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**SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT APPROVED
PROVIDER COMMITTEE**

Minutes from meeting held on October 31, 2012

Members present:

Richard Lazur, PhD, Approved Provider
Ron Taylor, Division Director Probation and Parole
Berni Troglia, Probation Officer III
Anthony Mander PhD, Approved Provider
Edward Webster, Criminal Justice Planner
Rose Munafo, Community Member

Absent:

Cliff Simons, Probation Officer III
Geno Daly, Approved Provider

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday June 6, 2012 at approximately 9:10 a.m. in the Department of Corrections Mental Health conference room.

- I. The meeting began with a review of the minutes from the last minute. They were read by Ed Webster with an update on several of the points. Point one was that Michael Reed had obtained his licensure and was working with Doctor Graves as a co-facilitator and from all indications it was going well. Point two was passed over because it is on the agenda to discuss. Point three was the changing of the administrative code. Ed Webster reported to the group that this is a long drawn out procedure but everything has been referred to the Attorney General's office which has a special division for this type of change. It will take a long time. Point four was training for FY13. Ed Webster informed the board that UAA and DOC have scheduled Doctor Loman to come from Canada to do training on addictions and sex offenders scheduled for December. Each member was given a brochure with information. Also Ed Webster informed the board about Doctor Phenix from California coming in March to train several PO's and treatment providers to become certified STATIC 99 trainers.
- II. The next matter that was discussed was the need for new members to the Approved Provider Board. Ron Taylor informed the group that he was recently promoted to the Deputy Commissioner for Prisoner Rehabilitation starting December 1, 2012, so we will need to replace him. Ed Webster will request the new Director of Probation and Parole to join the group when that position has been announced. Additionally, it was discussed that we needed a person from the North or West of the State. We also agreed that we should have an institutional or field PO as part of the board. Tami Axelsson, the Institutional Probation Officer III in Fairbanks, was recommended as an excellent candidate so Ed Webster agreed to contact her and ask if she would be interested in joining.

- III. The next matter was the reviewing of the application to become an approved provider submitted by David Bates from Fairbanks. The Committee reviewed the application piece very thoroughly. It was decided that Mr. Bates did not possess a lot of experience with sex offender treatment. His experience was centered on victim therapy and sexual addition clients. Mr. Bates needs training in the field of sex offender treatment. It was obvious that Mr. Bates had done some research on the concepts and philosophy of sex offender treatment and this was promising. Mr. Bates expressed an understanding of the concepts, goals and treatment approach needed for sex offender treatment. Mr. Bates provided professional references which were fine but lacked any connection with sex offender treatment providers. Overall, the board felt that Mr. Bates needed training and supervision in the assessment and treatment of sex offenders but he possessed the knowledge and abilities to be approved. Therefore, the board approved Mr. Bates as a Level II Provider with direct supervision of a DOC approved Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor. Mr. Bates must have all of his clinical reports signed off on by a supervisor with mandatory case review. Mr. Bates may conduct assessments but may not conduct psychological testing. The board also recommended that Mr. Bates obtain additional training in risk assessments, sex offender treatment over all, incest offenders, and victim clarification versus reunification and personality disorders.
- IV. Ed Webster then gave an update on the complaint that PO III Brown made against Cathy Loughlin. Deputy Commissioner Gutierrez received an appeal of this board's decision to recommend that Ms. Loughlin receive supervision. Deputy Commissioner Gutierrez ruled in favor of the appeal so the recommendation for supervision was removed. The formal complaint was dismissed and this issue is closed.
- IV. Director Taylor and Ed Webster presented a situation taking place in Fairbanks regarding adjunct treatment providers and the polygraph for the board's reaction and suggestions.
- V. Next meeting: 1/30/13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Atwood Building 18th floor in the Mental Health Conference room.

Suggestions for the next meeting's agenda were: Clinical Consultation update, the Sex Offender Monitor Newsletter

The meeting was closed at 11:13 a.m.