



STATE OF WASHINGTON

**Sex Offender Policy Board**

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**Minutes**

**Sex Offender Policy Board**

**Registration and Community Notification Committee**

**Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs**

**3060 Willamette Drive N.E., Lacey, WA**

**November 12, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Anmarie Aylward  
Sheriff Mark Brown  
Brad Meryhew  
Andrea Piper  
Kecia Rongen

**Staff Present:**

Andi May  
Shannon Hinchcliffe  
Jean Soliz-Conklin

**Others Present:**

Joanna Arlow, Policy Director, Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs (WASPC); Dianne Ashlock, Department of Corrections; Shani Bauer, Counsel, Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee; Leslie Burns, Mercer Island P.D.; Robert Conklin, Private Citizen; Dana Hufford, Department of Corrections; Lindsay Palmer, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center; Amy Pearson, OCVA; Bernard Ryan, Counsel, Senate Democratic Caucus; Carolyn Sanchez, Criminal History Records Supervisor, Washington State Patrol; George Yeannakis, Special Counsel, Teamchild; Lara Zarowsky, PSEP Staff.

## **I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Kecia Rongen at 9:05 a.m.

## **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

The board members, staff and other interested parties introduced themselves.

## **III. BENCHMARK AND WORKPLAN DISCUSSION**

Jean Soliz-Conklin presented on the report due to the legislature in December and gave us a brief overview of benchmarks.

The group discussed the standard that they would like to utilize when reviewing the criteria of 2714, they are:

- Review of current WA laws and their research related to their effectiveness.
- Other states laws, experiences and research.
- Academic research.
- Stakeholder input.
- Recommendations to include a gap analysis.

## **IV. REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION ARTICLES FROM OTHER**

Brad Meryhew presented on articles of other states laws around sex offender registration and community notification laws from other states. The length of time for registration differs from state to state. In addition, those who are notified also differs quite a bit. At least sixteen states only notify law enforcement, the rest range from background checks for those working with kids only, to full public access and community notification.

In addition, the articles arguments for and against registration were discussed. Arguments for include, **assisting law enforcement in investigation, establishing legal ground to hold known offenders, deterring sex offenders from committing new offenses, offering citizens information.** Arguments against registration include, **civil liberty concerns, on-going labeling of offender, public safety, victim consequences and efficiency/cost.** Most recently concerns for lack of available housing for registered offender have come to the attention of many Policymakers.

## **V. SORNA-Adam Walsh Discussion**

- WA State Vs. SORNA-Sara McCulloch's hand-out from August 12<sup>th</sup> SOBP meeting

Kecia discussed the highlights of Sara McCulloch's hand-out as a point of discussion for WA State laws vs. SORNA requirements.

- Deadlines of SORNA- SMART Office Fact Sheet

The group discussed the upcoming deadlines of SORNA. The SMART Office is requesting to have extension requests or substantial compliance packages in by April 27, 2009. The final deadline is July 27, 2009.

- Approximate costs of implementation-Juvenile Justice Hand-out

A hand-out from the Justice Policy Institute was discussed. The approximate cost for WA State on the implementation of SORNA is \$10 ½ million dollars and the loss of Byrne Grant funding is approximately \$353,816.

- Temperature Check-where are we?

The registration and community notification committee would like to have a document ready in the event the Sex Offender Policy Board is asked about their position on the Sex Offender Notification Act or (SORNA). Kecia and Joanna Arlow will work on the document for review of the committee and then the full board.

- Brief overview of legal cases surrounding registration and community notification-Jo Arlow

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned, by Kecia Rongen at 12:15 p.m.

### **APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION COMMITTEE.**

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Kecia Rongen, Chair

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Date

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Jean Soliz-Conklin

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Date