



**Sex Offender Treatment Providers Advisory Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2021**

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- Committee members present:** Corey McNally, Dept. of Corrections, Vice Chair  
Daniel Yanisch, Psy.D.  
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:** Elise Hutchison, MS, MHP, CMHS, LMHC, Chair  
Bryce Nelson, J.D.  
Jason Bailey, MA, LMHC, NCC, SOTP
- 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 May 14, 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 – Corey McNally, Vice 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 May 14, 2021 meeting agenda: *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 6-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of the April 30, 2021 meeting minutes: It was noted that the adjournment time of “12:18 a.m.” should be corrected to “p.m.”. *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 6-0.*

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

- 2.1. Credentialing Application Statistics – Mr. Williams presented statistics on applications received for the SOTP and SOTA credentials for the past five years to give the committee an idea of typical application volume. Mr. McNally expressed interest in seeing the impact of SB 6641 included in a future report, pending availability of the data. Ms. Lynch expressed interest in seeing the number of expired licenses there are on an annual basis. Mr. Williams will forward both requests to the DOH Office of Customer Service Credentialing Unit to see if that will be possible.

**3. Overview of DSHS Process to Determine Underserved Communities – Dr. Holly Coryell**

- 3.1. Section 6 of [SB 6641](#), which became law in 2020, requires that “whenever a sex offender treatment provider in an underserved county has been contracted to provide treatment services to person on conditional release under this chapter, in which case the secretary of health shall waive any fees for the initial issue, renewal and reissuance of a credential for the provider under chapter 18.155 RCW.” Dr. Coryell presented an overview to the committee regarding the process used by DSHS in determining the criteria for identifying “underserved communities”.

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

- 4.1. Emergency rulemaking – Mr. Williams briefed the committee on renewal of the [emergency rule](#) (must be renewed every 120 days) amending the language in WAC 246-930-010, removing “face to face” from the language regarding treatment due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic.
- 4.2. Future rules workshop – The committee discussed what they would like to focus on when they hold their rules workshop, which was tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2021, pending confirmation from the members who were absent from this meeting. A final date will be determined at the next meeting on June 11, 2021.

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

- 5.1. The committee engaged in open discussion regarding issues of concern, including maintaining safety while eliminating barriers to licensure, and leveraging the role of the advisory committee to facilitate the licensure application process via rulemaking.

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

- 6.1. [Sexually Aggressive Youth Program \(SAY\)](#) presentation

- 6.2. [SOPB](#) collaboration discussion (Leah Landon ready to start July 1<sup>st</sup> and would like to create a work group between SOPB and the advisory committee)
- 6.3. Credentialing report, if available
- 6.4. Fee analysis (Jeff Orwig, Financial Services Manager)
- 6.5. Presentation on LRAs, SVPs, and the SCC (Sonja)

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.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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