



## Governor's Re-entry Council

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### Meeting Summary March 5, 2014

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)  
Hall of Heroes  
4190 Aumsville Highway  
Salem, OR 97317

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**CHAIR:** Colette S. Peters

**NOTE TAKER:** Kelli Ketchum

**ATTENDEES:** Colette S. Peters, Chris Hoy for Mark Royal, Dick Withnell, Rod Underhill, Greg Hamann, Sandy Dugan for Erinn Kelley-Siel, Jerry Moore, Joe Glover for Cameron Smith, Fariborz Pakseresht, Paul Solomon, Rep. Kevin Cameron, Kristin Kahler-Jones for Lisa Nisenfeld, Tom McClellan, Kristin Wings-Yanez, Kim Brockamp, Cindy Booth

**OBSERVERS:** Craig Prins, Martha Duncan-Perez, Rebecca Smith, Sarah Huggins, Debra Giard, Sue Robson, Sharon Darcy, Sue Matranga-Watson, Doug Cooper, Dawnell Meyer, Bethany Smith, Jamie Breyman, Barb Cannard, Benny Ward, Karuna Thompson, Parrish VanWert, Donovan Dumire, Matt Meier, Dennis Holmes,

#### 1. Approval of Meeting Summary

DISCUSSION:	No comments regarding the minutes; no objections.
ACTION:	The Council approved the meeting summary for November 20, 2013.
ATTACHMENT:	 112013GovernorCou ncilMeetingMinutes.pr

#### 2. Presentation on HB 3194 (2013) Grant Review Committee – Power Point

DISCUSSION:	As requested by Council members for this March 2014 meeting, Craig Prins, Director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), presented on HB
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3194 which was signed into law in July, 2013. Director Prins' presentation focused on the section in this legislation that expanded 'short-term transitional leave,' as this section most closely relates to re-entry. Director Prins also reviewed those Justice Reinvestment Grants authorized by the legislation.

HB 3194 (2013) represents Oregon's 'justice reinvestment initiative bill'. Justice Reinvestment is a federal program supported by the federal Department of Justice (US DOJ) through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Designed to provide states technical assistance, the program is designed to help states examine those issues that drive prison population growth; determine ways to stem that growth; and, implement processes and structure that safely control prison growth. The operational savings are then 're-invested' at the local level to bolster community corrections, re-entry services, drug courts, and other services and programs that are shown to save taxpayer dollars and advance public safety.

Oregon is in the implementation phase concerning HB 3194, and the CJC works closely with the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC), county community corrections agencies, district attorneys, sheriffs, judges and other stakeholders to review implementation status on a quarterly basis.

As the first PowerPoint slide illustrates, four counties (Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Marion and Lane) comprise 62% of the prison population, so focusing on prison commitments from these counties is where Oregon will see reductions in the reliance on state prison beds.

Director Prins noted the number of prison beds increase over the next 10 years was forecast at 2,300 beds and would cost several hundred-million dollars over the decade. HB 3194 was the vehicle to change the trajectory of that significant growth. With the changes in HB 3194 and the re-investments authorized, Oregon expects to see the prison population drop to 14,251 by the end of the (2013-15) biennium. This represents a drop of about 400 incarcerated from where we currently are.

Slide number three illustrates where we are today. The green line represents pre-HB 3194 trajectory; the blue line estimates savings with HB 3194; and the middle line is the October 2013 forecast. Director Prins noted state adult incarceration numbers are actually very closely tracking with the October 2013 forecast, for which ODOC is funded – at 168 adults in custody 'above' the forecast (funded) level. Director Prins also noted the importance of some significant budget reductions to ODOC going into the 2013-15 biennium that had nothing to do with HB 3194. For example, there was a \$19m cut from the ODOC operations budget that impacted other areas of the public safety budget.

	<p>As Oregon moves forward with the implementation of HB 3194, counties, the state and other agencies are partnering to look at the use of prison in a totally different way than the past – looking at the details of arrests and the practices around convictions, downward departures, etc. – at the local level -- to discern certain trends and determine what can be done about them. Something only possible through the partnerships developed over the last six months while implementing HB 3194. The major take-aways: we are tracking with the October forecast; but ODOC has more adults in custody than budgeted for, so the \$19 million taken from ODOC’s operational budget must be realized through bed savings.</p> <p>As part of HB 3194 changes to the ‘short-term transitional leave’ statutes, the state saw a drop of 150 adults in custody in the overall prison population early this year.</p> <p>Director Prins noted one of the most successful parts of HB 3194 is that the legislature now links the prison bed-growth controls with a budget impact where the savings go to the local counties – local control. Focusing on an alignment of systems and efforts between state and local jurisdictions will reduce recidivism. Each percent reduction in prison bed use (each percentage in recidivism reduction) saves \$4.3 million dollars in taxpayer and victim costs.</p>
ATTACHMENT:	 <p>RIC Reentry Council 3.5.14.pptx</p>

**3. Seven Re-Entry Implementation Teams: Status, Update and Meeting Schedule Reports**

DISCUSSION:	<p>Cindy Booth guided Council members through handouts outlining each implementation team’s initial charge. Ms. Booth invited Council members to forward suggestions for additional members for each implementation team.</p> <p><i>Reports from Implementation Team Leads</i></p> <p><b><u>Aging Populations; and, Family and Community Connections/Engagement</u></b> Sandy Dugan with the Department of Human Services (DHS) reported on the Aging Populations and the Family and Community Connections/Engagement Implementation Teams noting these teams will soon convene and additional members are welcome.</p> <p><b><u>Business Community Implementation Team</u></b> Council member Dick Withnell reported the first meeting of the Business Community Implementation Team is scheduled for March 17. Mr. Withnell is the team lead and he is anxious to get data and statistics to help drive the</p>
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group's work to positively impact re-entry around the state.

**Education Implementation Team**

Greg Hamann, President of the Linn-Benton Community College and member of the Governor's Quality Education Commission will lead the Education Implementation Team. Dr. Hamann stated he is in the early stages of planning and is very excited about education's impact on successful reentry. He will ask the team to focus on 'access to education' and supports in advance of leaving the corrections system so individuals have a real opportunity to compete for employment which today requires more than a high-school diploma or GED. Paul Solomon mentioned the Education Inside Out program currently bringing classes to some ODOC prisons as a possible framework.

Questions arose about the changes to GED testing where 'on-line' tests are the only option yet many individuals released from prison are not allowed to use computers. Dawnell Meyers, ODOC Administrator of Education and Training, updated members on ODOC's electronic GED program and on-line access. Kristin Wings-Yanez, Chairperson of the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (BOPPPS) commented on changes made by the Board to greatly reduce the number and type of post-prison supervision conditions that historically restricted individuals from computer use.

**Juvenile Re-Entry Implementation Team**

Seantel Heisel, Oregon Youth Authority, reported on the Juvenile Re-Entry Implementation Team whose first meeting is scheduled for March 13. This team will focus on the Council's work from 2011 technical assistance to develop a framework for juvenile re-entry.

**Sex Offender Level System Implementation Team**

BOPPPS Chair, Kristin Wings-Yanez, reported the Sex Offender Level System Implementation Team will convene in a couple months and focus on 'education' strategies around the new 'tier system.' Additional membership will be sought from the Oregon State Police, Public Safety Review Board (PSRB), the victim community and others.

**Veterans Implementation Team**

Joe Glover with the Oregon Department of Veterans Administration (ODVA) reported a small group met March 3<sup>rd</sup> to review information from the master database of Veterans who are incarcerated. The database relies on self-report data obtained at intake to ODOC. ODVA needs to know which individuals are truly among the incarcerated Veterans community to better assist in securing appropriate reentry services. Accurate data is the first priority.

Paul Solomon asked that each team ensure housing and employment are infused

	<p>into their work since the Council no longer has groups specific to those topics.</p> <p>Doug Cooper with Mercy Corps asked that team membership include the victim community and community-based partners. Director Peters invited those representing the communities of interest to participate on teams and invite participation from their colleagues and partners.</p> <p>Dick Withnell asked that a forum for information-sharing across implementation teams be developed. Director Peters and Council members agreed. This will be a standing agenda item for the seven teams during each quarterly Council meeting.</p>
<b>ACTION:</b>	Each implementation team will begin meeting as soon as possible and be prepared to report quarterly to the Council.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	 Aging Population Team List_3-4-14.doc  Business Community Implementation Team  Education Implementation Team  Family & Community Connections_Engage Implementation Team  Juvenile Re-Entry Implementation Team  Sex Offender Implementation Team  Veterans Implementation Team

#### 4. Council Member Agency and Organization Reports

<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	<p>Director Peters provided an overview of the ODOC budget indicating the full Ways and Means Committee released the department's 2% hold-back.</p> <p>Chairperson Kristin Wings-Yanez shared Michael Wu is the newest Board member. Mr. Wu began work March 3<sup>rd</sup>. With his appointment, the Parole Board has seen a 100% turnover in Board membership.</p> <p>Representative Cameron asked the Council review recidivism data at each quarterly Council meeting and that detail by county is available. Greg Hamann asked we also provide the definitions used for recidivism.</p> <p>Tom McClellan, Administrator of the Department of Motor Vehicles shared the most recent data on state ID's issued through the Valid with Previous Photo (VWPP) process (see attached); noting this does not include those ID's issued through monthly trips in Salem and Madras.</p> <p>Council members asked this data be tracked and reported each Council meeting and that data be collected and reported from individual counties who assist individuals to obtain identification after release from prison.</p>
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ATTACHMENTS:	  WPPP Overall Master Copy of 2009 thru 2013-2014.pdf March 2014 Total DM
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**5. Good of the Order**

DISCUSSION:	Oregon World War II Memorial. Construction is now underway and June 6, 2014 is the celebration.
ATTACHMENT:	 OREGON WWII MEMORIAL.docx
NEXT MEETING:	Date: June 4, 2014 Time: 2:30 to 4:30 PM Location: DPSST, Hall of Heroes 4190 Aumsville Highway Salem, OR 97317
FUTURE MEETINGS - AGENDA ITEMS:	Standing Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused presentations and discussion concerning the work of one of the seven Implementation Teams:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aging Populations</li> <li>○ Business Community</li> <li>○ Education</li> <li>○ Family and Community Connections/Engagement</li> <li>○ Juvenile Re-Entry</li> <li>○ Sex Offender Level System</li> <li>○ Veterans</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Implementation Team Quarterly Target Reviews</li> <li>• Council Member Agency and Organization Reports</li> <li>• Request for Public Comment</li> <li>• Request for Future Agenda Items</li> </ul>