



Oregon Board of Parole

& POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

Board Business Meeting Minutes Monday, August 19, 2013

Call to Order and Note of Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m., and note of attendance made: Board Chair, Kristin Winges-Yanez; Vice-Chair, Candace Wheeler; Board member Amber Kaatz, via teleconference.

Meeting Minutes: July minutes previously reviewed, edits suggested. Winges-Yanez moved to approve minutes. Wheeler seconded.

Chairperson Comments:

- Winges-Yanez advised she kept this meeting on the calendar to allow for any rule changes that may need to be done. It was discovered that previously submitted rule amendments were not being accurately reflected on the Secretary of State's (SOS) webpage; however, those seem to be resolved and she has no new rule changes at present time.
- The July Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors (OACCD) meeting was held in Astoria and was great opportunity to talk with our Community Corrections stakeholders about HB2549, the Sex Offender Tier System, and the *Hostetter* case, where we were dealing with offenders who are on post-prison supervision for murder committed before 6/29/1995, and who had been returned to prison. Further explanation was given of HB2549 and what it means for the Board. Winges-Yanez also discussed with OACCD the last minute addition to the bill regarding active supervision for sex offenders. There was some confusion on why that piece was added. After explaining the need to correct the omission of the word "active" in ORS 144.085 to ensure that specified sex offenders will remain on active supervision, everyone was appreciative that the Board was able to get the problem resolved so quickly.
- Winges-Yanez and Carney attended Sex Offender Supervision Network (SOSN) meeting that was in Deschutes last week. Carney gave a very thorough presentation on HB2549. She was on the original workgroup that led to the proposal of the legislation and was able to report back to the group what the final Bill ended up looking like. Winges-Yanez explained the larger policy pieces that the Board will be working on in the next few years. She also advised the group that she would continue to attend future SOSN meetings to keep them advised as the policies are developed.
- Winges-Yanez attended the Crime Victims' Task Force meeting and mostly advised the group of the Legislative updates. She did give a full report on the Sex Offender Tier

System and briefly covered portions of the HB3194 Reinvestment Bill that affect the Board. Denise Pena from Multnomah County raised the topic of victims services and community corrections. She was wondering what obligations community corrections might have, and whether there were ways to improve victims' rights/services in this area. She suggested ways to improve communication with victim's groups on the level of sanctions and other areas. Pena and Wings-Yanez were assigned to a sub work group to identify some of these issues and report back to the whole group in the October meeting.

Executive Director's Update:

- Wings-Yanez advised Carney was out of the office for today's meeting but that she has been doing a great job with her duties and keeping things moving during her transition into the agency.

DOC Update:

- No update.

Old Business:

- Carney is spreading the word about HB2549 (the Sex Offender Tier System) across the state with our stakeholders. Our next move will be to start the hiring process for the two positions that will be doing the Static 99R assessments with an estimated start sometime in January. Finalized the budget and everything looks good.
- The victim definition was discussed awhile back. Wings-Yanez advised she had asked for feedback and proposals on new language but has yet to receive anything. She hopes to have something by next month.
- Division 30 rules have now been published correctly. Harnden was able to confirm with the Secretary of State's office that only the header of the rule was not updated with the last amendments sometime in April. The SOS website has since been updated to reflect the rule correctly in its entirety.
- It was discovered that under the Extended Deferral Rule, Division 62, Section 0011; there was not a provision to use an extended deferral on someone with a conviction after 1989. Those would be murderers, aggravated murderers. Vice-Chair Wheeler had come up with language but still needs to get the approval from Department of Justice (DOJ) before proceeding. Wings-Yanez is hoping to have the proposed rule change for the upcoming Board Business Meeting in September.
- Hank Harris from Department of Corrections had discussed with the Board at the last business meeting about translating the Order of Supervision conditions so that we could provide better service to the non-English speaking populations. Wings-Yanez advised her goal was to research other state agencies to see how they accommodated these populations but through her research, she did not find any consistency. She is going to discuss this further with other public safety partners at the next Public Safety meeting for their feedback. In the meantime, she wants to proceed with the Spanish translation of the Orders. Wheeler advised the Notice of Rights documents are frequently used and should also be included in this project. Kaatz and Wings-Yanez agreed.

- SMART Advanced Academy for parole officers will take place in October and November. The basic parole officer academy is being held in September. Carney and Wings-Yanez will be doing a presentation on behalf of the Board.

New Business:

- Sex offender package B: The Board reviewed the policy on the imposition of this package, specifically whether we are imposing sex offender package B for offenders who do not have a sex conviction or a prior conviction for a sex offense. We have imposed the package as “per PO” conditions in the past if there was evidence in the file that showed evidence of the commission of a sex offense. Kaatz had suggested to leave the package B off the releasing orders and allow the PO to ask for a modification should it be needed. The PO will have the authority under SC #10 (“submit to assessment and evaluation to develop a case plan for supervision and/or treatment”) to direct the offender to an assessment, and, should the assessment show the need for sex offender package B conditions, the PO can then request the modification from the Board. This process gives the offender notices of the proposed addition, and the option to have a hearing prior to the modifications being imposed.

Future Board Meetings:

- September 23, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.