



# Oregon Board of Parole

## & POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

### Board Business Meeting Minutes Monday, September 29, 2014

**Call to Order and Note of Attendance:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., and note of attendance made: Board Chair, Kristin Wings-Yanez; Board member, Sid Thompson; Board member, Michael Wu; Department of Corrections, Release Services Manager, Hank Harris; Board staff, Shawna Harnden. No attendees from the public.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from August 25, 2014, edits previously suggested. Wings-Yanez moved to adopt, Wu seconded.

#### Chairperson Comments:

- Pleased at the Board's efforts and progress on past Board business meeting topics.
- Carney & Wings-Yanez will be attending the December meeting of Oregon CURE. Washington County Re-entry Council has requested Wings-Yanez attend the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to speak on the sex offender notification level system.
- A new workgroup has been created to discuss the Uniform Collateral Consequences Act. The Oregon Law Commission is spearheading the effort and running the workgroup. They have requested Wings-Yanez participate in the workgroup.
- The Parole Board workgroup, which started June 2013 as a result of the Judiciary Committee's interest in Board hearings following the Porter case, will be meeting again on Friday. The workgroup discussed legislation to increase the number of Board members and to change the kind and amount of information used for exit interview hearings and parole consideration hearings. Wings-Yanez will keep everyone updated.

#### Executive Director's Update:

- State Emergency Board (E-Board) did approve the allocations from the reserved funds for the PBMIS rewrite. DOC continues to make progress on this project and has been providing, at minimum, monthly progress status reports to Parole Board, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and the Legislative Fiscal Officer (LFO). There has been continued discussion with our CFO on the possibility of our requesting additional funds from E-Board to cover the shortfall in our personal services. This shortfall is due to pay line exceptions that are draining our funding. Several staff positions are also being evaluated for possibility of reclassifications since many have experienced significant changes with their duties.

- October 9-10<sup>th</sup>, Carney will be meeting with the DOC workgroup to restructure the statewide sanction grid to incorporate evidence based practices for sanctioning purposes. These changes will include positive reinforcements and incentives, not just punitive action.
- Charitable fund drive –Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a potluck. Tickets will be sold for anyone who wants to eat lunch here that day. Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Halloween costume contest.
- Department of Public Safety Standards Training (DPSST) – She facilitated two classes for basic academy with the new curriculum. The new curriculum is more hands on with smaller groups.

### **DOC Update:**

- Short Term Transitional Leave (STTL) – DOC is working with the Board to obtain early votes of conditions for those inmates eligible to participate in STTL. This will allow for consistency throughout the inmates' time while in the community on STTL and upon their completion and release to post-prison supervision (PPS). The process is still unfolding.

### **Old Business:**

- OAR 255-005-0005 (59) Definition of Victim: The issue of what individuals fall under our definition of a victim was brought to the Board over a year ago. National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) recently submitted their input. They are recommending we change our definition of a victim to include more people. They are also recommending we change our rule, 255-030-0026(4)(f), to allow statements from anyone who has been victimized by the offender. She has proposed this item remain on the agenda while awaiting legal review and further input from other stakeholders.
- Sex Offender Level System (SOLN): Our agency is waiting for DOC to move forward with their rules on this topic. We have exhibits that will need to be included with our rule adoption when that time comes. There is no further update at this time.
- The submissions for hearings were created many years ago prior and were input into automatic type lettering systems that prevent us from changing any data on the documents themselves. Wings-Yanez has been reviewing these forms. Many will need to be completely re-created and those that are exhibits to our rules that will require a rule change.

### **New Business:**

- Wings-Yanez and Jeremiah Stromberg earlier this month to discuss Sexually Violent Dangerous Offender (SVDO) supervision. Board-designated SVDO is different from court-designated SVDO. Court designated SVDOs are to be supervised under a normal supervision level, but receives lifetime supervision. When the Board designates offenders as SVDO, the supervision level is to be higher than the highest level under county guidelines, and DOC gives the counties extra funding to assist in accommodating that requirement. DOC community corrections staff research each case to ensure the

county is maintaining the highest level of supervision with these offenders prior to sending out the additional funds. He inquired whether the Board wants to be involved when contacting the counties that are not in compliance with supervising at the highest level. Wings-Yanez agreed the Board should be involved, as the Board made the designation. DOC will notify the Board when an SVDO designee is not being supervised at the highest level and both agencies will work collaboratively with the county.

- Candace Wheeler is retiring with her last day being September 30<sup>th</sup>. She has been an employee of DOC since her term ended here at the Board.

**Future Board Meetings:**

- Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.