



Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision

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Board Business Meeting

May 18, 2020

Location: Skype

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

Public 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
- Taylor - seconded

Chairperson's Comments

Owner: Michael Hsu

Discussion:

- Hsu reports the Board's response to the stay-at-home orders and encouraged social distancing has moved all hearings to telephonic or video conference; this includes traditional board hearings and sex offender relief/reclassification hearings; however, we still are scheduling in-person hearings for anyone who requests one and are currently being scheduled several months into the future. The Board's office is currently closed to outside visitors. If you are wishing to visit our office, please let us know with a two-week notice.
- The board is also working with the Department of Corrections to help the Board identify medically fragile individuals and are reviewing those for potential early medical release due to Covid-19. The board has

received thousands of requests and due to the Board's current resources we are doing our best to process in a timely manner.

- The Board is currently undergoing a budgetary exercise, along with other state agencies that would eliminate 17% of our current budget. You will find the list of positions affected on the Board's website.

Board Member Comments

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

Discussion:

- Mr. Bailey updates regarding the cite in lieu project, stating the Board presented the proposal to the OACCD (Oregon Association of Community Corrections Directors) and was received positively. The project was given the green light to move forward. Mr. Bailey stated he is working with staff to create a process plan for how this cite in lieu will work in the community.

Executive Director Comments

Owner: Dylan Arthur

Discussion:

- Mr. Arthur stated the Board confirmed the receipt of many requests for early medical release.
- Mr. Arthur stated the Board is working with the LFO (Legislative Financial Officer) with regards to the budget.

The Board continues to work with the Oregon State Police who agreed to provide us with "batch" criminal histories through LEDS (Law Enforcement Data Systems) to help jumpstart the auto-leveling process. Mr. Arthur will bring the total number of cases processed to the next meeting.

- The Board continues to work with Community Corrections on the SONL project to start providing static-99 assessments on individuals that are currently on supervision and on the registry that don't have a notification level yet. This will help the board catch up on the backlog of historic registrants those placed on the registry prior to January 1, 2014.
Meaning the Board can automatically place an historic or female registrant, to a level one if they have no recent criminal convictions, no subsequent sex crimes, no person felonies, no A misdemeanors, and for females this additionally includes no child abuse/neglect and no history of promoting prostitution anywhere in their history.

Due to the global pandemic this process has slowed a little bit; however, Clackamas county has reported they have started back up. Hopefully, we will be able to roll out the process within all 36 counties soon.

New Business

- N/A

Department of Corrections Update

Owner: Jeremiah Stromberg

- Mr. Stromberg updates on the current level of infected AIC's within the institutions. Stromberg states DOC currently has 113 active cases amongst the 14,500 AIC's currently incarcerated. The largest outbreak is currently out of the Oregon State Penitentiary. DOC has several cell blocks dedicated to quarantine and lock down to prevent the spread to other cellblocks.
We are starting to have AIC's release to post-prison while they are pending a test, have tested positive, or in recovery or quarantine. DOC is working with community directors, health directors, and other community leaders to communicate with them regarding who is being released and when.
- Mr. Stromberg reports that DOC is also participating in the budget exercise to cut 8.5%, this would result in 1500 lay-offs and the closure of 10 prisons, and a release of 7000 AIC's, and a reduction of 24 million dollars from Community Corrections meaning less community supervisions in the community.
- Community Corrections along with the Board are working with a work group, led by Constantin Severe, Public Policy Advisor to the Governor's office; this group meets every Friday to discuss community corrections reform. Some changes that have been discussed surround the following topics: conditions of supervision, modification of general conditions, early release process and rules, fines and fees, etc.

Future Board Meetings

Discussion:

- June 15, 2020 is our next scheduled board business meeting

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am