MINUTES

JULY 11, 2008

ROLL CALL Members Present:    Members Absent:
    Dave Boerner                      Ann Heath
    Rep. Sherry Appleton              John Clayton
    Ida Ballasiotes                   Jeri Costa
    Sheriff Michael Brasfield        Lynda Ring Erickson
    Ned Delmore                      Hon. Ellen Fair
    Hon. Tari Eitzen                  Michael Kawamura
    Russ Hauge                       Hon. Ronald Kessler
    Lucy Isaki                       Rep. Kirk Pearson
    Tim Killian
    Sen. Adam Kline
    Hon. Dean Lum
    Lenell Nussbaum
    Sen. Pam Roach
    Mary Ellen Stone
    Eldon Vail

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
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
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

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        Dave Boerner                     Date

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        Jean Soliz-Conklin                  Date