



**Sex Offender Treatment Provider Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023**

Committee members present: Corey McNally, MS, LMHC, Dept. of Corrections, Chair
Lorraine Lynch, MSW, LICSW, CSOTP, Vice Chair
Bryce Nelson, J.D. (left at 1:46 pm)
Jason Bailey, MA, LMHC, NCC, SOTP
Sonja Hardenbrook, J.D.
Holly Coryell, Ph.D., Dept. of Social & Human Services
Jedd Pelander, Dept. of Children, Youth & Families
Daniel Yanisch, Psy.D., CSTOP (inactive)

Committee members absent: Daniel Knoepfler, LMHC, CSOTP
Vacant, Superior Court Judge

Staff members present: Lana Crawford, Program Manager
Eve Austin., Executive Director
Brandon Williams, Project Manager
Joan Simmons, Program Support
Noelle Chung, Assistant Attorney General
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst
Jeanine Johnson, Deputy Credentialing Manager

Guest presenters: None

On December 4, 2023, the Sex Offender Treatment Providers Advisory Committee met via web conference and in-person at Washington State Department of Health, Town Center East 2 (TC2) Building, Room #153, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501. Notice of the meeting was published on the [profession website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

1. Call to Order – Corey McNally, MS, LMHC, Dept. of Corrections, Chair

- 1.1. Introductions – Mr. McNally called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Committee members, agency staff, and public participants introduced themselves and their area of practice.
- 1.2. Approval of the December 4, 2023, regular meeting agenda. Mr. Williams asked to change item 6 title from "rules workshop" to "rules update" *Motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded, vote 8-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of the September 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes. *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 7-0-1. Abstained: McNally*

2. Public Comment – Corey McNally, MS, LMHC, Dept. of Corrections, Chair

- 2.1. There was no public comment.

3. SOTP Program Statistics

- 3.1. Credentialing report – Ms. Johnson briefed the committee on the SOTP credentialing statistics as of November 9, 2023. There are currently 100 active SOPT licenses and 2 pending applications. In addition, there are currently 12 active affiliate certifications and 3 pending applications.

Ms. Johnson will work with Ms. Crawford to provide the requested data trends.

- 3.2. Budget – Ms. Crawford briefed the committee on the program budget as of October 2023. The fund balance is currently \$715,160.

4. 2024 Meeting Dates – Lana Crawford, Program Manager

- 4.1. The committee established meeting dates for 2024 as March 19, June 11, September 17, and December 10, 2024. *Motion to approve the proposed dates, seconded, vote 8-0.*

5. Jurisprudence (JP) Exam Discussion – Lana Crawford, Program Manager

- 5.1. Ms. Crawford updated the committee on the progress of going online and discussed the reference guide for the jurisprudence exam due April 2024. She also asked for volunteers from the committee to partner with reviewing and updating the exam.
- 5.2. Mr. Williams provided a background to the 50-question exam and the need to provide a reference guide with the exam.
- 5.3. Volunteers from the committee will split the questions evenly. Volunteers include Ms. Hardenbrook, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Bailey. Ms. Lynch recommended Mr. Knoepfler and will reach out to him to confirm whether or not he is able to volunteer. If not, Ms. Lynch will volunteer.

6. Advisory Committee Outreach – Corey McNally, MS, LMHC, Dept. of Corrections, Chair

- 6.1. Mr. McNally reported the subcommittee has a meeting in December to develop each presenter's topic and will combine their portions into one presentation.

7. [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229](#) - Update – Lana Crawford, Program Manager

- 7.1. Ms. Crawford provided an update on ESSB 5229 and mentioned the CR-103 was filed with the Code Reviser Office and will go into effect January 1, 2024.

8. [Second Substitute House Bill 1724](#) Update – Brandon Williams, Project Manager

- 8.1. Mr. Williams provided an update on SSB 1724 and noted the CR-103 was filed regarding lowering the UH postgraduate supervised experience requirements for the LICSW. He also provided an overview highlighting section 8 of 1724 and lead a discussion for the committee to make a decision regarding the JP exam. Options may include moving the JP exam as a CEU, maintaining the exam as a condition of initial licensure, or requiring the exam to be completed within an established timeframe after initial licensure.

- 8.2. Motion to hold a special meeting on January 23, 2024 at 1:00 pm for the committee to review options and provide JP recommendation to DOH regarding 1724, seconded, vote 7-0.

9. Rulemaking Workshop – Lana Crawford, Program Manager. *This item has been tabled for the next regular meeting.*

10. Open Discussion of SOTP Advisory Committee – Corey McNally, MS, LMHC, Dept. of Corrections, Chair

- 10.1. Mr. McNally asked if there are any other interested parties for the chair position since he has held that position for over a year. After committee discussion it was agreed that he would remain as the committee's chairperson as there were no other interested parties or nominations.

11. Future Agenda Items – Lana Crawford, Program Manager

- Rulemaking workshop for 246-930 WAC (recommended to move up on agenda after public comments)
- Credentialing Trends over an extended time (1-3 years) to include data such as:
 - o Application trends by license type
 - o Effectiveness of outreach efforts
 - o Pending applications (new or lingering)
 - o Application processing times by license type
- [ESSB 6641](#)
 - o Find out if there was a drop in overall applications due to the language change

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lana Crawford, Program Manager
Sex Offender Treatment Provider Advisory
Committee

Approved by:

Corey McNally, Chair
Sex Offender Treatment Provider Advisory
Committee

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