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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

October 16, 2014 1pm – 4pm
Criminal Justice Training Commission
19010 1st Avenue South Room C-101
Burien, WA 98148

Members Present:

Kecia Rongen
Michael O'Connell
Anmarie Aylward
Bev Emery
James McMahan
Jeff Patnode
Holly Coryell
Brad Meryhew
Julie Door

Members Absent:

Jonathan Meyer
Reagan Dunn
Dan Yanisch
Andrea Piper-Wentland
Hon. Laura G Middaugh

Staff:

Keri-Anne Jetzer

Guests: Dawn Larsen, WASPC; Steve Kirkkie, City of Puyallup; Jeff Landon, DOC; Keith Barnes, Pierce County Prosecutor's Office; Mark Strong, SCC; Malcom Ross, AGO - SVP Unit; Brittany Jarnot, Doug Levy's Office; Theo Lewis, DOC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kecia Rongen called the meeting to order. She asked that everyone introduce themselves.

II. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR POSITION

Chair Rongen explained that Dawn Larsen was leaving the Board and being replaced by James McMahan. Since Dawn was the Vice-Chair, the position was now open for nominations.

MOTION #14-3:

MOVED:

SECONDED:

PASSED:

MOTION TO ELECT JEFF PATNODE AS SOPB VICE-CHAIR

Dawn Larsen

Bev Emery

Unanimously

III. SEX OFFENDER HOUSING REPORT

Anmarie Aylward presented the draft report from the Sex Offender Housing workgroup.

Brad Meryhew suggested adding citations from the studies that sex offender residency restrictions do not only improve safety but cause destabilization and the issues the workgroup has been asked to discuss. He would be happy to work on a write up on that.

Bev Emery added that she thinks it is important to pull the research into the report as well as acknowledge that public policy is sometimes driven by public perception but that the research doesn't necessarily match up with that perception. There is a duty to try to address that perception to get to a common reality. She noted that the Board's reports have always cited the research.

Chair Rongen suggested acknowledging Washington's role in residency restrictions. When they first started coming into place, Washington decided to take a slower, more thoughtful approach to dealing with restrictions.

Dawn Larsen suggested making a better bridge to the criminal trespass against children reference or remove it as it seems to create confusion.

Jeff Patnode thought it would be helpful to provide population data of the different levels on supervision.

Bev Emery suggested adding some context about Offender Watch to Recommendation #1.

Jeff Patnode thought it would also be helpful to add below each recommendation an explanation of what issue it is addressing, to keep it consistent with what has been done in prior Board reports.

Chair Rongen asked if she heard a new recommendation around training CCOs? Anmarie Aylward replied that there were two recommendations: training DOC staff to report when they notice concerns and a separate one around resources for citizens to include Offender Watch. Bev Emery added that citizen resources are more than just Offender Watch, but also include factual information about victims' services, the rates of sexual assault, and who is likely to be the offender. She said the more we try to take control of the message the better it will be.

Brad commented that homelessness had not been addressed but is an issue. It also ties back into some of the research relating to residency policies.

Chair Rongen asked if there should be a recommendation to not expand residency restrictions? Members agreed.

Parking Lot Topic

- Increase in SCC population

- Restricting sex offenders from residing in nursing homes.

Assignments

Jeff Patnode – Executive Summary

Brad Meryhew/Michael O’Connell – Research review

Theo – Description of Tacoma project

Anmarie asked that assignments be sent to her by October 30, 2014.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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Chair Kecia Rongen

Date