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Date: May 17, 2010
From: Randall Everitt, Director
To: Sex Offender Treatment Board Stakeholder
Re: Administrative Rules – Practice Standards and Guidelines

As you are probably aware, the Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB) has been working since March 2009 to develop practice standards and guidelines for the evaluation, treatment and management of adult, juvenile and developmentally disabled sex offenders in Oregon. These new standards and guidelines become effective on May 18, 2010.

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA), working collaboratively with the SOTB, thanks board members for their diligent and thorough efforts in establishing these first-ever standards and guidelines for the profession in Oregon.

The new standards are specified in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 331-840-0070, Code of Professional Conduct, which can be found at http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB/SOTB_Laws_and_Rules.shtml.

OHLA and the SOTB adopted the adult standards from the 2004 Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Practice Standards and Guidelines. A copy may be purchased by contacting ASTA at <http://www.atsa.com/form.html> or may be viewed at OHLA in Salem upon request.

The new standards require that all certified and associate sex offender therapists adhere to the same practice standards and guidelines when evaluating, treating, and managing sex offenders.

Sex offender treatment is a standard condition of probation and post-prison supervision or parole for offenders who have committed a sexual crime. Certification is currently voluntary in Oregon but uncertified sex offender therapists may not use the title Certified Clinical or Associate Sex Offender Therapist.

These standards are the culmination of more than two years of work by the SOTB, which was established by the Oregon State Legislature in 2007 within OHLA to reinforce the vital role sex offender treatment provides in protecting the public from offenders who return and remain in the community.

All administrative rule changes can be downloaded from the agency Website at http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/SOTB/SOTB_Laws_and_Rules.shtml. Alternative formats can be provided upon request by contacting Amanda Perkins at (503)373-1915.