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Sex Offender Therapists

Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB)

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Passage of House Bill 3233 in the 2007 Oregon Legislative Session established the **Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB)** within the **Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA)**. HB 3233 was signed into law by Governor Ted Kulongoski on July 27, 2007 as Oregon Law 2007, Chapter 841, Sections 1-12. The law was codified into Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 675.360-410.

This is an overview of the Sex Offender Treatment Board's goals, schedule and membership for 2008.

SOTB Information: Initial Meeting

The SOTB held its first meeting on Friday, November 30, 2007. Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) staff provided an overview of the agency during a new board member orientation that included a viewing of OHLA's board member orientation video and a review of the member handbook, which describe the roles and responsibilities of volunteer citizen board and council membership.

OHLA Director Susan K. Wilson noted that the SOTB is a high profile statewide program supported by both Governor Ted Kulongoski and Attorney General Hardy Meyers. OHLA was selected as the regulatory authority because the agency offers an existing infrastructure and professional staff to respond, develop and coordinate treatment roles with county and statewide criminal and juvenile justice organizations while maintaining a regulatory process that is cost-effective and accountable.

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For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB

Sex Offender Treatment Board: Board Information

The Governor appointed and the Oregon Senate confirmed the seven-member board. The SOTB's immediate focus will be to advise OHLA on the establishment and adoption of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for sex offender therapists.

Board Members

Dr. William Davis, 2008 Board Chair

Salem, Oregon

Term expires January 1, 2011

(Appointment recommended by the Oregon Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers)

Donald Didier, 2008 Board Vice Chair

Portland, Oregon

Term expires January 1, 2009

(Appointment recommended by the Oregon Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Network)

Dr. Jane Allen

Albany, Oregon

Term expires January 1, 2011

(Appointment recommended by the Oregon Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Network)

Dr. Steven Mussack

Eugene, Oregon

Term expires January 1, 2010

(Appointment recommended by Oregon Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers)

Debra Patterson

Prineville, Oregon

Term expires January 1, 2011

(Appointment recommended by the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors Association)

Patrick Schreiner

Portland, Oregon

Term expires January 1, 2010

(Appointment recommended by the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors)

Brie Akins

Corvallis, Oregon

Term of service expires January 1, 2009

(Victims' advocacy appointment recommended by the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force)

Administrative Rulemaking

OHLA is consulting with the SOTB to develop administrative Rules (OARs) specific to the sex offender therapist profession.

OHLA's overarching administrative rules related to general administrative, licensing and enforcement matters will apply to the SOTB and the sex offender therapist profession – as these same overarching rules apply to all other OHLA volunteer citizen boards and councils and OHLA-regulated professions.

In 2008, OHLA and the SOTB established specific regulatory requirements in the following areas:

- **General Administration** – Definitions, fees, administration of program
- **Qualifications & Training**
- **Licensing and Renewal Requirements**
- **Continuing Education**
- **Code of Professional Conduct** – Practice standards, right to practice, client confidentiality
- **Discipline & Enforcement** – Violations of standards, civil penalties for violations of rules and laws

For the remainder of 2008 and into 2009, OHLA and the SOTB will be focusing on developing:

- **Model Treatment Plan** – For adults, juveniles and developmentally disabled

Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the SOTB for 2008:

- March 7
- May 21
- October 20



Provide us with your e-mail address if you would like to be notified electronically.

Visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB/meetings for updates on sub-committee meetings related to administrative rulemaking.

If you would like to be placed on the administrative rulemaking mailing list or would like more information on the rulemaking process, please contact OHLA at 503-378-8667 or ohla.info@state.or.us

Sex Offender Treatment Board: Licensing Information

Licensing Information

Clinical sex offender therapists must have a minimum of a master's degree in the behavioral sciences and an active Oregon mental health professional license, or equivalent, to be certified in Oregon.

They are also required to have had a minimum of 2,000 hours of direct clinical contact with sex offenders within not less than three years nor more than six years prior to application. Clinical contact includes:

- 1,000 hours of direct treatment services
- 500 hours of evaluations
- A minimum of 60 hours of formal training applicable to sex offender treatment and evaluation, achieved within the three years prior to application

Associate sex offender therapists must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in the behavioral sciences and be under the direct supervision of a clinical sex offender therapist to be certified in Oregon. They are also required to have had:

- A minimum of 1,000 hours of direct clinical contact with sex offenders
- A minimum of 30 hours of formal training applicable to sex offender treatment, achieved within the three years prior to application

Grandfathering Provision

Sex offender therapists without active mental health licensure may obtain clinical-level certification through a time-limited grandfathering provision. Visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB for more information.

Authorizing Laws & Rules

This program exists under the regulatory oversight of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA). Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB) profession-specific statutes (ORS 675.360-410) and administrative rules (OAR Chapter 331, Divisions 800-850) link to OHLA's overarching statutes (ORS 676.600-992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all OHLA-regulated professions

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For more information and background on the establishment of the SOTB and the licensing of sex offender therapists in Oregon:

House Bill 3233 Fact Sheet

http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/pdf/HB_3233_Fact_Sheet.pdf

A fact sheet produced by the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, which with the Oregon Sex Offender Supervision Network requested the HB 3233 legislation sponsored by state Representative Greg Macpherson (D-Lake Oswego), and Representatives Jeff Barker (D-Aloha), Vicki Berger (R-Salem), and Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver)

Attorney General's Press Release

AG Meyers Applauds Creation of Sex Offender Treatment and Certification Board – July 17, 2007

<http://www.doj.state.or.us/releases/2007/rel072407.shtml>