MIATSA Board of Directors

# Meeting Agenda

# 12/21/2021

## Call to Order—12:30 PM.

## Attendees: Dave, Toni, Jessica, Kris, Tehmina, Ron, Megan

## Approval of Agenda

1. Social Justice Issues
   * 1. Discussion of training to broaden what clinical/treatment issues we need to know to be effective and intersectional with our clients in SO. Start with transgender awareness more broadly and sensitivity THEN bring that information to the outpatient v. correctional setting; emphasis on research-supported presentations
2. *Megan reported that Hope Network is moving forward with a training addressing racism this winter. Discussion on what role MI-ATSA would have. Agreed MI-ATSA would post the announcement on the website. Issue of sponsorship was not resolved.*
3. Mission Statement and include diversity issue. To do in January 2022 and will review annually.

*Agreed board members would review the mission statements and highlight the key aspects each would like included in the new mission statement and send to Toni for compilation to the Written Communication Committee draft for discussion in the January meeting.* The following are Mission statements from other chapters:

* + - * 1. Wisconsin---The state chapter is organized to acknowledge and promote the national and international programs of ATSA and advance education, research, and professional intervention regarding sexual abuse issues in the state of Wisconsin.
        2. *New York:* Our Mission:  
             
             - To reduce the level of sexual victimization in New York State  
             - To promote the increase, uniformity, and quality of assessment and   treatment services for juvenile and adults who exhibit harmful sexual  
             behavior.  
             - To promote the development of a fully integrated continuum of services   for individuals convicted of sexual crimes.  
             - To promote legislation on issues and funding for programs impacting   individuals convicted of sexual crimes and survivors.  
             - To promote offender accountability through restitution, mediation,   treatment, supervision and incarceration; and  
             - To promote community safety through the confinement of sex offenders   unamenable to community-based treatment services.
        3. *Minnesota--*The Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA) is a state chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. MnATSA is a non-profit, multidisciplinary organization of professionals working in various areas related to working with those who have engaged in sexually harmful behavior.

Our mission is to prevent sexual abuse and sexual aggression by advancing education, research, and professional interventions regarding sexual abuse issues in the state of Minnesota. **Prevention is our paramount goal.**

1. Trainings
   1. Porn's Place in Sex Offender Supervision & Treatment—Reprise for FOA staff Feb or March 2022
      * 1. *Providing training specifically for agents supervising sex offender population*
        2. *Would like a “total cost” regardless of attendance, to provide this training for MDOC*: *Toni will contact James with costs for providing that training – for MDOC; MIATSA possibly charge fee for additional clinicians who may want to attend this training, use those fees for MIATSA costs*
   2. ROSAC- Bob McGrath Feb 25
      * 1. Whom do we market to? *Agreed the federation is the primary target, but getting commitments and participants continue to be an ongoing challenge*. Megan is working on this.
        2. *Market to some community-based DOC vendors, DHHS providers?*
        3. *How many participants do we need to break even? Megan?*
        4. *What are we doing about the training manual?*
        5. *CEs Ron is going to contact Robin at Wedgewood to obtain copy of the Michigan/NASW application information to submit.*
   3. PROFESOR/Worling Board members’ ideas for trainings—
      * 1. *Ron reported on requests for basic mental health training. Discussion: this is beyond MI-ATSA’s scope.*
        2. *Differentiated between what instruments/tools/questionnaires are people using to obtain information for scoring the PROFESOR and how to develop a treatment plan based on the PROFESOR items. Are these two different trainings?*
        3. *Agreed there is disparity between residential program interventions and community-based treatment. How to avoid fragmentation and enhance continuum of care.*
        4. *Item C highlighted need for parent education as an important need that is not addressed. Juvenile subcommittee will address this topic.*
   4. *Protective Factors:* Dave expressed a desire to incorporate more treatment focused on strengthening protective factors. How to identify the protective factors. Identified Kevin Powell’s training but also new developments on the SAPROF. John will provide information from ATSA Conference 2021 from Olver.
   5. *Andrew Brankley—Risk Levels*

Clarified MDOC is using three levels based on five-levels (Low is levels I and II, Medium is level III and High is levels IVa and IVa).

* 1. Brad Watts. I am a licensed therapist (LPC) and certified sex offender treatment provider (CSOTP). I want to inquire about presenting at your state ATSA conference in 2022. I have written an Amazon bestselling book titled "Sibling Sexual Abuse: A Guide for Confronting America's Silent Epidemic. my preference would be to present in person if possible. I have a 3-hour workshop; however I could certainly tailor it to the needs of the board for the conference. Sibling sexual abuse is by most accounts the most common for childhood sexual abuse, yet we hear so little about it. It is one of the last taboo subjects in our public discourse. I have treated so many families that feel so much shame and guilt and find that even among clinicians they have a difficult time recognizing in sibling sexual abuse and responding appropriately to it. I want to focus on talking about the relevant research, why this is indeed as I call it in the book, "a silent epidemic," explain what effective treatment looks like for both the offender and the whole family. How to discern between childhood sexual curiosity and abuse, how we can respond appropriately. The impact of pornography and its role on the rise of sibling sexual abuse and adolescent offending and how ways to effectively treat this problem with the individual and the family. As the disclosure of sibling sexual abuse is a family crisis. I also want to talk about effective ways to conduct family therapy leading to family reunification. I would also talk about how to conduct an effective multidisciplinary team and how that helps to get the best results for all in the family.

I feel passionately about educating on this topic due to the layer and complexity of trauma that are involved. There is so much suffering and unfortunately too often it goes on in silence. I feel that if we as clinicians lead the way on this topic that we can see significant progress made in this epidemic.

Discussion: *general disinclination to pursue this training at this time but noted that the topic is getting much more clinical and research attention lately*.

* 1. What metrics do we want to measure for in person training and what should we be expecting post-pandemic? *Committing to planning one event in person, as many trainings as possible online for increased accessibility*
  2. *Robin McGuiness has retired to Michigan and is interested in addressing gaps or needs that exist. Juvenile committee will explore this further.*

1. Technical Communication:
   1. *compensate training facilitators for half day or whole day; Discuss amount during next meeting for vote*
2. Membership/Branding:
   1. Merchandising- Account (Marissa)
   2. *How/when to announce that merchandise is available, advertising on website;*
3. Written Communication:
   1. Brief interview with a board member – Toni
   2. John has another writing in progress re: ACLU Updates
4. Research Grant Committee: Karen
5. Registry Committee: James
6. Financial update: Ron
7. Treatment for Women Subcommittee: James
8. Juvenile Subcommittee: Megan
9. Request related to research: Kris
   1. *Kris to describe more details of the study (ex: desired number of contacts, quantitative vs. qualitative, etc.) and will then request further assistance.*
10. Chapter info due in January

Annual Financial Report

Results of Any Financial Audits

Copies of All Minutes

List of Chapter Members

1. Next Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 12:30pm