

MIATSA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

11/19/19

Opening

The regular meeting of the MIATSA Board of Directors was called to order at 12:30 on 11/19/19 in Kentwood, MI by David Berghuis.

Present

David Berghuis, Ron Grooters, Jessica Hamp, Megan Peña, Kris Pence, John Ulrich, James Kissinger

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

1. Update from Technical Communications Committee-Toni
 - a. Registration for the ROSAC training should be added to the website as soon as we get confirmation from Bob McGrath
2. Written Communications Committee update-John
 - a. November article- John to write review of ATSA conference session regarding empathy
 - b. Future articles: James to forward request to MDOC staff
 - c. Committee to discuss setting a deadline date for articles to be submitted/posted for consistency
3. Training
 - a. Conference CEs- Certificates successfully sent to participants
 - b. April ROSAC training details:
 - i. Bob McGrath booked to provide a training on the ROSAC April 30, 2020- Katy Pastoor to communicate with him about a 2nd day either 4/29 or 5/1
 - ii. 2 days of training with cap of 75 participants to optimize participation
 - iii. Estimated numbers from contract agencies/partners (so far) are around 75 total
 1. Berghuis 10; Wise Mind 7; Catholic Charities 8; Hope Network 20; MDOC 10; FOA 5-10; Wedgewood 5
 - iv. Approximately \$100 per person
 - v. Wedgwood location, full day training
 - vi. Megan and Ron to inquire about CE's

- c. Proposed ideas for conference next fall (early October or November)
 - i. Ward and Groener- Working with High Risk Clients (more conceptual)
 - ii. Kevin Powell- Strength-based Strategies (More specific techniques for adolescents and adults)
 - iii. Dave Prescott (and 2 lawyers) How pre- and post-conviction experiences shape our clients
 - iv. Janine Haber- Culture in institutional settings
 - v. Future collaboration for a conference based on juveniles with Juvenile Justice Ministries
- 4. Finance Update- Ron
 - a. Non-Profit status
 - i. Tim reports that all items for the application for non-profit status are completed
 - ii. Request for re-instatement of non-profit status will be submitted by the first week of December
 - b. Treasurer's report:
 - i. Net Loss of about \$2,000 on conference, most expensive portion was the food
 - 1. Discussion of increasing conference prices to address costs of food and mitigate costs of handouts
- 5. Board of Directors Liability Insurance still on hold pending non-profit status
- 6. Registry Committee Report: James Kissinger, Ron Grooters, Kris Pence, Jessica Hamp, and Megan Peña
 - a. Victims' Advocates- how to engage
 - i. Megan spoke with Michael Christie from the Children's Advocacy Center about how to collaborate with victims' advocates
 - ii. Need to advertise common goal of preventing sexual offending
 - iii. Previous interventions based on criminal justice have contributed to a mindset of zero tolerance, which leads to the view that there is no redemption for individuals who have offended- need to combat this view by engaging in conversations about common goal of preventing sexual offending
 - b. State Police- MSP may be more likely to join in the move to an evidenced based registry if legislated, but pushback still there; Wait on this recruitment piece
 - c. James to reach out to Robin Wilson re: Connecticut Sentencing Commission's recommendations for changes and see what recommendations they would have for us
 - d. Board Members to Advocate with Legislators

- i. Upcoming meetings 12/10 with Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) and Sen. Lucido
 - ii. Invite Joe Havemon to a MIATSA meeting to discuss navigating legislation and brainstorm how to approach legislators
7. Branding/Memberships
 - a. Discussion regarding banding/memberships has been tabled until next meeting due to the close relation between this and conferences
 - b. MIATSA merchandise- pins, canvas bags, pens, mugs
 - c. Designated membership person/table providing information to conference attendees regarding membership benefits
 - d. Features and Minutes exclusive to members
 - e. Recognition of members with major accomplishments throughout the year
8. Stigma and Consequences for Partners of RSO study
 - a. Invitation to involve clients of providers in being involved with a study of the partners of registered sex offenders
 - b. Kris to examine the policies regarding this research study- HSRIB approval, documentation, details of involvement, etc.
 - c. James to check into contractual issues that may impact involvement for MDOC clients
 - d. If approved, invitation to this research study will be forwarded to providers
9. Ron will be filming a series of 1-hour online trainings for CEs through Wedgwood on juvenile offenders. Please suggest any specific topics regarding juveniles that may be useful to include in these trainings.

Next Meeting on Tuesday, December 17 at 12:30pm

Future Meetings: January 21, 2020

 February 18, 2020

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 by David Berghuis. The next general meeting will be at 12:30 on December 17, 2019, in Kentwood, MI (436 44th St.).

Minutes submitted by: Marissa Smits

Approved by: David Berghuis