



Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision

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Board Business Meeting

July 20, 2020

Location: Skype

Attendees: Chairperson, Michael Hsu; Board Member, Patty Cress; Board Member, Greta Lowry; Board Member, John Bailey; Executive Director, Dylan Arthur; DOC Community Corrections Asst Director, Jeremiah Stromberg; Release Services Manager, Hank Harris; Operations/Policy Analyst, Perry Waddell; Board Administrative Staff, Rachael Hunter

Pubic Attendees: None

Recorder: Rachael Hunter

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to order / Note of attendance

Discussion:

- Hsu – Chairperson
- Introduction of attendees

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

- Cress - meeting minutes from last month adopted
- Lowry - seconded

Chairperson's Comments

Owner: Michael Hsu

Discussion:

- Hsu reports the Board, in step with the Governor's mission for all state agencies, has created a new diversity and inclusion committee which includes board members and board staff members. The committee has been broken down into sub committee groups in order to tackle different topics such as: training and presentations, research and implementation of data driven policies and decisions, cultural and mentorship, highlight successes within the community with a focus on those with diverse and cultural backgrounds.
- Hsu states the Board did not receive a salary pot for the remainder of the biennium and as a result the board has lost two full-time positions. The tasks from those positions have been reallocated to other staff members.

- Hsu reports the board has cancelled all on-site upcoming staff events due to covid-19 and the board is looking to create events through video conference options, telecommuting options for staff events in the future.
- The board has updated all the forms used at the board.
- The Board has also sent out an employee survey through Gallup to get feedback from the staff on the environment at the Board.

Board Member Comments

Owner: Patty Cress / Greta Lowry / James Taylor / John Bailey

Discussion:

- N/A

Executive Director Comments

Owner: Dylan Arthur

Discussion:

N/A

Department of Corrections Update

Owner: Jeremiah Stromberg

- Mr. Stromberg provides an update regarding the budget for Department of Corrections. The legislature has recommended the closure of two prisons; however, DOC is awaiting the final decision to be decided at the special session sometime this summer. The first institution being recommended for closure is, Shutter Creek, with a tentative closure sometime by the end of the year. The second recommendation closure is Warner Creek with a closure window being sometime in the next biennium. A few complicating factors DOC is working through should the legislators decide to close these two facilities are identifying a workable plan to house the AIC's from those institutions into other facilities around the state and still maintain social distancing requirements as well as education, treatment and work opportunities.
- Mr. Stromberg reports that DOC will likely see more cuts from Human Resources, Administrative Costs, IT Infrastructure.
- Mr. Stromberg along with Mr. Arthur are participating in the Community Corrections Reform workgroup. The group is close to finalizing the expansion of the Earned Discharge Program. This program would allow those individuals who have successfully completed and met certain thresholds of their probation would be discharged and no longer under correctional control.
- Mr. Stromberg states community corrections is also adhering to the Governor's agenda for diversity and inclusion and has taken first steps by reviewing sanctioning processes for disparities and trends from the last 5 years; because of the number of sanctions we are starting with Douglas and Linn counties first. Some of the trends we will be looking for as an example would be if individuals with similar violations receiving similar sanctions, regardless of race, etc.

Future Board Meetings

Discussion:

- August 17, 2020 is our next scheduled board business meeting

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am