

Clatsop County Community Corrections

Sex Offender Treatment Clinician Qualifications and Program Standards

Attachment B

The below listed qualifications must be met by all Clinicians in contract with Clatsop County providing treatment services to sex offenders in a private practice or treatment agency.

- I. Agency Clinical Supervisor or Licensed Practitioner shall meet the licensing requirements of the Sexual Offense Treatment Board (SOTB) as follows for either Certified Clinical Sexual Offense Therapist or Certified Secondary Clinical Sexual Offense Therapist or Certified Associate Sexual Offense Therapist:
 - a. Certified Clinical Sexual Offense Therapist Requirements:
 1. Possess a minimum of a master's degree in behavioral sciences.
 2. Have an active Oregon mental health professional license, or equivalent license as determined by SOTB.
 3. Have a minimum of at least 2,000 hours of direct clinical contact with clients within not more than six years prior to the application date. The hours include:
 4. 1,000 hours of direct treatment services; and
 5. 500 hours of evaluations; and
 6. 500 hours of treatment-plan related activity, including report writing, clinical consultations, case management, charting, peer review and consultations, meeting with attorneys, parole and probation officers, caseworkers, families, victims and other members of the client's social network.
 7. The applicant shall maintain their Certified Clinical Sexual Offense Therapist Licensure and remain in good standing by completing on-going continuing education as required by SOTB and OAR 331-830-0020.
 - b. Certified Secondary Clinical Sexual Offense Therapist:
 1. Be under the direct supervision of Certified Clinical Sexual Offense Therapist.
 2. Have a minimum of master's degree in behavioral sciences.
 3. Have an active Oregon mental health professional license or equivalent license as determined by the Office or be registered intern for mental health professional licensed in Oregon.
 4. Have a minimum of 15 hours formal training applicable to sexual-abuse-specific evaluation and treatment, obtained within three years prior to the application date.
 - c. Certified Associate Sexual Offense Therapist:
 1. Be under the direct supervision of a Certified Clinical Sexual Offense Therapist.
 2. Have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences.
 3. Have a minimum of 1,000 hours of direct clinical contact with clients.
 4. Have a minimum of 30 hours of formal training applicable to sexual-abuse-specific evaluations and treatment, obtained within three years prior to the application date.

- II. Additional Requirements:
 - a. Be a participating member of The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) as well as a member of the Oregon Chapter of ATSA (OATSA). Maintain good standing with these associations and ascribe to their ethical standards and practices.
 - b. The Clinician will be required to pass a criminal background check. (Criteria: an applicant with a history of sex offenses or offenses related to fraud will not be approved. Other person-to-person offenses and alcohol & drug offenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

- III. Community Correction Client Coordination and Therapy Programing Requirements:
 - a. The Clinician will engage in active and on-going coordination with Community Corrections to ensure that treatment programing and curriculum adhere to the Oregon Department of Corrections CPC standards which includes the use of Evidence Based Practices (EBP).
 - b. The Clinician will complete an evaluation with each client prior to therapy engagement. That evaluation will contain at a minimum: Mental status exam, psychosocial history, criminal history, sexual history, treatment history, diagnostic impressions, multiaxial diagnosis, and treatment recommendations.
 - c. The Clinician will disseminate a copy of this assessment to the client's supervising officer when the initial assessment is completed and when any subsequent assessments are completed through the treatment process. Such documents must include the determination of client's need of therapy and, if therapy is recommended, a summary of the treatment plan. The Clinician will further provide the client's supervising officer documented treatment plan up-dates when the treatment plan is modified or up-dated. All treatment plans shall be up-dated a minimum of once annually.
 - d. Clinician will complete verbal staffing with the client's supervising officer a minimum of once per month and provide a written status report a minimum of once quarterly. Status reports will include client participation and performance, any notable or significant issues affecting treatment or supervision and what phase of treatment the client is in.
 - e. For clients that become non-compliant with treatment, a notice of non-compliance will be provided to the client's supervising officer as soon as practicable, but not to exceed 10 business days from when the Clinician becomes aware of the non-compliance. Such notification does not necessarily mean that the client cannot continue in therapy once compliance is re-established.
 - f. The Clinician and Clatsop County Community Corrections will utilize a privilege request form or action plan form for client use. This document will be developed and used for clients to request special privileges or allowances. Both the Clinician and Supervising officer are to receive a copy of the request and both must be involved in the approval/denial of such. At the Clinician's discretion, the process may also include therapy group feedback regarding the request, though the therapy group itself shall not make the final approval determination.
 - g. The Clinican and Clatsop County Community Corrections will utilize a safety planning document. This document will be developed and used for clients when planning for

reunification or contact with current/prior victim/survivor, or other individual(s) where such planning is needed. This document will specify the parameters of contact allowed, expectations required in order to maintain allowable contact, actions to be taken for contract violations.

- h. All client polygraphs shall be scheduled as a result of a coordination between the supervising officer and the treatment Clinician and all such results shall be shared. Clients in need of psychosexual evaluations, polygraph examinations, sexual arousal assessments, or other services not provided by the Clinician will be staffed with the client's supervising officer and appropriate referrals made.
- i. The Clinician will require clients to sign a two-way release of information to allow treatment and supervision coordination between the Clinician and Clatsop County Community Corrections.
- j. If the Clinician has a concern or disagreement with the supervising officer about a case that cannot be resolved, the concern should be discussed with Community Corrections Division Management.
- k. The Clinician will provide each client with a written copy of the treatment agreement which include at a minimum, their treatment expectations, the consequences if the client violates the agreement, cost for service and the frequency of treatment involvement. This agreement must be signed by the client at the beginning of treatment and a copy provided to the client's supervising officer.
- l. The Clinician shall have a written grievance procedure that is provided to each client. This procedure should allow clients a process wherein they can adequately address any ethical, procedural, or therapy related concerns. This procedure should include the contact information for the Oregon Health Authority Health Licensing Office and the client's right to file a complaint with that office.
- m. Clinicians are expected to follow the ATSA ethical principles. The Clinician is responsible for the ethical conduct of interns and employees working under their supervision. Violations of an ethical principal that comes to the attention of Clatsop County may result in a review by Clatsop County, and a corrective action plan for the violation may be issued. A violation may result in a report being made to ATSA by Clatsop County, if the Clinician is an ATSA member, and/or reported to the SOTB. The service contract may be terminated as a result of such violations.