



# Oregon Board of Parole

## & POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

### Board Business Meeting Minutes Monday October 15, 2012

**Call to Order and Note of Attendance:** The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m., and note of attendance made: Candace Wheeler, Jay Scroggin, Amber Kaatz, DOC Assistant Director of Community Corrections Division, Jeremiah Stromberg, Board Chairperson nominee, Kristi Winges-Yanez. Guests noted in attendance: Linda Harrison, Andy Simrin, and Walt Beglau.

**Meeting Minutes:** September 24 - minutes approved as written.

#### **Vice-Chairperson Comments:**

- Wheeler advised she wanted to jump right to the discussion of amendments for the rule OAR 255-062-0016: Factors to be Considered in Establishing a Deferral Period Longer Than Two Years. This amendment was previously brought to the table July 16, 2012; however, it was tabled due to the upcoming Board transitions. Wheeler felt it was appropriate to start the rule making process. Wheeler advised that because this is a Board Business Meeting, public comment will not be taken at this time. The suggested rule amendments will be submitted to the Secretary of State's office by November 15, 2012, so it can be published in the December newsletter. That notice will provide the date for the hearing to allow public comment and the final date at which public comment will be considered. Wheeler advised the amendment suggested in July was a one-word change in the first sentence to change "unanimous" to "majority." Stromberg advised that meetings were held with stakeholders during the development of the extended deferral rule. The consensus from the meetings with stakeholders was that the Board should exercise its authority to defer up to 10 years as the exception and not as the rule. The expectation was that the rule would be reserved for inmates whose progress was moving backwards rather than forward during their time of incarceration. Stromberg suggested requiring that it remain a unanimous decision to defer for longer than two years but that a majority decision controls the actual length of the deferment. Stromberg also suggested reviewing the factors of the rule to determine if all factors are still appropriate. Wheeler advised she felt the factors are appropriate and working for the process. She proposed to add a thirteenth factor for the instances when the offender refuses to participate in a Board ordered psychological evaluation and/or refusal to participate in the hearing. Wheeler advised she will move forward with proposing the amendment of changing the wording from unanimous to majority and the addition of a thirteenth factor.
- Wheeler thanked the staff for keeping things going so smoothly during this whole transition period.

### **Executive Director's Update:**

- Working with the Governor's office and stakeholders during appointment process for new Board members has given an opportunity of conversations with various stakeholders to discuss the Board itself and to improve our relationship with some of the district attorneys' offices.
- Last month there was discussion on the results of the customer service survey. Scroggin was going to bring the results, but now feels it may be more appropriate to just bring it to Wheeler and decide if it needs to be brought to a future board business meeting.
- We have hired a part-time temp retiree to provide support as a back-up hearings officer. Larry Monagon will be our part-time back-up hearings officer. Abbie Firestone, the Board's Order Specialist, has been helping out with the hearings as well.

### **DOC Update:**

- Inmate welfare fund is money collected from inmates from various items such as canteen purchases, use of telephone system, and fines. Statute states those dollars are to be used to benefit the inmates. The money is divided between treatment programs, education programs, gate money to assist with items for their release, day use room items for the inmates. A portion of these funds also go to Community Corrections to assist with the release process for the offenders, with a majority of that money being used towards the cost of subsidy housing. The collection of those funds has been greater than the expenses from this fund. Tomorrow at the policy group meeting, discussion will be made on how to use these extra funds. Stromberg advised his proposal will be to provide each of the counties a portion of these extra funds. He will also be requesting to start a pre-treatment cog group out of Linn & Douglas County for those offenders who are not ready for treatment yet. There are also some proposals on some possibilities of creating pre-treatment for the inmates. Kaatz provided suggestions for college scholarships and victim awareness programs for the offenders. Wheeler suggested allowing the matrix offenders to participate in treatment programs the institutions have. Stromberg advised he will take the suggestions to the policy group meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- None to discuss.

### **New Business:**

- New business already discussed.

### **Future Board Meetings:**

- November 19, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
- December 17, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.