

SOSN Spring 2009

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Josephine County Community Corrections, 510 NW 4th St, Grants Pass

Welcome from Abe Huntley, director of Josephine County Community Corrections

Roundtable:

Pat Schreiner, Multnomah County

Josh Hall, Benton County

Diana Lindsey, OSP Sex Offender Unit

Stephanie Ingraham, State Police GHO

Bill Willkenloh, Klamath Co

Dru Van Riper, Lake Co

Jim Warren, Malheur Co

Jeff Wood, Marion Co

Dawn Persels, DOC

Tesa Mann, Douglas Co

Robert Ashby, Douglas Co

Katie Gotch, Multnomah Co

Jay Bergmann, Marion Co

Lynette Milligan, Jackson & Josephine Co

Debbie Moss, Jackson Co

Maureen Robb, Linn Co

Natalie Michael, Linn Co

Cliff Filley, Linn Co

Brenda Carney, Columbia County, fully staffed

Trent Monahan, Columbia County

Ericka Jacuinda, student intern, Josephine Co

Genelle Bennett, Josephine Co

Bill Kramer, Josephine Co

Lee Wilson, Deschutes Co

Brent Taylor, Clackamas Co, reported their department is now officially under the Clackamas County SO.

Jenn Landers, Lincoln County

Mike Albers, Washington County

Dionne Justeson, Wasco County

28 people in attendance

OSP presentation:

7 bills in session this time, 3 passed, small housecleaning bills regarding relief laws, one requires the offender to provide OSP a copy of the relief letter.

Extension to July 2010 for implementation of Adam Walsh Act.

Reminder to get in NOD forms asap, if offender is predatory and on OSP website, please send NOD and documentation to OSP, because OSP has to remove the offender once off supervision until the NOD forms are in. Also, if the offender has ever been deemed predatory, you must send in a form after each cycle, even if the offender is on for a non-sex crime.

Question: If an offender is non-registerable and the offender commits another registerable sex crime, could a judge then make the offender register? OSP believes no.

Brent stated local law enforcement has been going around to offenders still on supervision and leaving door hangers saying they have been there to check on the sex offender. OSP advised they are not really supposed to be disclosing the offender is a sex offender.

DOC's presentation brought to us by Dawn Persels:

OSP-M training schedule came out again, if you have an opportunity to do a class or two, it would be great. Dawn also talked about the recent cancellations that resulted in the sex offenders at OSP-M not getting the information they need. If you have the ability to put some time in for this cause, it would be great. If you sign up for something and you cannot go, get a hold of Cindy Mazakowski at Lane County

right away. A healthy discussion ensued regarding the eagerness of the inmates and their attitudes, which seems to have improved significantly over the years. Josh Hall indicated he recently completed it and loved it. Other people also indicated they really enjoyed being part of the training. Katie indicated now that the prison staff is used to the program it has likely improved. Dawn thanked everyone for their feedback. Pat indicated Multnomah County will be encouraging his PO's to participate.

Dawn talked about the new static 99 automation, and there is an "otto" code in the institutions and they are having some clean up issues which Dawn is cleaning out of the system. Katie asked Dawn to make sure the statics that belong there do not get deleted.

Dawn reported she received an email from a PO who got an email from an institution counselor asking for a police report. Dawn explained sometimes the police reports are missing and the institution counselors really appreciate any info you can provide them.

Dawn handed out the visiting rule with inmates convicted of sex offenses.

Brenda asked how people are dealing with contact issues when the offender has been allowed to have contact with their own kids in prison, but once they get out their parole board order says no contact at all. People provided feedback, including getting expedited polygraphs and evaluations & safety plans and supervised visitations.

OYA Updates

Brent indicated he talked to Debra Martin at the OYA and she emailed an update regarding their budget issues. They are experiencing serious budget cuts, and will have to bump adults housed until they are 25 to the adult facility because they are not going to have room. They also have a new SO training program, and Debra has been working on implementing this. They also received a grant for treatment. There was a brief discussion regarding getting reports from OYA, and Brent mentioned it has been easier to get the records, and they have a new person taking care of records requests; the phone number for records requests is 503-986-0355.

Black Box of Community Supervision presentation by Pat Schreiner

Effectiveness of Supervision:

- Does Parole and Probation make a difference in recidivism?
- Is more Community Supervision better than less supervision?

Research findings:

- There have been 15 studies published between 1980 and 2006.

- The decrease in recidivism associated with community supervision was small.
- There was no statistical relationship between community and violent recidivism.
- Conclusion – Community Supervision does not work well.

Offender Rehabilitation Literature:

- The review of the literature found providing services to offenders on average resulted in a 10% drop in recidivism.
- We know treatment can reduce recidivism.
- We also know under what conditions treatment effectiveness can be enhanced.
- Maximizing effectiveness can only be achieved through the adherence to risk - need – responsiveness.

Cornerstone of Community Supervision is case management:

- Assessment of offender risk
- Assessment of criminogenic needs
- Provision of cognitive-behavioral intervention which targets criminogenic needs

Questions:

Do PO's use risk assessments in assigning intensity of intervention and to identify criminogenic needs which need to be addressed?

Do PO's use Cognitive behavioral techniques during their supervision session?

Study

62 PO's participated in study / 154 Offenders

Data was collected from:

1. Intake – risk needs assessment
2. Audio taping of interviews at 3 time periods
3. Review of offender files

Study results

- Intensity of intervention – frequency of contact should be proportional to risk level.
- Number of contacts – amount of time spent – may be inadequate to have an impact on recidivism.
- Average length of a session was 22 minutes.

Analysis of Audio-taped sessions

- The analysis of the audio taped sessions showed the identified criminogenic needs were not discussed in most instances.
- The actions to address the offender needs were loosely formulated in the intervention plan.
- Substance abuse problems were identified in 40% of adults and intervention plans addressed in 79% of cases.
- Anti-social attitudes and criminal peers were factors in ½ of the adults. These needs were addressed in 8.8% and 21.1% respectively.
- Employment was a criminogenic factor in 40% of cases and was addressed by the PO in only 10% of those cases.

Influencing Offenders through Interpersonal Relationships

The impact is moderated by the relationship between a person trying to effect change and the target for change.

Expressions of openness and warmth – appeared to be part of a PO's interpersonal style.

Empathetic – paraphrasing – reflection of feelings decreased over time – so did being firm but fair setting of limits.

POs did well at re-enforcing pro-social behavior, however were not good at responding to anti-social expressions.

Seven indicators of Positive Interpersonal Skills of Effective Relationship building

1. Empathy
2. Openness
3. Warmth
4. Firmness
5. Prompting and encouraging
6. Enthusiasm
7. Humor

Risk/Need Responsivity

Behavioral Interventions are one of the major characteristics of effective treatment with offenders

- Modeling of desired behavior
- Opportunities to practice
- Provide appropriate feedback

Strategies to Improve Case Management Effectiveness

- 1st step in behavioral change is to identify and address criminogenic needs.
- Cases where criminogenic needs were the focus of supervision showed decrease in recidivism rates.
- Establishing a relationship and providing a structured direction are key factors to reducing recidivism.
- Educate and train PO's to target discussions on criminogenic needs.
- Provide training on pro-social modeling and problem solving.

Focus on Criminogenic Needs

- Amount of time devoted to dealing with a criminogenic need predicted recidivism.
- Only 1/3 of PO's spent significant time on a few of the criminogenic needs of the offenders on their caseload.
- 67% of PO's dealt with an average of 5.2 of criminogenic needs during a supervision session.
- The more topics covered by an interview session the higher the recidivism rate.
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See also www.pewcenteronthestates.org

Case planning by Jeff Wood

The change contract: Focus on one or two small things that can be done easily by the offender.

Copy of Marion County change contract sent around the room.

Designed to use monthly or as you see fit.

Brenda Carney offered to have the best practices committee come up with a standardized case plan for sex offenders. Motion made and seconded, 15 yea votes for the committee to work on it.

It was also recommended to look at automating it in the future.

Stable and Acute update:

Make sure you are doing the correct assessment for your individual offender.

Subcommittee presentations:

Website committee: Rick Pokorney from Lane County could not come due to travel restrictions.

Legislative Committee:

Jeff wood advised there are no new bills that were not mentioned at the last SOSN.

Best Practices:

Brenda Carney advised she will be looking at a standardized case plan format to go with the stable and acute training. Brenda and Dawn talked today about making a manual for SO PO's which would contain all of the SOSN approved forms, etc. Brenda also is looking at the IRT language to make the process more consistent. Dionne requested Brenda send out the approved form for the IRTs.

Training Committee:

Brent reported he and Mike are still working on their components of supervision portion for the academy which will be in Salem the first week of June. There will be an upcoming training on to deal with the DD offenders. There will be a two hour piece at the academy taught by Marion McNaulty, a treatment provider from Clackamas County on victim treatment.

Pat mentioned a community college was recently having a problem with sex offenders attending school at their campus. The issues were child care facilities, minors on campus, etc. Pat asked if it was an issue statewide, and Brent advised it was, and they have been working with Vi Beatty at OSP and during our next meeting we will attempt to address this with her. The colleges are finding out because of the sex offender registration process requiring them to register they are attending school. Once OSP gets the info they forward it to the school, and the schools are calling the PO to find out about the crime, victim info, etc. Constitutionally you cannot deny anyone an education. Josh advised they have a safety plan where the treatment provider has to sign off on it and the offenders are not allowed to live on campus. Mike Albers, incoming SOSN president, will meet with Vi and work on this issue.

OSP reported the campuses are taking a more assertive role with the offenders, calling OSP about why some offenders are not being required to register, etc. Some campuses are looking at administrative

rules about having sex offenders banned from the campuses. If you have any problems or situations regarding this please let Vi at OSP know.

OSP also talked about two bills dealing with the expansion of authority of campus officers to “peace officers” one bill is dead and the other is still in process.

Diana Lindsey reported about how the colleges are notified, and some colleges do not want to be notified. If they have chosen to be notified, OSP will notify them that the person has registered that they are attending or working at the school. They do not notify the school that the person is on supervision or who the PO is, unless the school asks for it specifically.

Stable and Acute update:

Anytime you score the acute it does an auto crono even if you are not done with it, so sometimes you get three or more auto cronos and you cannot delete, so we are hoping we can delete the crono, or actually approve the stable (like you do now for the static 99) and then only have one crono.

Katie talked about the fact that if an offender makes new disclosures about things affecting the stable score you need to do another one. Katie also told us that Andrew advised her to use a “1” as a placeholder if you don’t have good info, and the person is clearly not a 0 or a 2, then when you get new info you can update it. Katie indicated this would be a shift from how we have been doing it.

Katie talked about the victim access question on the acute, and used the example of scoring a 1 on a person who is riding public transportation. Incidental means actual contact, not proximity contact. If you are 4 or 5 seats away it is proximity contact. Unplanned incidental contact would be if a kid came up and asked for a cigarette. You also have to relate it to their victim pool, for example if a kid came and sat down next to a sex offender with a child victim, and the offender did not get up and move, that would be a two.

Mike talked about the drinking question, and scoring someone a 1 even though the person is allowed to drink. Andrew told Mike that if it is allowed and continues over a period of time without being a problem, it would be okay to drop that down to a 0.

Mike also mentioned the “age” of the child & Katie talked about the tanner stages of sexual development & silhouettes. It is less important of the legal age of the child, but is the offender attracted to the developed silhouette or non-developed silhouettes. Katie will write down and send out the important updates to all of us, so everyone, at this meeting or not, will get this information.

Katie also mentioned that it is better to talk about the assessments with each other in your departments instead of doing them alone or on your own. The reliability of the tool goes way up when they are done with input from several sources instead of just one person. Katie mentioned this is a collaborative

process and to make sure and do your assessments even if your treatment providers are doing them, because you learn so much about your offenders by completing you own, but use the treatment providers data as well. Brent talked about the process, and the clients may be much more open with the treatment providers compared to the PO, so the collaborative approach is much more effective.

Katie also mentioned giving the offender the intake handout is not allowed, and even not tell them that you are doing an assessment, just telling them you are doing an evaluation on treatment needs. You will gain more information if you treat it more as you are gathering information.

Katie talked about the training itself, and will hopefully be having more training for everyone, even if you have already gone, if you go again now that you have been using it, it will really help you.

Katie handed out the new stable and acute updates and it will be sent out by Katie via Email as well. Any questions, ask Katie. She also handed out the new static-99 recidivism tables. The data is broken down even more than before, creating a clearer picture of actual risk.

Brent indicated he spoke with Dawn on the break, a way to run a list of who on your caseload needs a stable and acute. Dawn will talk to Joyce and see if we can add a report feature to help us out with this.

Brent reported there was a problem with WebLeds, a mask error created some offenders being entered as SVDO when they are not supposed to be. If you run into this problem, contact your SOON rep and they are supposed to be taking care of the data cleanup.

Nominations for 3rd chair will be in July. Mike is now president; Brent will not be at the next SOSN due to the impending birth of his child.

Next meeting: due to Curry County being so far south, it was recommended that SOSN be held at a more central location in July, so more people can attend, and do a one day meeting, so people do not have to stay overnight. Jeff Wood from Marion County graciously agreed to host. The meeting will be held July 28th, a Tuesday. Agenda will be sent out at a later date which will include start time.

