



Oregon Board of Parole

& POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

Board Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2016

Call to Order and Note of Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and note of attendance made: Board Chair, Michael Wu; Board Member, Patty Cress; Board Member Sid Thompson; Board Supervisory Executive Support, Jaime Ferguson; Board Policy Analyst, Perry Waddell; Board Hearings Officer, Shawna Harnden; Department of Corrections Assistant Director, Jeremiah Stromberg; Department of Corrections Rehabilitation Manager, Hank Harris; No public attendees.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from Monday, August 29, 2016; edits previously suggested. Thompson moved to adopt the minutes with one suggested correction, Cress seconded.

Chairperson Comments:

Wu announced Mr. James Hill, retired federal parole officer, has been confirmed and will be the fifth board member, scheduled to start October 18, 2016.

Wu updated he testified for the Joint Judiciary Committee, presenting an overview of Oregon's sex offender registry; among those in attendance were representatives from the Oregon State Police and representatives from OACCD (Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors). Wu stated he was asked to report on the rate of which the Board was classifying registrants, and whether the Board would be seeking additional resources to help with the workload. Wu reported that the Board would be seeking additional resources.

Wu revisited the meeting with the Sex Offender Notification Level Implementation Team he attended last month; Wu stated the team has reached out to the Oregon State Police in an effort to request a representative from their agency join the SONL implementation team. Wu stated a discussion with the Department of Justice surrounding the inclusion of victims to the classification process is ongoing. Wu continued, stating the team is in ongoing conversations with OACCD surrounding the classification and notification process for those offenders on bench probation. Wu further stated that he and Vice Chair Herrman attended a meeting at OJD (Oregon Judiciary Department) discussing potential processes that could help the court system accurately identify those individuals, and a system that would include a notification to the Board.

Wu stated the Board is scheduled to visit DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards and Training) to speak with training classes on the role of the Parole Board. Wu concluded Chairperson Comments and opens for additional comments from Board members; Cress stated that she and Vice-Chair Herrman will be hosting the first of the Board's regional Parole Officer trainings in Pendleton, Oregon.

Executive Director's Update

Carney was not in attendance. Wu updated the temporary reception position previously reported as filled, is still open; the hired candidate declined the position.

Wu informed Carney is still waiting to hear back from our Chief Financial Officer regarding our agency request budget. Carney has completed the agency's Affirmative Action plan and DAS (Department of Administrative Services) Risk Management Report; once approved it will be posted to our website. Wu informed that our Annual Performance Progress Report isn't accurately reported, due to much of our key performance measure data not being reported in data warehouse reports; attributed to issues with data conversion from PBMIS (Parole Board Management Information System). Wu stated the sex offender notification staff are still focused on registrants who currently have Static 99 or Static 99r assessments with a score of 6 or higher. Wu closed, updating that he and Board Member Thompson are scheduled to meet with Department of Corrections release counselors to inform of the role of the Parole Board for the sex offender notification process and answer any questions.

DOC Update:

Stromberg updated that the sanction workgroup was able to finalize a draft of the new sanctions grid; reported the next phase is the implementation of the pilot program for the new sanctions grid. Stromberg continued, stating an issue being addressed by the sanctions workgroup is questioning whether there should be a cap on Parole Officer sanctioning authority. Under the current grid, PO's are authorized to sanction an offender up to 90 days in jail. Under the new grid, the group is looking to reduce that authority to 30 to 45 days. Stromberg advised that the group has asked the DOC Research Team to pull all 31+ day sanctions for the past year, and that will enable the group to recognize sanctioning trends throughout the 36 counties. Stromberg assures none of the determinations made to the new sanctions grid will preclude the use of the "58-45" OAR (override maximum sanctioning days) by PO's. It was asked what precipitated the team to look at putting a cap on the amount of days PO's can sanction; Stromberg stated it was part of the team's goal to streamline and provide balance of sanctions given between all 36 counties.

Stromberg updated that a new DOC population forecast is scheduled to come out October 1, 2016. Stromberg stated the forecast will show an increase in the women's population. Stromberg stated that one of the factors to this increase that could affect the Board could be an influx in Short-Term Transitional Leave for offenders.

Old Business:

- Report on ODAA
- Fifth Board member position
- Implementation Team meeting
- Board working with DOC on new sanctioning grid
- Fall Board of Parole and Probation trainings

New Business:

Future Board Meetings:

- Monday, October 31, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

