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SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION
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MINUTES

JULY 11, 2008

ROLL CALL Members Present:

Dave Boerner
Rep. Sherry Appleton
Ida Ballasiotes
Sheriff Michael Brasfield
Ned Delmore
Hon. Tari Eitzen
Russ Hauge
Lucy Isaki
Tim Killian
Sen. Adam Kline
Hon. Dean Lum
Lenell Nussbaum
Sen. Pam Roach
Mary Ellen Stone
Eldon Vail

Members Absent:

Ann Heath
John Clayton
Jeri Costa
Lynda Ring Erickson
Hon. Ellen Fair
Michael Kawamura
Hon. Ronald Kessler
Rep. Kirk Pearson

Staff Present

Jean Soliz-Conklin
Andi May
Stevie Peterson

Invited Participants

Hon. Stephen Warning, Cowlitz County Superior Court
Hon. Sam Cozza, Spokane County Superior Court

Others Present:

Shani Bauer, Senate Committee Services; Karen Daniels, Department of Corrections (DOC); Scott Blonien, Department of Corrections; Seth Fine, Asst. Chief Criminal Deputy Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office; John Gower, House of Representatives; Rashi Gupta, Washington State Association of Counties; John Lane, Governor's Policy Advisor; Regina McDougall, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC); Eric, Mentzer, Attorney General's Office; Lidia Mori, Senate Judiciary Committee; Margaret McKinney, Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board; Ginger Richardson, WA. Federation of State Employees (WFSE); Jamila Thomas-Roberts, House

Democratic Caucus; Jim Thatcher, Department of Corrections; Mike West, King County Department of Adult & Juvenile Detention.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dave Boerner, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Dave announced the resignation of Jefferson County Sheriff Michael Brasfield from the Commission and expressed gratitude for his many years of service.

II. Closed Executive session to Discuss Agency Litigation with Counsel

Dave Boerner called for an executive session. Jean Soliz-Conklin informed attendees that the purpose of the executive session is to discuss litigation against the SGC with counsel. Non members were dismissed until 9:30 a.m. when the meeting resumed.

III. Approval of Minutes or June 13, 2008

MOTION # 1014 APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2008 MINUTES

Moved: Michael Brasfield

Seconded: Lucy Isaki

PASSED: Unanimously

IV. 2008 SGC Appointment to the Interstate Compact.

The Department of Corrections nominated Merlin Miller, Program Administrator for the Community Corrections Division, to serve as the Washington State Interagency Compact Liaison.

MOTION # 1015 TO APPOINT MERLIN MILLER AS THE DELEGATE TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT

Moved: Michael Brasfield

Seconded: Russ Hauge

PASSED: Unanimously

IV. Community Custody Discussion

Dave Boerner led off an in-depth general discussion of the research presented to the Commission and their reflections about what would be required to develop an evidence-based community custody system in Washington.

Chairman Boerner said he thought there should be continued focus on three issues:

1. Judicial discretion
2. Offender accountability, and
3. A cost benefit analysis of a targeted treatment approach to offenders

Commissioner Ned Delmore talked about the continuum of program required and the ten years it took to get the juvenile system working. The conversation included a discussion of drug court and Karen Daniels presented information on Thurston County's use of risk assessment early in the process. Tim Killian asked that any approach begin with a problem statement and a general

consensus was reached that the Commission would review a proposal for developing a new system.

V. Working Lunch

The Commissioners continued their discussion during lunch.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 a.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

Dave Boerner

Date

Jean Soliz-Conklin

Date