



**Sex Offender Treatment Providers Advisory Committee**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**April 30, 2021**

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- Committee members present:** Elise Hutchison, MS, MHP, CMHS, LMHC, Chair  
Corey McNally, Dept. of Corrections, Vice Chair  
Bryce Nelson, J.D.  
Daniel Yanisch, Psy.D.  
Jason Bailey, MA, LMHC, NCC, SOTP  
Lorraine Lynch, MSW, LICSW, CSOTP  
Sonja Hardenbrook, J.D.  
Holly Coryell, Ph.D., Dept. of Social & Human Services  
Jedd Pelander, Dept. of Children, Youth & Families
- Committee members absent:** None
- Staff members present:** Brandon Williams, Program Manager  
James Chaney, Executive Director  
Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General  
Kelsey Martin, Assistant Attorney General  
Nancy Delgado, Program Support  
Karen Gohlsen, Program Support  
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst
- Guest presenters:** None

On April 30, 2021, the Sex Offender Treatment Providers Advisory Committee met via web conference. Notice of the meeting was published on the [profession website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

**1. Call to Order – Elise Hutchison, Chair**

- 1.1. Introductions – Ms. Hutchison called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Committee and agency staff members introduced themselves and their area of practice.
- 1.2. Approval of the April 30, 2021 meeting agenda: *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of the March 5, 2021 meeting minutes: *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 9-0.*

**2. Program Manager’s Report – Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

- 2.1. Budget Report – Mr. Williams briefed the committee on the budget for the program and fielded questions. Ms. Lynch inquired as to why the license fee (\$200 for the initial certification and \$1,000 for renewals) was much higher than other professions and it was explained that the fee was based on the number of license holders in the state since the state of Washington requires health professions to be self-sustaining. Mr. Chaney added that he would be asking the financial analyst, Jeff Orwig, to conduct a fee analysis for the program, to be presented at a future committee meeting. As part of that analysis, Mr. McNally expressed interest in examining disciplinary costs and how they are determined where dual licensure is involved.
- 2.2. Sex Offender Treatment Provider Directory (Nancy Delgado, Program Staff) – DOH manages a provider directory for the public and Ms. Delgado briefed the committee on new version, which is now available [online](#). Hard copy versions will be available by request.

**3. Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) – Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

- 3.1. Overview of the board – The [SOPB](#) was established by the legislature in 2008 (SSB 6596) “to promote a coordinated and integrated response to sex offender management and create an entity to respond to issues that arise, such as integrating state and federal laws in a way that enhances the state's interest in protecting the community with an emphasis on public safety.”
- 3.2. March meeting update – The committee reviewed the minutes from the SOPB meeting in March 2021 and Mr. Pelander, who is a member of the board, briefed the committee on the issues from the April meeting and activity with the subcommittees (there are three: the Juvenile Sex Offender Registration and Notification Subcommittee, the Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Subcommittee, and the Legal and Legislative Best Practices Subcommittee).
- 3.3. Letter from Senator Darneille – The committee discussed a request for research and recommendations from Senator Darneille, who is chair of the Senate Human Services, Re-entry, and Rehabilitation Committee. Specifically, the senator has asked SOPB to review current juvenile sex offender treatment providers in Washington State and make recommendations and has included the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Advisory Committee as a resource.

**4. Legislative Update – Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

- 4.1. Mr. Williams briefed the committee on [SB 5163](#) (*Concerning the placement and treatment of conditionally released sexually violent predators*). The legislation mainly

impacts DSHS, who will need to collaborate with the SOPB on the report that will be submitted to the legislature in December 2021.

**5. Rulemaking Update – Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

5.1. Mr. Williams and Ms. Casiano (policy analyst) briefed the committee on the current rules update status for implementing SB 6641 (*Increasing the availability of certified sex offender treatment providers*) and ESHB 1551 (*repealing AIDS training*). The public hearing occurred on the April 27, 2021 without any substantial comments or testimony. Next step is to finalize the rulemaking, which is anticipated sometime over the summer.

**6. Open Discussion of the Advisory Committee**

6.1. The committee opened discussion to talk about the following topics: credentialing statistics, increasing the number of SOTP licensees, barriers to insurance coverage, including Apple Health (Medicaid), telehealth, sexually aggressive youth (SAY) funding, barriers to licensure, including cost and supervision requirements.

**7. Future Business – Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

- 7.1. The committee discussed the topics of discussion they would like to see for future meetings.
- Emergency rule extension (set to expire on July 3, 2021) to remove face to face requirement for supervision.
  - Rulemaking workshop schedule
  - Sexually aggressive youth (SAY) program presentation
  - Overview of SOTP-related legislation (SB 5120, SB 5163, and SB 6641)
  - Credentialing statistics report
  - Fee analysis report and presentation
  - Workforce training board presentation

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

**Submitted by:**  
Brandon Williams, Program Manager  
Sex Offender Treatment Provider Advisory  
Committee

**Approved by:**  
Elise Hutchison, Chair  
Sex Offender Treatment Provider Advisory  
Committee

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