



**Sex Offender Treatment Provider Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2022**

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**Committee members present:** Corey McNally, MS, LMHC, Dept. of Corrections, Chair  
Lorraine Lynch, MSW, LICSW, CSOTP, Vice Chair  
Daniel Yanisch, Psy.D.  
Bryce Nelson, J.D.  
Jedd Pelander, Dept. of Children, Youth & Families  
Sonja Hardenbrook, J.D.  
Daniel Knoepfler, LMHC, CSOTP  
Holly Coryell, Ph.D., Dept. of Social & Human Services

**Committee members absent:** Jason Bailey, MA, LMHC, NCC, SOTP

**Staff members present:** Brandon Williams, Program Manager\*  
James Chaney, Executive Director  
Chris Gerard, Assistant Attorney General  
Nancy Delgado, Program Support  
Karen Gohlsen, Program Support  
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst  
Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Coordinator

\*Mr. Williams left the meeting early (during item #6)

**Guest presenters:** None

On March 11, 2022, 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, Chair**

- 1.1. Introductions – Mr. McNally called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Committee members, agency staff, and public participants introduced themselves and their area of practice.
- 1.2. Approval of the March 11, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Mr. Williams requested that the committee table item 4 (rules workshop) to be moved to a special meeting date sometime in April. *Motion to approve the agenda with the requested change, seconded, vote 8-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 8-0.*

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

- 2.1. Credentialing report - Mr. Williams briefed the committee on the SOTP credentialing statistics as of February 2022. There are currently 103 active SOTP licenses (one pending application) and 19 active affiliate certifications (two pending applications).
- 2.2. Budget - Mr. Williams briefed the committee on the program budget as of November 2021. The fund balance is currently \$ 713,146. He added that there may be a decrease to the licensure fee if the program were to see an increase of approximately ten to fifteen percent in the number of active licensees.
- 2.3. Rulemaking discussion – Mr. Williams provided an update to the committee on the rulemaking process for revising the SOTP administrative rules ([Chapter 246-930 WAC](#)). He anticipates that the CR-102 package, which will include draft language and supporting documentation, will be filed sometime at the end of this year to provide sufficient time for the public to comment.
- 2.4. Committee vacancies – Mr. Williams briefed the committee on recruitment efforts to fill the vacancy for a superior court judge. There was a question regarding whether the judge could be retired to be eligible. Mr. Williams will research and provide an update at the next meeting on May 9, 2022.

**3. 2022 Legislative Session - Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

- 3.1. Mr. Williams briefed the committee on the 2022 legislative session. There were no bills that directly affected the program this session, but he believes there will be future legislation that is tied to the [recommendations submitted to the Sex Offender Policy Board in December 2021](#).

**4. Rulemaking Workshop - Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

- 4.1. This item has been tabled and has been moved to a special meeting to take place on April 18, 2022 at 12 p.m.

**5. Advisory Committee Outreach - Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

- 5.1. Mr. Williams led the discussion to garner ideas for providing more awareness about SOTP profession. Next steps - Mr. Williams will reach out to associations and extend invitations to attend a future advisory committee meeting to better identify strategies for outreach.

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

- 6.1. Mr. McNally asked the committee for ideas on how to get more SOTP providers to take on SOTP affiliates and to identify barriers.
- 6.2. Dr. Coryell noted, for the committee’s awareness, that the [Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers \(ATSA\)](#) is considering changing the name of the organization to something less stigmatizing.
- 6.3. Mr. Knoepfler requested to see the pass/fail rates on the SOTP credentialing exam at a future meeting.

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

- Special meeting (rules workshop) on April 18, 2022
- Progress report on DSHS underserved counties
- Fee analysis (Jeff Orwig, Financial Services Manager)
- Discussion regarding student outreach (ongoing)
- Administrative rulemaking (ongoing)
- Licensure historical analysis
- SOTP treatment duration as related to Community Protection Program
- Statistics regarding pass/fail rate for the credentialing exam

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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

**Approved by:**  
Corey McNally, Chair  
Sex Offender Treatment Provider Advisory  
Committee

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