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**SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD**  
**Juvenile Treatment Subcommittee**  
May 19, 2021 4:00pm-5:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Michael Campbell, DCYF; Karen Feller, treatment provider; Tim Kahn, treatment provider; Emily Hiskes, Snohomish County Public Defender Association, Jedd Pelander, DCYF; Kendrick Washington, ACLU of Washington; Lorraine Lynch, KCSARC; Paula Reed, Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington; Rick Torrance, OCVA; Whitney Hellyer, Harborview Abuse and Trauma Center

**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome & Call to Order**

**Leah** welcomed everyone to the meeting. Meeting participants were asked to mute their microphones when not speaking and asked to use the chat function and "Raise your hand" function through Zoom whenever they would like.

**Leah** reminded people that the meeting was being recorded and the recording could be provided upon request. She told people that if they need to leave early or arrive late that is okay and that they can come and go as they need.

**Leah** invited people to introduce themselves.

**MOTION #21-2-1: MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 21, 2021 TREATMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.**

**MOVED: Rick Torrance**

**SECONDED: Lorraine Lynch**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**PASSED: Unanimously**

**Objective 1 – Presentation: DCYF's Sexually Aggressive Youth Program**

- **Michael Campbell** provided an overview of DCYF's Sexually Aggressive Youth (SAY) Program.
  - SAY provides outpatient treatment and services to youth who have been identified as sexually aggressive. The goal is to decrease the sexual victimization of others and decrease instances of the youth acting out.

- Michael took questions from meeting participants at the end of his presentation.
  - Several subcommittee members talked about concerns with the verbiage “Sexually Aggressive Youth” and mentioned that this wording may prevent people from using the program’s services because people do not want to label their children as sexually aggressive.
  - Concerns were also expressed over the low rates paid out to providers, and this being a reason that providers do not take part in the program.
- The full presentation can be viewed here:  
[https://sgc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/SOPB/meetings/2021/SAY\\_%20Presentation\\_202105121.pdf](https://sgc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/SOPB/meetings/2021/SAY_%20Presentation_202105121.pdf)

**Objective 2 – Presentation: Overview of Community-Based Treatment**

- **Karen Feller** and **Tim Kahn** presented on outpatient treatment services for youth with sexual behavior problems.
  - **Tim** reviewed the major funding sources and mentioned that many people cover the costs of treatment out of pocket. He added that public insurance such as Apple Health doesn’t cover much, and there is a need for change here. He added that most experienced providers are not renewing contracts with DSHS either as the rates are too low.
    - **Karen Feller** added that for insurance coverage, you have to be a preferred provider and in agreement with the insurance company. In Tacoma, she is the only person she knows of that takes insurance and this can be a barrier to receiving treatment for a lot of people.
    - **Tim** said he is able to bill insurance companies he is not a preferred provider with.
  - **Tim** said that treatment varies by client based on risk assessment and client history. They can be asked to have anywhere from 6 sessions to 3 years’ worth of treatment.
  - **Tim and Karen** both talked about the barriers they have encountered when it comes to offering treatment.
- Both presenters took questions from meeting participants after their presentation.

**Next Steps:**

- **Jedd** thanked each of the presenters for sharing their knowledge and said he learned a lot, and that there are already things the committee will start agreeing on when it comes to making recommendations.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE BEST PRACTICES  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

        /s/          
Co-Chair Jedd Pelander

        06/16/2021          
Date

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Co-Chair Rick Torrance

        06/16/2021          
Date

**The full meeting recording can be found and viewed here:**

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