

Private Investigators Subcommittee Minutes November 17, 2015

The Private Investigator Subcommittee of the Private Security and Investigator Policy Committee held a regular meeting on November 17, 2015, at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training located in Salem, Oregon. Chair Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Ron Miller, Chair, Behavioral Forensics & Investigations
Jim Gibson, Gibson & Associates, Inc.
Myron Sanders, Private Investigator
Steven Swenson, Private Investigator

Members Absent

Gilbert Zaccaro, Private Investigator Industry

DPSST Staff:

Mona Riesterer, Professional Standards Assistant
Suzy Herring, Interim Program Manager/PSPI
Sharon Huck, Rules Coordinator
Julie Johnson, Compliance Specialist
Carissa White, Interim Compliance Investigator



1. *Minutes October 2, 2015

Approve minutes from October 2, 2015, Private Investigator Subcommittee

Steven Swenson moved that the subcommittee approve the minutes of the October 2, 2015, Private Investigator Subcommittee. Myron Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

To see a complete record of the October 2, 2015, Private Investigator Subcommittee minutes, please go to: <http://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/BD/Pages/PrivateInvestigatorsSubMinutes.aspx>

2. Comment from John Stevens

The subcommittee reviewed the letter from Mr. Stevens in regards to his concerns in a recent program he completed at an outside agency and his concerns on the agencies policies. As DPSST does not regulate agency policies, this would be considered outside of DPSST's jurisdiction. By unanimous decision it was determined that no action was needed from the subcommittee and Suzy Herring will follow up with Mr. Stevens.

3. Review of Reciprocity Research (tabled from last meeting from further discussion)

The subcommittee discussed the definition of “Reciprocity” within each state. The members discussed the option of creating a rule change instead of a statute change. Suzy Herring volunteered staff to draft recommended language for review at the next subcommittee meeting regarding a temporary license that includes some key topics. Recommended key topics for the temporary license include:

- 30 day limit per calendar year;
- No solicitation or initiation of new cases or open a business in Oregon;
- No working on cases that originate in Oregon;
- Must be following cases from state/states of licensure;
- Obey all rules and regulations that apply to Oregon investigators with the exception to the continuing education requirements;
- No fee; and
- If there is a founded complaint which results in an investigation of the out state investigator the offending investigator is liable for the cost of that investigation.

4. PI Exam (Executive Session)(tabled from last meeting for further discussion)

The subcommittee closed the public session to convene in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (f) at 9:45 a.m. This Executive Session was closed to members of the public. Public session was reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

5. Department Update

Suzy Herring reported:

The department has had some staff update. Monica Walker has accepted the Criminal Justice Certification Supervisor in the Professional Standards Division. Suzy Herring will be providing in the interim the position of Program Manager for the Private Security Private Investigator Licensing Program. The department is looking to backfill Suzy’s previous position in a professional development opportunity. The interview process will be taking place soon.

Interviews took place for the Training Specialist position and there was a successful candidate chosen. We are hoping to have the new recruitment start within a couple of weeks.

Passport, which is an online submission for applications, is currently being looked at by the department. The department is hoping by mid next year to have this in affect for our constituents.

The department will be transferring over to a new phone tree in January. DPSST was chosen as the pilot program and the transition should be seamless and should look fairly close to what we currently have.

Sharon Huck and Suzy Herring are working on some housekeeping items that pertain to some of the OAR's. These will be a minor revision and will not impact PSPI. The complaint process form is under review to determine if it will need to update specifically for the PSPI program.

Suzy reported there were 9 orientations in 2015, 78 students attended the orientation, and 92 individuals that took the exam which means that others utilized the ability to take the exam without going through the orientation.

Steve Swenson asked in regards to the failed rate numbers. Suzy stated she would send out a number to the group on that information.

6. Roundtable

The subcommittee discussed the report that was provided to the group involving cases and complaints since 2013. Since 2013, there have been 139 PI cases opened as a result of a complaint. There were 93 violations issued which can include a warning that the individual was working without certification based on the information DPSST received. As a result there have been 130 PI cases closed, leaving 9 still open and 19 of the cases were unfounded, 25 were criminal complaints and 42 discretionary.

Suzy Herring advised the subcommittee that there is a Compliance Bulletin on the website that also lists all the information that was presented today.

7. Next Meeting

February 16, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.

** All documents reviewed and discussed in this meeting are subject to Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505). These documents can be requested by contacting DPSST at dpsst.records@state.or.us.*