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Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2010 12:11 PM
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Subject: FW: SOAC Report

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From: Wendy Kelley [mailto:Wendy.L.Kelley@arkansas.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2010 08:26 AM
To: Thayer, Jill E
Cc: Sheri Flynn; 'Dana Watson'
Subject: SOAC Report

Jill,

As we discussed, the committee does not have any revenue and their expenses are limited to those that are covered by the Department of Correction. Those committee members who are not state employees get their mileage reimbursed, and the Department pays the FTP's invoices of \$7,000 per month for the juvenile assessments that are completed for the juvenile courts for community notification determination.

Ms. Flynn will provide you with copies of the committee's minutes for the last fiscal year with any offender names redacted. I understand you need this information as soon as possible, and by tomorrow at the latest.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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08/12/2010

Confidential
Sex Offender Assessment Committee Meeting
July 24, 2009
12:00 p.m.
Arkansas State Hospital

Members Present: Ms. Dana Watson
Ms. Paula Stitz
Mr. Dan Roberts
Mr. Billy Burris
Ms. Rebecca Denison
Ms. Betty Ahmad
Ms. Jan Scussel
Mr. Ron Kincade

Members Absent: Ms. Lori Kumpuris

Others Present: Ms. Sheri Flynn
Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Dean Whiteside
Dr. Mike Wood
Dr. Karen Worley

Call to Order: Chairperson Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the June 2009 meeting were approved.

SOSRA Update: Sheri Flynn, SOSRA Administrator, presented her monthly report dated July 1, 2009. Dr. Whiteside and Dr. Wood informed the committee that [redacted] has been re-interviewed and his therapist was allowed to attend the interview. They reported that [redacted] appeared to become more limited intellectually during this interview than the prior interview. The committee will be informed when the assessment is complete.

FTP Update/Juvenile Assessments: Dr. Worley presented information on the number of assessments completed on juveniles. Dr. Worely reported that FTP completed 13 assessments during July. She presented information previously requested by the committee about juvenile assessment. The committee asked a number of questions about budgeting for FTP. Ms. Flynn explained that information about budgeting and the contract process would have to be addressed with Mr. Kelley. Dr. Worley reported that she feels that FTP will need another 0.05 time position for assessments and a 0.08 time position for support

to keep up with the number of assessments if their numbers continue to grow. Questions were asked about the difference in an ASAP assessment and a CN assessment. Ms. Flynn suggested that FTP consider not calling their assessments community notification assessments, since it seems that no community notification can be done on juvenile sex offenders.

The SOAC asked that the FTP information be presented to Ms. Kelley and that Ms. Kelley be asked to meet again with the SOAC about the matter of FTP funding.

Ms. Ford advised the committee that juvenile sex offenders can be assessed to determine registration; however, juveniles adjudicated delinquent were not subject to disclosure. Ms. Ford stated that law enforcement may be able to receive the assessment information, at least from ACIC, but cannot receive the other information contained in a CN assessment.

Ms. Ford indicated that if a sex offender moved to Arkansas from another state and that offender was adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile in the other state, they should be assessed in accordance with 12-12-906. However, Ms. Ford reported that there could not be any disclosure on those offenders. Ms. Ford indicated that SOSRA must assess all adults that were adjudicated as a juvenile and required to register, but there could be no community notification. Ms. Flynn repeated her understanding of what Ms. Ford was saying and asked again if juveniles required to register must be assessed by SOSRA, if they are now adults. Ms. Ford indicated that was true, but no community notification can be done. Ms. Ford also reported that adults required to register in Arkansas and assessed by FTP don't have to be re-assessed by SOSRA, except upon request. Ms. Ford reported that juveniles may only register for 10 years in Arkansas and then must come off the registry. Those adjudicated delinquent from another state are subject to registration for the length of time required by the original state.

Attorney General's Update: Ms. Ford reported that she has 21 pending cases. Two cases are still before the Arkansas Supreme Court. Ms. Ford reported that one case should be dismissed in July.

New Committee Business:

Administrative Review Cases: Ms. Scussel did not present any administrative review cases to the committee.

SVP Cases: The following cases were presented for SVP consideration:

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Next Scheduled Meeting: The next SOAC meeting will be held on August 21, 2009 at ASH at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Cc: Committee members

Amy Ford, AG's office

Shari Gray, Board of Correction

Larry Norris, ADC

Wendy Kelley, ADC

Dina Tyler, ADC

Confidential
Sex Offender Assessment Committee Meeting
August 21, 2009
1:00 p.m.
Arkansas State Hospital

Members Present: Ms. Dana Watson
Ms. Paula Stitz
Mr. Steve Arnold
Mr. Billy Burris
Ms. Betty Ahmad
Ms. Jan Scussel
Ms. Lori Kumpuris

Members Absent: Ms. Rebecca Denison
Mr. Ron Kincade

Others Present: Ms. Sheri Flynn
Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Dean Whiteside
Dr. Karen Worley

Call to Order: Chairperson Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the July 2009 meeting were approved.

SOSRA Update: Sheri Flynn, SOSRA Administrator, presented her monthly report dated August 3, 2009. She advised the committee that SOSRA has had a couple of resignations from interviewers. There was discussion as to how difficult the interviewing jobs at SOSRA are and how difficult it is to find people that can handle the content of the cases and process the critical information. SOSRA does have very promising people in the remaining positions. The committee was also advised that SOSRA made a huge push to complete assessments in August. Everything else was shut down and all employees focused on writing profile reports and getting information out the door to law enforcement agencies.

FTP Update/Juvenile Assessment Issues: Dr. Worley presented information on the number of assessments completed on juveniles. Dr. Worley reported that FTP has changed the name of their assessment to Registration Assessment, instead of Community Notification Assessment. Ms. Ford and the committee

Attorney General's Update: Ms. Ford reported that she has almost the same caseload that she did in July. The court made a decision in the Rothschefer case in favor of the SOAC.

Administrative Review Cases: Ms. Scussel presented the _____ case for consideration. She made a motion that the Lyon case be returned to SOSRA for re-assessment and consideration as a SVP. The motion passed.

- The SOAC voted to determine this offender to be a SVP.

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Next Scheduled Meeting: The next SOAC meeting will be held on September 25, 2009 at ASH at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Cc: Committee members
Amy Ford, AG's office
Shari Gray, Board of Correction

Larry Norris, ADC
Wendy Kelley, ADC
Dina Tyler, ADC

Sheri Flynn

From: Dana Watson [dwatsonlaw@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 10:30 AM
To: Billy Burris; Rebecca Denison; Lisa Diane Gray; Sheri Flynn; Amy Ford; Betty Griffin; Wendy Kelley; Ron Kincade; Lori Kumpuris; Dan Roberts; Jan Scussel; Paula Stitz; Dana Watson; Dean Whiteside; Mike Wood; Karen Worley
Subject: SOAC MEETING

Hello everyone. I just got off the phone with Sheri and she is home sick with fever, headache, etc. and is on her second round of meds. She honestly does not believe she will be back to staff the SVP cases this week or even be able to attend the meeting.

Based on this, I think we need to cancel Friday's meeting. How is everyone's calendar for **October 23, 2009 at NOON**. That is the 4th Friday in October which would be a regularly scheduled meeting. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if that date will work for you.

So, don't show up Friday, Sept. 25!

Talk to you soon.

Thanks!

Dana Watson

Confidential
Sex Offender Assessment Committee Meeting
October 23, 2009
Noon
Arkansas State Hospital

Members Present: Ms. Dana Watson
Ms. Paula Stitz
Mr. Billy Burris
Ms. Betty Ahmad
Ms. Lori Kumpuris
Ms. Rebecca Denison
Mr. Ron Kincade

Members Absent: Mr. Dan Roberts
Ms. Jan Scussel

Others Present: Ms. Sheri Flynn
Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Mike Wood

Call to Order: Chairperson Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the August 2009 meeting were approved.

SOSRA Update: Sheri Flynn, SOSRA Administrator, presented her monthly report for September and October 2009. She answered questions from the committee about the different categories included in her monthly report.

FTP Update/Juvenile Assessment Issues: Dr. Worley was unable to attend the meeting. Jon Clemmons sent a report to Ms. Watson and Ms. Ford. There is still no signed contract between FTP and ADC. This matter has been pending since June 2009. The committee discussed possible solutions, if FTP does not renew the contract. There was discussion about DYS taking over the responsibility for conducting juvenile assessments. Mr. Kincade discussed the fact that the responsibility for juvenile assessment needs to be with a state agency for the purposes of immunity for its employees. The committee voted to ask Deputy Director Wendy Kelley to give FTP a short time frame to sign the contract or seek other alternatives. They want this issue brought to resolution as soon as possible. Regardless of the resolution of the issue for now, the SOAC

would like to explore other options for juvenile assessments. The SOAC would like to do an RFP and contract with someone else or have a state supported program to do juvenile assessments, if this issue is not resolved quickly.

Ms. Watson reiterated that the money is not available to increase funding to FTP. She stated that even if it were there, she would not feel it is appropriate to increase the funding at this point, based on the number of assessments being conducted by FTP, per month. The committee discussed that based on the numbers provided this month, the average amount per assessment for a juvenile would be approximately \$1,000. Ms. Flynn was asked if she knew the average amount per assessment for adults and she did not.

Juvenile Guidelines/Issues: Ms. Ford advised that she had finally received a copy of the 2009 juvenile assessment guidelines. The last official version to be approved by legislative committee are from 2002. Therefore, the juvenile process is still governed by those guidelines. The SOAC decided to table the discussion on this issue, until an Attorney General's opinion is received about all of the issues surrounding juvenile registration and assessment.

Attorney General's Update: Ms. Ford reported that the court of appeals upheld the assessment. That case is closed.

The case has also been closed. The case was dismissed because the offender is not required to register in Oklahoma, thus is not required to register in Arkansas.

The case was previously remanded back for re-assessment. The case was reduced to a Level 2. The court quoted the Level 2 definition in the guidelines and said the record did not support the assigned level.

The case has been remanded back to SOSRA for another assessment. There were stray marks on the actuarials and this led the court to believe the actuarials were incorrect. The court was also concerned that SOSRA labeled viewing adult porn as deviant.

The court upheld the assessment. The court said that he is required to register and upheld Level 3. The court also said the SOAC has the right to determine registration issues.

New Committee Business:

Administrative Review Cases: Ms. Scussel was unable to attend the meeting and no administrative review cases were discussed.

SVP Cases: The following cases were presented for SVP consideration:

1 - Ms. Ahmad made the motion. Mr. Kincade seconded the motion. The SOAC voted to determine this offender to be a SVP.

2 - Mr. Kincade made the motion. Ms. Stitz seconded the motion. The SOAC voted to determine this offender to be a SVP.

3 - Mr. Kincade made the motion. Ms. Dennison seconded the motion. The SOAC voted to determine this offender to be a SVP.

4 - Ms. Ahmad made the motion. Mr. Kincade seconded the motion. The SOAC voted to determine this offender to be a SVP.

5 - Ms. Ahmad made the motion. Mr. Kincade seconded the motion. The SOAC voted to determine this offender to be a SVP.

6 - Mr. Kincade made the motion. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The SOAC voted to determine this offender to be a SVP.

7 - Paula made a motion to leave Lyon as a Level 3. Ms. Dennison seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4-2.

8 - Mr. Kincade made the motion. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The SOAC voted to determine this offender to be a SVP.

Next Scheduled Meeting: The next SOAC attempted to schedule a meeting in December 2009, but did not have a quorum. Ms. Watson will contact committee members about a meeting in January 2010.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:45 p.m.

Cc: Committee members
Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director, ADC
Amy Ford, AG's office
Shari Gray, Board of Correction
Dina Tyler, ADC

Sheri Flynn

From: Billy Burris
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 11:19 AM
To: Sheri Flynn
Subject: RE: SOAC November Mtg

Okay

From: Sheri Flynn
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 10:03 AM
To: 'Amy Ford'
Cc: Dean Whiteside; Mike Wood; Wendy Kelley; ahmadbetty@sbcglobal.net; Billy Burris; Dan Roberts; dwatsonlaw@sbcglobal.net; Jan Scussel; Lori Kumpuris; PSTitz@acic.state.ar.us; Rebecca Denison; ronkincade@14thpa.com
Subject: RE: SOAC November Mtg

The next SOAC meeting is scheduled for December 11, at noon, at ASH.

From: Amy Ford [mailto:amy.ford@arkansasag.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 9:04 AM
To: 'Dana Watson'
Cc: Sheri Flynn
Subject: SOAC November Mtg

When is our next SOAC meeting? I have returned from vacation and apparently did not make a notation on the agenda from the meeting in October?

Amy L. Ford

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Sheri Flynn

From: Billy Burris
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 3:29 PM
To: Sheri Flynn
Subject: RE: December SOAC Meeting

Okay and thanks

From: Sheri Flynn
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 3:10 PM
To: ahmadbetty@sbcglobal.net; Billy Burris; Dan Roberts; dwatsonlaw@sbcglobal.net; Jan Scussel; Lori Kumpuris; PStitz@acic.state.ar.us; Rebecca Denison; ronkincade@14thpa.com
Cc: 'Amy Ford'; Mike Wood
Subject: December SOAC Meeting

The December SOAC meeting has been canceled. We were not going to have a quorum. Dana will be sending an email tomorrow asking for possible dates in January. She mentioned the fourth Friday, which would get us back to our normal day. Please be thinking about whether that will work.

Dana was on the road but wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. SOSRA wishes you the same.

Be safe.

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Confidential
Sex Offender Assessment Committee Meeting
January 22, 2010
Noon
Arkansas State Hospital

Members Present: Ms. Dana Watson
Mr. Billy Burris
Ms. Betty Ahmad
Ms. Rebecca Denison
Ms. Jan Scussel
Mr. Dan Roberts

Members Absent: Ms. Lori Kumpuris
Mr. Ron Kincade
Ms. Paula Stitz

Others Present: Ms. Sheri Flynn
Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Mike Wood
Dr. Karen Worley

Call to Order: Chairperson Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the October 2009 meeting were approved with minor corrections. The minutes were corrected and emailed to members.

SOSRA Update: Sheri Flynn, SOSRA Administrator, presented her monthly report for November & December 2009 and January 2010. She advised that SOSRA still have two interviewer positions vacant, but had recently had inquiries from some potential applicants.

FTP Update/Juvenile Assessment Issues: Dr. Worley provided the SOAC with a copy of her report and answered questions from the committee. She advised that approximately 15% of those assessed by FTP are required to register.

Juvenile Guidelines/Issues: The SOAC is awaiting an attorney general's opinion before proceeding with any further juvenile issues.

Attorney General's Update: Ms. Ford reported that she has 15 total cases pending. One case has been closed since the last meeting. She received two new cases in January.

New Committee Business:

Administrative Review Cases: Ms. Scussel presented information on the assessment. SOSRA assigned a Level 3; however, Ms. Scussel presented information that she believed supported Level 4 and moved that he be assigned that CN level. Ms. Dennison seconded that motion and the motion carried. as assigned level 4.

SVP Cases: The following cases were presented for SVP consideration:

– Ms. Dennison made the motion for this offender to be assigned a Level 4. Ms. Ahmad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

– Ms. Ahmad made the motion for this offender to be assigned a Level 4. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

– Ms. Ahmad made the motion for the offender to be assigned a Level 4. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The motion carried. There were a couple of typos in the interview summary that the committee asked be corrected.

– Mr. Burris made the motion for this offender to be assigned a Level 4. Ms. Ahamad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

– Mr. Robert made the motion for this offender to be assigned a Level 4. Ms. Ahmad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

– Ms. Ahmad made the motion for this offender to be assigned a Level 4. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Case Discussion: Dr. Wood and Ms. Flynn presented information on the re-assessment. Because SOSRA has been dealing with this case for a very long time and there are aggravating and mitigating aspects, in order to ensure a fair and balanced assessment, SOSRA wanted to receive input from the committee. The committee felt that there were

some very troubling aspects about the case, in terms of the community's need to know, but did not feel it would be appropriate to vote on a level, as they may have to consider the case if an administrative review is filed.

Next Scheduled Meeting: The next SOAC attempted to schedule a meeting in December 2009, but did not have a quorum. Ms. Watson will contact committee members about a meeting in January 2010.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

Cc: Committee members
Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director, ADC
Amy Ford, AG's office
Shari Gray, Board of Correction
Dina Tyler, ADC

Confidential
Sex Offender Assessment Committee Meeting
February 26, 2010
Noon
Arkansas State Hospital

Members Present: Ms. Dana Watson
Mr. Billy Burris
Ms. Betty Ahmad
Ms. Rebecca Denison
Ms. Jan Scussel
Ms. Paula Stitz
Mr. Dan Roberts
Mr. Ron Kincade
Ms. Lori Kumpuris

Members Absent:

Others Present: Ms. Sheri Flynn, SOSRA
Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Mike Wood, SOSRA
Ms. Diana Smith, FTP

Call to Order: Chairperson Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the January 2010 meeting were approved.

Election of Officers: Ms. Dana Watson was re-elected as chair of the SOAC. Mr. Billy Burris was re-elected as vice-chair.

SOSRA Update: Sheri Flynn, SOSRA Administrator, presented her monthly report for February 2010. She advised that SOSRA still has two interviewer positions vacant, but will be interviewing applicants in March.

FTP Update/Juvenile Assessment Issues: Ms. Diana Smith reported that FTP conducted 10 assessments in January and there were 12 scheduled in February. Ms. Smith also asked Ms. Flynn if there is a problem with FTP

encrypting the assessment data they provide to SOSRA. Ms. Flynn advised that is not a problem, as long as SOSRA can access the information. Ms. Smith advised that UAMS requires that the data be encrypted. Dr. Worley will begin to bring the information on a disk each month to the SOAC meetings.

New Committee Business:

Attorney General Report: Ms. Ford reported that one case was closed in January and one new case was opened. There has been no movement on any of the other cases. Ms. Ford also advised that there should be an attorney general's opinion on the juvenile issues by the next SOAC meeting.

Ms. Ford also answered a question presented by Ms. Flynn earlier in the month. Ms. Ford advised that ADC should register offenders convicted of Failure to Register and sentenced to ADC. Ms. Ford stated that the offenders were obviously required to register, in order to be convicted of Failure to Register. However, because the only adjudication for a sex offense was as a juvenile, SOSRA cannot assess these offenders.

Administrative Review Cases: No administrative review cases were presented.

SVP Cases: The following cases were presented for SVP consideration:

Ms. Ahmad made a motion that Cook be determined to be a SVP. Mr. Kincade seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting: The next SOAC meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2010 at noon at the Arkansas State Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:58 p.m.

Cc: Committee members
Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director, ADC
Amy Ford, AG's office
Shari Gray, Board of Correction
Dina Tyler, ADC

Confidential
Sex Offender Assessment Committee Meeting
March 26, 2010
Noon
Arkansas State Hospital

Members Present: Ms. Dana Watson
Ms. Jan Scussel
Mr. Billy Burris
Ms. Betty Ahmad
Ms. Paula Stitz
Mr. Jeff Tillman
Ms. Lori Kumpuris

Members Absent: Mr. Ron Kincade
Ms. Rebecca Denison

Others Present: Ms. Sheri Flynn, SOSRA
Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Mike Wood, SOSRA
Dr. Karen Worley, FTP

Call to Order: Chairperson Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the February 2010 meeting were approved.

Old Business

SOSRA Update: Sheri Flynn, SOSRA Administrator, presented her monthly report for March 2010. She advised that while completing her policy portfolio for her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice, one of the things that she researched was the number of Level 3's that were actually default level 3's for the time frame that information is available. The number of default level 3's is approximately 33%.

FTP Update/Juvenile Assessment Issues: Dr. Worley advised that FTP completed 9 assessments in February and 15 assessments in March. She advised that she felt there was a misunderstanding at the last meeting. FTP will be submitting juvenile assessments to SOSRA every 6 months on CD. She advised that there has been a problem with the encryption of the information and they are working to correct that problem.

Juvenile Assessments:

Ms. Ford discussed the Attorney General's Opinion issued in regards to the SOAC's questions about the registration and community notification for offenders adjudicated delinquent as juveniles. She advised that the legislation in regards to juveniles needs work. Juveniles adjudicated delinquent in Arkansas, who are required by the court to register, community notification should be conducted as directed in the statute. Offenders adjudicated delinquent of a sex offense in another state, will not currently be required to register in Arkansas. The SOAC discussed the need for legislation to be introduced in the next legislative session to clarify juvenile issues. Ms. Flynn reminded the SOAC that Rep. Creekmore had legislation during the last session that would have remedied many of the issues discussed; however, the legislation did not make it out of committee. Ms. Ford and Ms. Stitz joined in this discussion. The SOAC asked that Ms. Flynn ask Rep. Creekmore for a copy of the legislation that she attempted to have passed during the last session and have it available at the next SOAC meeting.

Ms. Ford also advised that the adult guidelines will apply to juveniles who are required to register. Ms. Kumpuris made a motion to adopt the adult guidelines in regards to juvenile registration and community notification. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Committee Business:

Attorney General Report: Ms. Ford reported she currently has 13 active sex offender cases.

Administrative Review Cases: Ms. Scussel presented the _____ case for consideration. Ms. Scussel made a motion to lower Lewis' level to 1. Ms. Ahmad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SVP Cases: No SVP cases were presented at the March meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting: The next SOAC meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2010 at noon at the Arkansas State Hospital. (NOTE: This meeting was not held due to not having a quorum.)

Meeting Adjourned: 1:20 p.m.

Cc: Committee members
Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director, ADC
Amy Ford, AG's office
Shari Gray, Board of Correction
Dina Tyler, ADC

Sheri Flynn

From: Dana Watson [dwatsonlaw@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 11:40 AM
To: Amy Ford; Betty Griffin; Billy Burris; Dan Roberts; Dana Watson; Jan Scussel; Karen Worley; Lisa Diane Gray; Lori Kumpuris; Mike Wood; Paula Stitz; Rebecca Denison; Ron Kincade; Sheri Flynn; Wendy Kelley
Subject: SOAC

It appears that we probably will not have quorum on April 23.

Please check your calendars for May 21, 2010, noon. If that works, we will cancel the April meeting due to lack of quorum and have our May meeting on 5/21. Please let me know if that date will work with your schedules.

Billy, can you see if the conference room will be available on 5/21 at noon?

Thanks.

Confidential
Sex Offender Assessment Committee Meeting
May 28, 2010
Noon
Arkansas State Hospital

Members Present: Ms. Dana Watson
Mr. Billy Burris
Ms. Betty Ahmad
Ms. Paula Stitz
Ms. Lori Kumpuris
Ms. Rebecca Dennison

Members Absent: Mr. Ron Kincade
Ms. Jan Scussel
Mr. Dan Roberts

Others Present: Ms. Sheri Flynn, SOSRA
Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Mike Wood, SOSRA
Dr. Karen Worley, FTP

Call to Order: Chairperson Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the March 2010 meeting were approved.

Old Business

SOSRA Update: Sheri Flynn, SOSRA Administrator, presented her monthly report for April and May 2010. She also presented information on two new SOSRA employees who will be interviewing sex offenders. The committee voted to qualify both Ryan Parker and Patricia Willoughby to participate in the assessment process.

FTP Update/Juvenile Assessment Issues: Dr. Worley advised that FTP's numbers were low for May. She indicated that they had a number of offenders that failed to appear. It appears from her monthly report that five assessments were scheduled in May and three appeared. She advised that FTP has assessments scheduled into August and September.

Dr. Worley stated that FTP received a court order indicating that a juvenile is a sexually violent predator.

Dr. Worley and Ms. Ford discussed what should happen with juvenile community notification assessments, once they are complete. Ms. Ford advised that the information needs to go to the prosecutor, the defense attorney and ACIC. Dr. Worley and Ms. Ford clarified that the assessment to determine registration goes to the court. However, once the decision has been made that the juvenile must register, the information goes to the referral source and ACIC.

Dr. Worley advised Ms. Flynn that there have been some problems with the encryption process for their electronic records. Ms. Ford advised that she feels that juvenile records should be maintained with all assessment records at SOSRA.

New Committee Business:

Attorney General Report: Ms. Ford reported she closed three cases in May and opened one. She indicated that the cases that are pending require movement on behalf of the offender's attorney. Ms. Ford also stated that SOSRA's reports and Ms. Scussel's findings of fact defend themselves. She stated that she has seen real progress in the quality of both.

Administrative Review Cases:

No cases were presented for administrative review consideration.

SVP Cases:

The [redacted] case was discussed with the committee. [redacted] was previously assessed a level 3. He was sanctioned in ADC for Rape of another inmate. Dr. Wood made the committee aware of his concerns that this offender meets the definition of SVP. SOSRA has sent information to Benton PD about this concern and asking if they would like to request re-assessment. SOSRA has not received a response. The committee suggested that SOSRA continue to try and contact LLE about re-assessment.

[redacted] – Both strengths and weaknesses of this case were presented to the committee. After a lengthy discussion, the SOAC determined this offender should be assigned SVP status by a majority vote.

– Ms. Dennison made the motion and Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The motion carried for SVP.

– Ms. Ahmad made the motion. Mr. Burris seconded the motion. The motion carried for SVP.

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The motion carried for SVP.

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The motion carried for SVP.

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The motion carried for SVP.

– Ms. Ahmad made the motion. Mr. Burris seconded the motion.
The motion carried for SVP.

Ms. Stitz made the motion. Ms. Ahmad seconded the motion.
The motion carried for SVP.

– Ms. Ahmad made the motion. Ms. Kumpuris seconded the motion.
The motion carried for SVP.

Next Scheduled Meeting: The next SOAC meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2010 at noon at the Arkansas State Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:06 p.m.

Cc: Committee members
Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director, ADC
Amy Ford, AG's office
Shari Gray, Board of Correction
Dina Tyler, ADC

Confidential
Sex Offender Assessment Committee Meeting
June 25, 2010
Noon
Arkansas State Hospital

Members Present: Ms. Dana Watson
Mr. Billy Burris
Ms. Betty Ahmad
Ms. Paula Stitz
Ms. Lori Kumpuris
Ms. Rebecca Dennison
Ms. Jan Scussel
Mr. Dan Roberts

Members Absent: Mr. Ron Kincade

Others Present: Ms. Sheri Flynn, SOSRA
Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Mike Wood, SOSRA
Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director, ADC
Dr. Karen Worley, FTP

Call to Order: Chairperson Dana Watson called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the May 2010 meeting were approved.

Old Business

SOSRA Update: Sheri Flynn, SOSRA Administrator, mistakenly presented her monthly report for May 2010. The monthly report for June 2010 was emailed to SOAC members later.

FTP Update/Juvenile Assessment Issues: Dr. Worley advised that FTP had completed 9 assessments in June and had 2 scheduled for the week following the meeting. She advised that she believed FTP completed 8 assessments in May and agreed to send the exact numbers to the SOAC members later. Dr. Worley also advised that Arkansas ATSA will be holding a conference in Fayetteville on December 2 & 3, 2010. Dr. Wood agreed to present on internet sex offenders and Dr. Worley asked if any of the SOAC members would like to present on any topics. Dr. Worley asked Ms. Flynn if she would present on sex offender residency restrictions and she agreed to do so. Mr. Burris, Ms. Ford,

Ms. Kelley and Ms. Stitz agreed to sit on a panel and discuss Adam Walsh issues and problems placing sex offenders upon release from ADC or ASH.

Ms. Watson asked about the cooperative agreement between ADC and FTP and when it is to be renewed. Ms. Kelley advised that it was to be renewed on July 1, 2010. The SOAC discussed the difference between an ASAP assessment and a community notification assessment. Dr. Worley advised that essentially they are the same report except that the purpose is different. She advised that an ASAP assessment is for the purposes of determining treatment needs and a CN assessment includes a recommendation to the court about registration. Dr. Worley advised that FTP has a contract with DYS to do ASAP assessments, which are essentially psychosexual assessments. She stated that the ASAP and CN assessments are done for different reasons and are typically done at different time frames. When asked if FTP sees juveniles twice, Dr. Worley said they do, if the court wants that the juveniles be seen twice. Dr. Worley explained that the ASAP assessment is done first, and then when a juvenile offender comes out of treatment, FTP will see the juvenile again, at the court's request.

Dr. Worley was asked approximately how many of the juveniles FTP assesses also attend treatment through FTP. Dr. Worley said that she would estimate approximately 90% of the cases that FTP treats were also assessed by FTP. She advised that there are other treatment programs available. When asked, Dr. Worley stated that it is not recommended that the person providing sex offender treatment conduct a risk assessment on an offender. She advised that FTP does both, but attempt to insure that the person completing the assessment is not the same person that provides treatment.

New Committee Business:

Attorney General Report: Ms. Ford reported that the case will be dismissed and he will have time to file for an appeal. The court upheld the CN level assigned by SOSRA in the case. Ms. Ford advised that her caseload will be down to 9 at the end of the month. She also advised that she has sent letters to the court on some of the cases, if there has been no action on them for a year.

Administrative Review Cases:

Ms. Scussel presented the following cases for administrative review consideration:

- Ms. Scussel made the motion that McCart be lowered to a Level 2. The motion passed with a vote of 4-2.

Ms. Scussel made the motion that _____ level be lowered from a level 4 to level 3. Three members voted to lower the level and three voted for his level to remain at level 4. Ms. Watson broke the tie by voting that _____ should remain a Level 4.

SVP Cases:

No SVP cases were presented at this month's meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting: The next SOAC meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2010 at noon at the Arkansas State Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:44 p.m.

Cc: Committee members
Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director, ADC
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Shari Gray, Board of Correction
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RE: Sex Offender Assessment Committee

Dear Governor and Chairmen:

Pursuant to state law, the Sex Offender Assessment Committee is to report to the Governor and Legislative Council each year a summary of the proceedings of the committee and any additionally requested information. I am enclosing a report on Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessments for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2010.

If you wish to have someone present at the next Legislative Council meeting to answer any questions concerning the report and / or the guidelines, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Wendy Kelley,
Deputy Director for Health
& Correctional Programs

cc: FILE

Encl.

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Sex Offender Screening & Risk Assessment

Legislative Update FY 2010

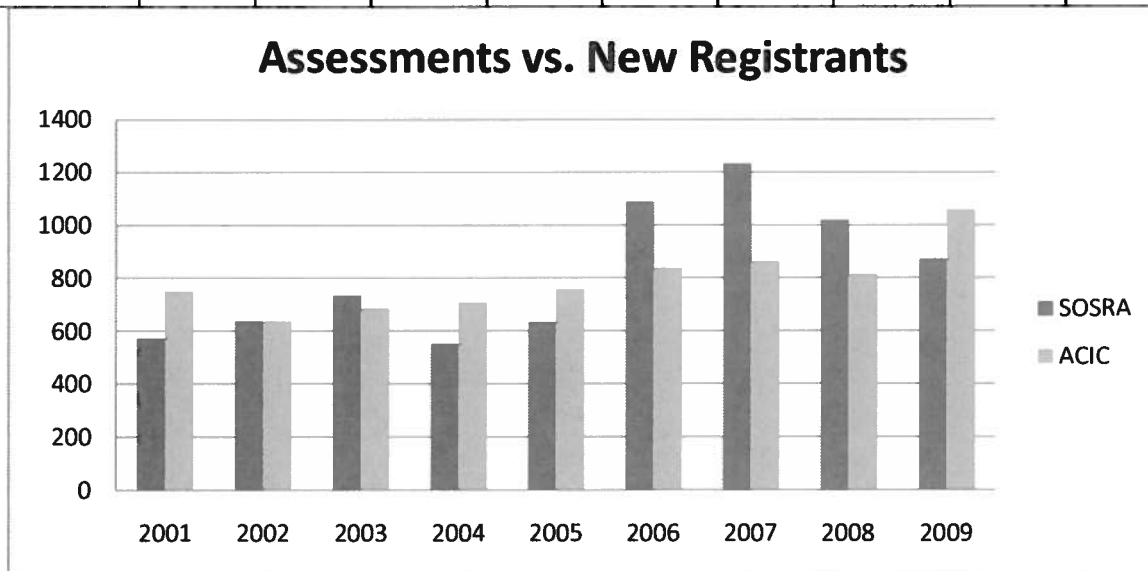
Wendy L. Kelley, Deputy Director & Sheri J Flynn, LSW, MS, SOSRA Administrator

7/30/2010

SOSRA History

The Sex Offender Screening & Risk Assessment Program (SOSRA), part of the Arkansas Department of Correction, began conducting assessments of sex offenders required to register in Arkansas in September 1999. At that time, there were approximately 1,800 registered sex offenders in Arkansas, and it was expected that registration rates would reach approximately five hundred (500) new sex offenders each year. In 1999, SOSRA had ten (10) employees, three (3) of whom interviewed sex offenders. As is indicated by the information below, the number of newly registered sex offenders quickly outpaced the number of assessments it was possible for SOSRA to complete. The number of newly registered sex offenders significantly exceeded the number of assessments completed by SOSRA until 2006. The data below relates the number of assessments completed by SOSRA per **calendar year** versus the number of newly registered sex offenders documented by the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC).

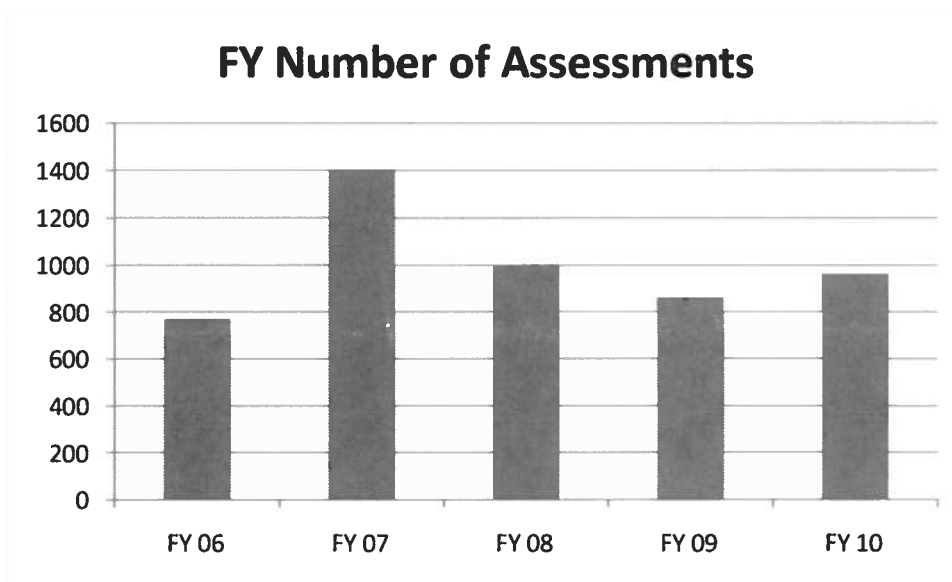
CY	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
SOSRA	572	637	734	551	633	1087	1231	1020	873
ACIC	751	639	687	709	758	839	862	814	1058



Streamlining the Assessment Process

In March 2006, SOSRA made changes that streamlined the assessment process, to the extent possible. Since that time, SOSRA has generally kept pace with the number of newly registered sex offenders or exceed that number. It should be noted that there are consistently approximately 2,000 sex offenders in the Arkansas Department of Correction that are not registered, until release from prison. The graph below is an indication of the number of assessment completed per **Fiscal Year**.

	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Total
FY 06	59	65	66	62	27	43	39	55	89	98	87	80	770
FY 07	94	112	121	74	103	135	168	103	87	112	137	158	1404
FY 08	75	80	66	78	56	93	108	79	104	104	108	51	1002
FY 09	76	99	91	54	42	104	60	44	73	60	56	103	862
FY 10	126	158	48	64	34	47	85	92	84	42	113	69	962



Community vs. ADC Assessments

Each year, SOSRA must balance the number of assessments conducted on sex offenders currently living within communities, with the number of inmates about to be released into communities. SOSRA strives to complete an assessment on each inmate prior to their release from prison. While this is not always possible, SOSRA has made huge strides in accomplishing this task. The information listed below is a reflection of the number of inmate assessments completed among the total number of assessments completed each fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Total Number of Assessments	Inmate Assessments
2006	770	363
2007	1440	335
2008	1002	429
2009	862	234
2010	962	439

eSOMA

SOSRA developed and began completing assessments in eSOMA in September 2008. It was developed in the existing electronic offender management system (eOMIS) utilized by the Department of Community Correction (DCC), the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) and the Arkansas Parole Board (APB). Electronic Offender Fact Sheets, Risk Assessment, and Profile Reports are available to local law enforcement agencies, DCC, and APB for every assessment completed after that date. This system is being utilized free of charge by numerous law enforcement agencies across Arkansas and has made the assessment process more efficient, as well as made information

immediately available to local law enforcement. It has also automated the registration process for those local jurisdictions utilizing the system.

Sex Offender Management Efforts

SOSRA continues to conduct training for local law enforcement agencies, DCC employees, ADC employees, Prosecutors, Victim Witness advocates and others in an effort to inform professionals about the assessment process and build a sex offender management system for Arkansas. SOSRA works diligently on a daily basis to build relationships with all sex offender management entities.

SOSRA presented poster presentations at international conferences in 2007 and 2009. These poster presentations were based on research conducted by SOSRA staff. SOSRA was joined in 2009 by an internationally known and renowned researcher in conducting research on internet sex offenders. The research is ongoing and has been well received in the professional community. Research at SOSRA is led by SOSRA's Psychologist Supervisor, who is well respected in the sex offender management community. SOSRA's Psychologist Supervisor and Administrator work hard to stay abreast of the most recent research and cutting edge assessment processes, by reading research, attending conferences and participating in dialogue with colleagues around the world.

As of June 8, 2010, the following is a reflection of the number of SOSRA staff and the manner in which they are utilized:

- 1 Administrator
- 2 Psychologists
- 2 Psychological Examiners
- 2 Interviewer Supervisors
- 7 Interviewers

- 1 Support Staff Supervisor
- 2 Management Project Analysts
- 3 Secretaries
- 1 Data Collection Supervisor
- 4 Data Collectors

Further information is available from Sheri Flynn, Administrator, at 870-850-8433, or Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director for Health and Programs, at 870-267-6360 or 870-550-7307.