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FULL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, January 13, 2011
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Criminal Justice Training Center
19010 1st Ave. South, Modular A Building
Burien, WA 98148

Members Present
Kecia Rongen, Chair
Bev Emery, Vice Chair
Brad Meryhew
Maureen Saylor
Anmarie Aylward
Stacy Krantz
Lindsey Palmer for Mary Ellen Stone
Andrea Piper-Wentland
Dr. Holly Coryell

Members Absent
Brooke Burbank
Joanna Arlow
Hon. Laura G. Middaugh
Lynda Ring Erickson
Russ Hauge
Lynne DeLano
Mary Ellen Stone

Staff Present
Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers
Sandy Mullins
Andi May

Others Present
Amy Pearson, Office of Crime Victim Advocacy; Patricia Layden, Freedom Project.
1. Call to Order
SOPB Chair Kecia Rongen called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m. There was a quorum when the meeting commenced.

2. Introductions
Members, staff and others present introduced themselves.

3. Approve December 2, 2010 Minutes
The Board tabled approval of the December 2, 2010 minutes until the March 10, 2011 meeting at Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers request.

4. Revise and Adopt Agenda

MOTION #11-1 MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM
Moved: Bev Emery
Second: Anmarie Aylward
Passed: Unanimously

5. Program Director’s Report

- **Budget and future of the Sex Offender Policy Board.**
  Sandy Mullins, Executive Director of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission, provided members an overview of bills in both the House of Representatives and Senate that could potentially impact the survival of the Board and/or SGC during the 2011-2013 bienniums. This may change if a supplemental 2009-11 budget is passed. Currently, there are some proposed bills that eliminate Boards and Commission; resulting in the SGC adult data functions moving to DOC and juvenile data being eliminated altogether. The SGC and SOPB public policy function would also be eliminated. The Revenue Forecast Council releases the state next revenue forecast on March 17, 2011.

- **SOPB 2010 Report to the Legislature**
  Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers, Program Director of the Sex Offender Policy Board, presented the final 2010 SOPB Report to the Legislature. The reports are available to be downloaded on-line with the attachments.

- **Update on 2011 legislative bills relating to sex offense issues.**
  SB 5204 and SB 5203, both sponsored by Sen. Regala and based on the recommendations in the 2010SOPB Report, will be introduced very soon. 5204 addresses the Board’s recommendations regarding youth who sexually offend, including petitioning for relief from
registration and sealing of juvenile criminal records. 5203 relates to administration and efficiency of adult registration and notification laws.

- **SOPB Legislative Committee.**
  Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers gave an overview to the members of how the board addressed relevant legislative bills during the 2010 session. She explained that they had a committee that met once a week by teleconference to review anything new introduced by the legislature. Board member Andrea Piper-Wentland commented that it would be very important to recreate this committee for the 2011 session and she offered to chair this committee again this year. Members Bev Emery, Anmarie Aylward, and Kecia Rongen volunteered. Shoshana will follow up with Joanna Arlow and Russ Hauge to see if they would like to join this committee again this year, per Board members’ suggestions.

- **Reminder of the new 2011 Board meeting schedule**
  Bev Emery gave a list of the board meeting dates:
  - March 10, 2011
  - May 12, 2011
  - August 11, 2011
  - October 13, 2011
  - November 10th, 2011.

  Meeting locations will be determined and then posted on the SOPB website as soon as possible.

6. **Adam Walsh - SORNA Compliance**
   Chair, Kecia Rongen, provided an overview of the one day SORNA workshop in Washington, DC. The primary focus of the workshop was to work with States in identifying the barriers to implementing SORNA.

   The people in attendance from Washington State were John Lane, Governor’s Office; Dave Coleman, Snohomish County PD; Russ Hauge, Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney; Don Pierce, Executive Director of WASPC; and Kecia Rongen, SOPB Chair. There were also a number of Washington tribes in attendance. Kecia explained the cost of coming into compliance with the Adam Walsh Act would cost Washington State about 10 million dollars based on a 2009 Justice Policy Institute Report. WASPC has agreed to perform a cost analysis for registration. John Lane will be working with OFM to arrive at a cost estimate as other aspects of SORNA compliance.
SOPB staff have been in regular communication with the SMART Office to negotiate a compromise such as a possible hybrid between the SORNA offense-based tiering system and Washington’s risk-based leveling system.

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7. **2011 Direction of the Board and Workplan**

Kecia Rongen suggested that the board look at the statutory duties of the board and use that as the basis of setting the current priorities and new workplan. Bev Emery explained that she has put together a workplan chart with a list of duties and history of SOPB during the last two years. The Board brainstormed topics that members would like to address this year and how these topics would fit in the chart provided by Bev Emery. (See meeting materials.)

There was discussion regarding prevention, its various meanings, and the need to do more work in this area. It was suggested that the Board still needed to address concerns with the current leveling system. It was also suggested that the Board address treatment standards. Lifetime supervision and sexually violent predators were also areas mentioned for future study and development. Members noted that there was still work to be done with benchmark data collection and maps, including making the maps more accessible to the general public, easier to print and with added pop-up features.

The Board discussed the need for more public education. Sandy Mullins explained that we would be getting an intern to help us with adding information to the SOPB website, developing a list of media contacts and press releases. There was discussion about the need to develop mechanisms, through surveys, webinars, or some other affordable option, to seek input from the public and stakeholders and ensure that the Board was engaging and including relevant perspectives and representatives. Members discussed how the focus of the upcoming year’s work should be on issues such as SVP, where there continued to be emerging issues and related legislation.

The Board noted that during the Reyes Case Review, it became apparent that a more concrete case review protocol should be developed before any future case reviews. In response to this, the Board created a Case Review Ad Hoc committee with Maureen Saylor designated as chair. This committee will report back to the full Board during its next meeting in March 10, 2011.

Members agreed to return to their stakeholders and ask them to identify their biggest challenges/issue that they face. It was decided that further development of the workplan would take place at the March meeting and it
was noted that during the legislative session, particularly a long session in the midst of tough fiscal choices, it would be difficult for committees to meet. They also agreed that the number of committees and frequency of meetings during the last two years is no longer necessary. The full Board will only meet six times per year. On the off-months, the Board can schedule ad hoc committee meetings to address topics delegated to the Board by the Legislature or Governor’s Office, or standing committee meetings per the new workplan.

Members also voted on only holding one committee meeting per month.

**MOTION 11-2: MOVED THAT THE 4th THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FOR COMMITTEE DAY.**

- February 24th
- April 28th
- June 23rd
- September 22nd

**Moved:** Bev Emery  
**Second:** Andrea Piper-Wentland  
**Passed:** Unanimously

Some members suggested that it would be educational for the Board to have members provide short presentations at future Board meetings on their agency or organization including its purpose, background and any current issues or challenges. For the next scheduled board meeting, March 10th, 2011, Holly Coryell will present on the SVP and Anmarie Aylward will present on SO Supervision.

8. **New Business**  
Member Maureen Saylor let members know that the WATSA conference is coming up in February, the last weekend of the month. SOPB’s Program Director, Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers, is one of the luncheon speakers presenting the recommendations from the SOPB report. Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers will send out the agenda, brochure and Registration form to the SOPB members.

9. **Public Comment**  
Patricia Layden from the Freedom Project addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the sex offender management system and the difficulties that sex offenders encounter as they move through the various stages of the system.

10. **Adjournment**  
Chair Kecia Rongen adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.
APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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Chair Kecia Rongen Date

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Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers Date