new webmaster.
- VII) Next meeting time and location: Retreat @ Chico Hot Springs May 6,7,8, 2009 (see notes above on retreat schedule, actual business meeting is set for May 6 in the evening)
- VIII) Adjournment