

STATE OF OREGON | PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD

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INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) is the agency in Oregon that supervises individuals who have been found “Guilty Except for Insanity” or GEI for adults and “Responsible Except for Insanity” or REI for juveniles. The PSRB also supervises a small number of individuals who have been civilly committed.

RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has victims’ advocates to help victims navigate the PSRB process. These advocates, who do not work for either the State Hospital or PSRB, can be reached at (503) 378-4284 or crimevictimservices@doj.state.or.us

Reimbursement for some expenses related to attending a hearing may be available through the Crime Victims' Compensation program. These expenses include travel related costs and counseling costs associated with the trauma of receiving hearing notification and/or attendance.



HEARING FACTS

PSRB hearings are held at the Oregon State Hospital (2600 Center St NE, Salem) and the PSRB office (610 SW Alder Street, Suite 420, Portland). Parking information can be found at <http://www.oregon.gov/prb> or by calling (503) 229-5596.

Adult hearings are held on Wednesdays and Juvenile hearings are held on Mondays. For a monthly hearing schedule check the PSRB website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/prb/pages/index.aspx>

Victims have the right to give an impact statement at PSRB hearings. These statements can be done in person or by telephone or may be submitted in writing. If a victim is uncomfortable being in the hearing room with the patient, arrangements can be made for the victim to view the hearing using video-conferencing.

Attending the hearing will be three (3) Board members, an Assistant Attorney General who represents the State, the patient and his/her attorney. Additionally, there may be witnesses such as physicians or social workers. Hearings vary in length depending on type of hearing, the number of witnesses and the number of victims giving statements.

The Oregon State Hospital is a secure setting and all personal items such as cellphones, bags and purses are not allowed in the hearing room. There are lockers provided for storage of these items free of charge in the Hospital lobby.

PSRB BASICS

Individuals who are found GEI or REI **do not have a criminal conviction**. Instead, they will receive rehabilitative services and psychiatric treatment. Victims should not expect the Board to focus on punishment.

Once the criminal case is over, defendants are referred to as patients or clients.

The PSRB has an outstanding safety record. The re-offense rate for PSRB patients is less than 1%. The re-offense rate for the Department of Corrections is 30%.

Not all those found GEI or REI go to the Oregon State Hospital (OSH). For those who are admitted to OSH, there is no minimum or set amount of time they will stay there.

The PSRB is required by law to conditionally release a patient into the community if they can be safely supervised outside of the hospital.

For those released into the community, the vast majority of patients are placed in a secured treatment facility. Patients may step-down to lower levels of supervision and care. While some patients may be allowed to live independently, others may always need some level of staff support.

Types of Hearings

Initial Hearing: All patients who are found GEI/REI have a preliminary hearing no later than ninety (90) days following sentencing.

Hospital Requested Hearing: The Hospital or the patient's treatment team may request a hearing when they feel that a patient no longer meets the criteria for hospitalization or he or she qualifies for conditional release.

Patient/Outpatient Requested Hearing: Patients may request a hearing every six (6) months and can ask for a conditional release evaluation, conditional release, modification to his or her conditional release or an early discharge from jurisdiction

2-Year/1-Year Hearing: Individuals under the Board's jurisdiction who are at the State Hospital will have a hearing after two years for adults and after one year for juveniles to review the patient's progress and whether continued hospitalization is appropriate.

5-Year/3-Year Hearing: When an individual is placed on conditional release, the Board will hold a hearing after five (5) years for adults and three (3) years for juveniles, to consider the progress of the client.

Administrative Hearing: When patients are living in the community, the Board may periodically review and modify release conditions. These reviews are based on the patient's file and there is no testimony taken and no one but the Board members are present. As a victim, you may request a full hearing rather than an administrative hearing. Please contact the DOJ victim advocate to request a full hearing. Please contact the DOJ victim advocate to request a full hearing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions about a specific hearing, please contact the hearing coordinator at (503) 229-5596.

If you have special accommodation needs, including scheduling concerns, please contact the DOJ victim advocate at (503) 378-4284.

Help us keep in touch with you. Let PSRB know of any contact information changes including address, telephone number or email. You may reach them at (503) 229-5596 or psrb@oregon.gov