

**Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program Certification Advisory Board  
(JSO Board)**

Minutes for August 19, 2015

Meeting time 10:30AM – 2:30PM

Attendance: Alan Barr, Vanessa Tower, Justin Burton, Beth Endres , Bridget Ansberg, Christine McAlpine

Excused: Detective Lynn Meek, Stephanie Weeks, Dr. Tyffani Dent

Staff: Karla Stallworth

A quorum was established and meeting called to order at 10:40am

Review and Approval of last meeting minutes (July 15,2015)

Minutes were approved.

Comments/ Public Input

None

Introduction of New Members

None

Introduction of Guest

None

Action Agenda

**The following agencies were reviewed by the Board. Re-certification is based on rules set forth by OAC 5139-69-02 and OAC 5139-69-03.**

The following agencies recertification packets were reviewed:

**Compliant**

- Summit Psychological Services  
Motions: 1<sup>st</sup> B.A.  
2<sup>nd</sup> A.B.
- Northern Ohio Juvenile Corrections Facility( Waiver requested)  
Motions: 1st B. A.  
2<sup>nd</sup> B.E.
- DYS (Waiver requested)  
Motions: 1st A.B.  
2nd J.B.

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The following agencies were on a pending status due to their applications needing corrections or additional information. These agencies have satisfied the boards requirements and are now **compliant**:

- West Central
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
- St. Josephs

### **Incomplete**

#### Applewood

- The board is requesting further information on the tools being used for assessment. Approval will be awarded upon receipt of the required information.

#### Safe House

- The organizational chart must include names and credentials of staff
- The JSOAT does not assess risk. Therefore, it should not be used as part of the transition program.
- Several grammatical.

### **Non Compliant**

#### Behavioral Connections of Wood County, Inc.

- The board request updates to the agencies policy on no sexual contact with youth. (Specifics will be provided directly to the agency in writing.)

#### Behavioral Health Partners of Central Ohio

- There was no information on transition included in the application.
- The board request further information on the assessment tools used.
- More information on the usage of the JSO Progress scale as opposed to the JSOAT.

### **Discussion**

St. Joseph Orphanage submitted an inquiry regarding the board's position on re-write youth's Individual treatment plans. They currently re-write them every 90 days. Upon review of the rules it was determined that St. Joseph can re-write or revise youth individual treatment plans based upon their internal process. The board requires that the plans are reviewed every ninety days and at each assessment. Refer to OAC 5139-69-03(3)(c). St. Joseph's Orphanage received a reply from the board on 8/20/2015.

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Some agencies continue to either submit recertification applications later or not at all until the board notifies them of their late or expired status. Apparently, past practice mailed out reminder letters to all agencies. Members of the board unanimously voted that it is the agency's responsibility to submit their recertification applications timely. This is based on the fact that each agency receives a letter and certificate stating the expiration date. Additionally, all agencies that provided a valid e-mail address received notification that their recertification packets were due to the board 90 days before its certification expiration.

The board is requesting that all the court administrator be included on all correspondence to the agency regarding certification/recertification.

The board did not meet in June of 2015. Therefore, the expiration date for revisions to OAC 5139-69-01, 5139-69-02, 5139-69-03 passed. Per DYS legal department, policy revisions may provide the required guidance to agencies seeking certification/recertification. However, there is no policy on Juvenile sex offender programs. The board can still submit recommendations for change in the rules. The board decided to divide the rules among themselves in order to do a more thorough review with the goal of initiating the process in September, 2015.

DYS asked the board how does the community programs deal with youth who do not admit to their committing sex offense? According to those present, community treatment programs have the ability to link or place youth in treatment programs that utilize polygraphs.

Board chair Alan Barr has fulfilled his commitment to the board representing DRC. August meeting was his last. DYS along with the rest of the board members would like to thank Mr. Barr for his commitment and leadership. Best wishes to Mr. Alan Barr. Mr. Barr will be recommending two possible candidates to fulfill DRC requirement on the board. The names will not be noted at this time.

Board Debrief

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**ATSA Conference**

34th Annual Research and Treatment Conference  
October 14 – 17, 2015  
Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel (reservation links below)  
Montréal, Québec, Canada  
Visit the conference site for more information, and to register for the conference

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm

Next Meeting:

**August 19, 2015  
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Suite 200  
2238 South Hamilton Road  
Columbus, OH 43232**

Meetings are open to the public. For information regarding the meeting please contact:

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