

MIATSA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

1/21/20

Opening

The regular meeting of the MIATSA Board of Directors was called to order at 12:30 on 1/21/20 in Kentwood, MI by David Berghuis.

Present

David Berghuis, Kris Pence, John Ulrich, James Kissinger, Toni Crocilla, Jessica Hamp, Megan Peña, Tom Stewart, Ron Grooters

Non-board member: Joe Havemon

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Open Issues

1. Update from Technical Communications Committee-Toni
 - a. ROSAC training registration will be posted as soon as information about objectives is added
 - b. Option to leave comments section open for articles so that members can comment, Toni to look into monitoring and what this entails.
2. Written Communications Committee update-John
 - a. January- President's letter to be dispersed this week.
 - b. February- John
 - c. March- Jessica, book review
 - d. April- James
3. Training
 - a. ROSAC training details:
 - i. Bob McGrath booked for April 30 and May 1, 2020
 - ii. Wedgwood location, full day training, lunch provided (taco bar)
 - iii. 75 bookings permitted for each date, \$125 per person, includes CEs and lunch
 - iv. Learning Objectives
 1. Describe the theoretical and research basis for the ROSAC
 2. Describe how the ROSAC is constructed and scored
 3. Learn how to score and use the ROSAC to make risk determinations

4. Learn how to use ROSAC risk determinations to develop basic safety plans
 - b. Proposed ideas for conference next fall (early October or November)
 - i. Dave to reach out to Kevin Powell regarding a conference on strength-based strategies and techniques
4. Finance Update
 - a. Non-profit status pending
 - b. Board of Directors Liability Insurance still on hold pending non-profit status
 - c. Be sure to renew memberships!
5. Registry Committee: Discussion with Joe Havemon
 - a. Joe Havemon, government relationship for Hope Network and former legislator
 - b. Build argument around recidivism and differentiate between the actual levels of risk- label people by “risk”
 - c. Frame arguments as a matter of public safety, public health
 - d. How to advocate
 - i. Use media and social media for public engagement- focus on public safety
 - ii. Personal meetings with legislators, particularly the judiciary committee
 1. Mary Whiteford
 2. Kurt Vanderwall
 3. “freshman” legislators
 - iii. Concentrate work with majority (Republicans)
 - iv. Work with ACLU in the background for organizational purposes
 - v. Create a work group that includes the chairs of Health policy and Corrections, as well as Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
 - e. Key points:
 - i. Giving freedom
 - ii. Making productive citizens
 - iii. Increase public safety- isolating individuals so they can only live together can be dangerous; no one can differentiate between a high-risk offender and low-risk offender in the community
 - iv. Cost-effective
 - v. Focus on federal standards
 - f. This process will likely take a couple years, no bill until after elections (and new legislators have started)
 - g. Registry subcommittee to draft plan for next steps

6. Branding/Memberships
 - a. MIASTA merchandise- pins, canvas bags, pens, mugs
 - b. Tom will take charge of this, look into branding for the April conference
 - c. Utilization of social media in the future
7. International ATSA report:
 - a. Requires information on officers, finances, membership list, minutes, etc.
 - b. Marissa to aggregate information and contact board members.

Next Meetings: February 18, 2020

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 by David Berghuis. The next general meeting will be at 12:30 on February 18, 2020, in Kentwood, MI (436 44th St.).

Minutes submitted by: Marissa Smits

Approved by: Megan Peña