



Oregon Board of Parole

& POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

Board Business Meeting Minutes Monday, August 24, 2015

Call to Order and Note of Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m., and note of attendance made: Board Chair, Kristin Wings-Yanez; Board member, Michael Wu; Board member, Sid Thompson; Board Executive Director, Brenda Carney; Jeremiah Stromberg, DOC; Patty Cress, DOC Release; Board staff.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from July 27, 2015; edits previously suggested. Wu moved to approve the minutes, Thompson seconded.

Chairperson Comments:

- National Institute of Corrections Technical Assistance project on Victim Services: Wings-Yanez attended meeting with national crime victim advocacy experts to come up with a model for seamless crime victim services in post-conviction proceedings. DOC, the Board, and Multnomah County attended and we discussed information sharing, systems, and priorities. Notification on sanctions was one problem area we discussed. Multnomah County will be working on a pilot project to get information from the DAs office on the crime at the time of conviction. The NIC contractor assigned to the project will be issuing a report and our work will continue. Stromberg suggested Wings-Yanez attend a DOC policy group meeting to talk about the project; Wu suggested we involve the Portland Police in the Multnomah County project.
- Public records audit: the Secretary of State is gathering information to evaluate any possible need for statutory changes. We have been working to provide information to them in a timely manner.
- Agency values: DAS is working on the Oregon Management Project to identify enterprise values. We have talked about doing a similar exercise internally. The Board can engage in a values exercise or we could contract with an outside group to facilitate the discussion. Thompson suggested we contact the group DAS is working with to learn about our options.
- The Sex Offender Notification Level (SONL) implementation team of the Governor's Re-entry council will meet tomorrow and work on educating the public about the system.

Executive Director's Update:

- Victims Specialist: Robyn Varner started this month. Debbie Wojciechowski will be out for a month then will continue her temporary work as we transition.

- New Positions: we will be beginning recruitment for the eight positions we will be hiring for the SONL work. Wings-Yanez noted the Operations Policy Analyst position will be a high-level position with policy management, legislative tracking, and other duties. Carney stated recruitments should be going out in the next week or shortly thereafter.
- Carney continues to investigate office space options for the new staff and/or the whole agency.
- Carney will attend the release counselor meeting tomorrow and provide overview of the SONL system.
- Sex Offender supervision parole officer training will be held this week, Carney will be providing a portion of the training.

DOC Update:

- Stromberg updated the Board on Short Term Transitional Leave releases. DOC continues to work on their processes. In the last year, 1900 inmates were released on STTL, 22 were returned for having committed a new crime while on leave. All 22, with the exception of one, were for property or drug behaviors. 71 were returned on technical violations. They will next study how offenders who left on STTL did on supervision vs. those who did not. STTL has saved 74,000 prison bed days while using 1900 jail bed days in the community.
- DOC will be pulling the structured sanctions grid group together again to move forward on that project. Wings-Yanez informed that the Board has applied to send our Hearings Officer to a National Parole Resource Center training on evidence-based sanctioning and will share resources if we are able to attend.
- DOC will be working on policy packages for the next legislative session this fall.

Old Business:

- We will discuss special condition changes at next month's meeting. We will also discuss updates/peals to outdated rules.
- New Division 85 - Sex Offender Notification Level System. One rule addresses the methodology the Board will use to conduct these assessments. The other rules address the classification process and timelines. Exhibit SO-1 through SO-3, are forms for the adult male using the Static99R. Exhibits SO-1L through SO-3L, are the forms for the alternative assessments.
 - 0010: Definitions
 - 0020: Sex Offender Risk Assessment Methodology
 - 0030: Timelines for Classifying Registrants
 - 0040: Procedures for Classifying Adult Male Registrants
 - 0050: Procedures for Classifying Young Male Registrants, Female Registrants, and Category B Registrants: These are the individuals that a Static99R cannot be used on. The LS/CMI will be used for these individuals.

Last month Board voted in temporary rules, but determined that the action was premature as the Governor had not yet signed the bill. The rules had not been filed yet with the Secretary of State. Wu moved to rescind the vote, Thompson seconded. Board unanimously rescinded last month's vote.

Winges-Yanez noted the Governor has now signed the bill and it is effective as of August 12, 2015. Wings-Yanez again introduced the drafts of the rules proposed to implement the classification portions of 181.800 through 803; reclassification and relief rules will come later. The Board will prioritize the “new” registrants. Board will use a Notice of Classification document to transmit the classification to the Oregon State Police for the registry. Carney will be meeting with the assessment specialists to discuss the proposed rules and processes. Thompson moved to adopt rules identified above, Wu seconded. Wings-Yanez noted these are to be implemented immediately, to be filed as temp adopt and retroactively to January 1, 2014. Retroactive application is necessary given that the statute prescribes a January 1, 2014 implementation date for certain classifications yet we have just received statutory authority to create the rules. We will follow permanent rulemaking procedure on the rules in the near future.

New Business:

- None at this time.

Future Board Meetings:

- Monday, September 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.