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OHLA, Sex Offender Treatment Board Begin Work to Shape Uniform Licensing, Safety Standards for Treatment Specialists

Salem, OR, January, 2008 — The newly established Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB) conducted its initial meeting on Friday, November 30, as the ninth volunteer citizen board overseen by the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA).

“We were impressed with the organization and thoroughness of OHLA staff. We look forward to leveraging our professional expertise with their existing regulatory expertise,” said the SOTB’s newly appointed Chair, Dr. William Davis.

“The SOTB has an important role in working with OHLA to establish a care and oversight program we can monitor under our existing law,” said OHLA Director Susan K. Wilson.

The passage of House Bill 3233 (Oregon Laws 2007, Chapter 841, Sections 1-12) in the last Oregon Legislative Session established the SOTB. The SOTB, in collaboration with OHLA, will establish standards of practice and professional responsibility and adopt training and continuing education requirements for certification of Clinical Sex Offender Therapists and Associate Sex Offender Therapists.

The SOTB will initially be focusing on developing Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for the profession and working with OHLA to ensure the many and diverse stakeholders of this new regulatory program are involved in the rulemaking process.

Sex offender treatment is a standard condition of probation and post-prison supervision or parole for offenders who have committed a sexual crime.

“We have much work to accomplish, but I’m confident after our first meeting that we are in capable hands with OHLA,” added Dr. Davis.

“The qualifications and knowledge SOTB members bring to the process will be invaluable,” added Wilson.

Please visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA for more information on the OHLA central agency and on the newly established Sex Offender Treatment Board.