



STATE OF WASHINGTON
SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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SB 5163 Workgroup Meeting

August 26, 2021 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Zoom login information: [Meeting Link](#) | Meeting ID: 816 2731 0018 | Passcode: 274418 | Dial-in option: 253-215-8782

- Please read:**
1. SCC SOTP STCs in Use (Contract Template)
 2. SCC SOTP Rate Schedule – Non-psychologists
 3. SCC SOTP Rate Schedule - Psychologists

1:00 – 1:10	Call to Order and Introductions	Megan Schoor
1:10 – 1:15	Meeting Objectives	Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers
1:15 – 1:20	Approval of August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes	Joshua Choate
1:20 – 1:40	SOTP Contracting Process with DSHS’ Special Commitment Center (SCC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the typical steps that an SOTP must take to contract with DSHS?• What requirements must an SOTP meet to contract with DSHS’ SCC?• What could be a potential barrier or challenge for an SOTP?• What could be a potential incentive for an SOTP?• What information is missing that would be helpful or important for an SOTP to know?	Dr. Zainab Ghazal
1:40 – 1:45	BREAK	
1:45 – 2:15	SOTP Listening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What’s it like to be an SOTP who works (worked) with LRA clients?• What knowledge, skills, and abilities are needed to be a high-quality SOTP?• How did the DSHS contracting experience go for you?• What barriers or challenges did you face along the way to becoming a licensed SOTP in Washington?• What incentives or other suggestions would help increase the availability and quality of SOTPs in our state?	All participants

2:15 – 2:20	Next Steps	Megan Schoor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming SB 5163 Workgroup Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 9th from 1 pm – 3 pm ○ September 23rd from 1 pm – 2:30 pm ○ October 7th from 1 pm – 2:30 pm ○ Other dates? 	
2:20 – 2:30	For the Good of the Order and Next Steps	Megan Schoor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What questions did not get answers? 	
2:30	Adjournment	Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers

SB 5163 Workgroup Assignment:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. A new section is added to chapter 71.09 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the department, the sex offender policy board, and department of health shall convene a work group to develop recommendations to increase the availability and quality of sex offender treatment providers to meet the growing number of persons qualifying for conditional release to a less restrictive alternative. The work group shall gather data on...

1. best practices in other states and make recommendations whether sex offender treatment providers should be required to contract with the department;
2. whether annual or biannual trainings by the department should be mandatory for prospective and existing sex offender treatment providers;
3. whether the department should provide competitive wages for services or pay that is commensurate with the years of experience or education level of the treatment provider; and
4. whether the department should provide other incentives such as a cost-of-living pay increase or compensating providers for the cost of mandated trainings associated with the sex offender treatment provider license under chapter 18.155 RCW.

A report shall be submitted to the legislature by **December 1, 2021.**

[Subcommittee of the SOPB in partnership with DOH and the Special Commitment Center]