



# Oregon Board of Parole & POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

## Board Business Meeting Minutes Monday, August 17, 2009

**Call to Order and Note of Attendance:** Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m., and note of attendance was made: Nancy Sellers, DOC Community Corrections Chief Mark Cadotte, Aaron Felton, Candace Wheeler, Michelle Mooney, and guest Lori Tribett.

**Approval of July 20, 2009 Minutes:** Approved as amended.

### Chairperson's Comments - Vicki Walker

- **Legislature:** Senator Margaret Carter will resign from her position to accept a position with DHS. It is not yet known who will take her place as the co-chair for Ways and Means.
- **Agency Agenda:** Vicki continues to meet with staff and learning all of their roles, as well as meeting with Aaron, and Nancy once a week to discuss where the Board is going and projects or goals they want to set/complete.
- **Budget:** Vicki and Nancy have been preparing for the September Ways and Means Committee.

### DOC Update - Mark Cadotte

- **Community Corrections:** Continuing to move forward on rule implementation on the local control inactive supervision. They have written rules on inactive probation and have sent it out for comments from the directors. The workgroup in charge of the rules will be reconvened one last time to finalize the rules and all comments made and then present the rules to the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors. The rules for inactive probation will not go into effect until they are adopted. The rules for local control inactive supervision will go into effect on September 1, 2009.
- **30% Earned Time:** The first batch of letters to the counties for eligible inmates will go out on August 31, 2009. Once the letters have been sent, DOC estimates that it will be about 10 days for notices to be received and releases to begin.
- **Measure 57 Supplemental Treatment Funds:** Applications for Measure 57 supplemental treatment funds have been posted. The first round of applications are due by September 4, 2009. DOC will review the applications and plans to distribute funds by October. A secondary application deadline has been set for October 10, 2009.

## Executive Director's Update - Nancy Sellers

- **Resignation:** Nancy gave notice that she will resign as the Executive Director at the end of the year. She hopes to have her successor hired on job rotation soon so she can train him or her prior to her departure on a one-year self-funded sabbatical.
- **Key Projects:** Nancy has been coordinating media interest and providing information to help educate the public about the Board. Vicki has an interview today with *The Oregonian*, and that reporter will attend hearings on Wednesday.
- **Joint Presentation with DOC:** Nancy is working with DOC on a road-show presentation and accompanying website on the continuum of the public safety system and the flow of offenders through the process from arrest through reentry.
- **Ways and Means:** Nancy is working with Sally Bellatty on budget projections. With the unfunded position for the fourth board member and significant cuts in budgeted DOJ funding, we project a near-\$600,000 shortfall by the end of the biennium.
- **Staff Update:** Donna has been working from home, communicating by email and phone with Nancy and staff to obtain information. Marshall has settled in well and is working on projects. Susan Deschler will return part-time as a temp to help with workload issues. Traci is nearing the end of her temp status and will be done by early September.

## Old Business:

- **Senate Confirmations:** Dates have been set for confirmation of the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, and for re-confirmation of current member Candace Wheeler. The Senate Rules Committee will meet September 29, and confirmation before the full Senate is scheduled for October 1.
- **Parole Hearings Workgroup Recommendations Status:** Primary focus has been on the victim communications piece. Nancy will meet with DOJ's Cynthia Stinson tomorrow to discuss plans. Nancy also is contacting nominees for the Parole Board Advisory Committee to convene the group to provide advice and input into the rules relating to the HB 3508 parole deferral period. Vicki hopes to have the group together for its first meeting in October.
- **I.C.E. Deportees:** Under the new law, the Governor will commute sentences for eligible inmates as part of a formal process. ICE will confirm paperwork to ensure that the offender qualifies. When approved, the offenders will have their sentences commuted prior to transport to federal custody; however, the commutation of their post-prison supervision will be delayed until the offenders actually are deported. If an offender is found to not be eligible for deportation after the sentence has been commuted, ICE will notify the Board and a release plan will be prepared for the offender's return to the community on PPS.

- **Murder Review Update:** Candace is working on the rule revisions for murder review hearings, OAR 255-032-0007, and has sent them to Steve Wolf for advice. The rule should be ready soon and will need to be adopted prior to September's hearings.

**New Business:**

- **Executive Director Job Rotation:** Nancy has sent an informal notice out advising of her resignation and the opening of her position. She has received some interest from this notice, and is hoping for more interest once the formal notice is posted.

**Additional Items:**

- **Reentry Pilot Program:** A meeting was held last Friday to begin discussions among county, state and federal partners. The next meeting is likely to be scheduled for October. Vicki feels this is a great program and is excited to take part in it. She feels that this is a great opportunity to educate offenders and to help cut down on future costs by lowering the recidivism rate and helping offenders be successful in their transition back to the community.

**Future Board Meetings:**

- September 21, 2009
- October 19, 2009
- November 16, 2009

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Mooney*