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**SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD**

February 26th, 2016 9:00am – 1:00pm

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

3060 Willamette Dr NE

Lacey, WA 98516

Members Present:

Bonnie Glenn  
Joyce McDonald  
James McMahan (proxy Jamie Yoder)  
Jeff Patnode  
Andrea Piper-Wentland  
Richard Torrance  
Keri Waterland  
Daniel Yanisch

Members Absent:

Candice Bock  
Holly Coryell  
Brad Meryhew  
Jonathan Meyer  
Michael O'Connell  
Hon. James E. Rogers

Staff:

Leah Fisher

Guests: Jamie Yoder, WASPC; Malcolm Ross, AGO; Jeff Landon, DOC; Jedd Pelander, DSHS-RA; Rep. Brad Klippert, House of Representatives.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Keri Waterland called the meeting to order and asked if everyone had the chance to review the minutes.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Andrea requested the removal of an extra period on the second page of the minutes.

**MOTION #16-5: MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
FEBRUARY 05, 2016, WITH CHANGE**

**MOVED:** Andrea Piper-Wentland

**SECONDED:** Daniel Yanisch

**PASSED:** Unanimously

### **III. PERSONNEL**

#### **a. Introduction of New Board Member**

Keri Waterland introduced Councilwoman Joyce McDonald (WSAC) to the Board. Joyce told the Board about herself, and Daniel recommended that all other members introduce themselves.

#### **b. Project Contractor**

##### **i. Survey**

Keri mentioned that there have been concerns surrounding the direction of the survey of those who work with registered sex offenders. Leah discussed potential benefits to having the survey done through a third-party such as WSU. Jamie mentioned several concerns WASPC has with surveying participants multiple times, as well as concerns surrounding question topics.

It was decided that OFM would add the survey of initial risk assessment and training questions to the WSU contract, while WASPC will complete the survey on offender's ability to petition for review of risk level classification. Sub-committee members will include Jamie Yoder (WASPC), Jedd Pelander (DSHS-RA), Jeff Landon (DOC), and Leah Fisher will serve as staff to the committee. Additionally, Jamie expressed an interest in bringing a Registered Sex Offender Coordinator (RSO Coordinator) to the sub-committee meeting. Members of the Board requested the attendance of Brad Meryhew as well.

Rick Torrance asked for clarification on where the money was coming from and how it can be used. Leah will be setting up a meeting between Rick, the Governor's Policy Office, OFM, and WASPC to meet and discuss the options for the grants.

#### **MOTION #16-6: MOTION TO DISBAND THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE WASPC SURVEY**

**MOVED:** Jeff Patnode  
**SECONDED:** Andrea Piper-Wentland  
**PASSED:** Unanimously

#### **MOTION #16-7: MOTION TO CREATE A SUB-COMMITTEE TO AID IN THE CREATION AND DESIGN OF THE WSU SURVEY**

**MOVED:** Jeff Patnode  
**SECONDED:** Daniel Yanisch  
**PASSED:** Unanimously

##### **ii. WSU Literature Reviews**

Leah presented the questions and proposal drafted by Brad Meryhew. The Board reviewed the two proposals and determined that some questions should be added. Bonnie Glenn and Jedd Pelander offered to further review the two projects and offer feedback. Jamie offered to create a

document which explains the purpose of the county protocol documents for WSU.

#### **IV. GOVERNOR'S REQUEST**

##### **a. Review of Fact Sheets and Living Document**

Members provided feedback on the changes to the fact sheets and the living document. Leah will finalize the documents and send them through the communications office at OFM.

##### **MOTION #16-8: MOTION TO SEND FACT SHEETS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OFM FOR REVIEW**

**MOVED:** Rick Torrance  
**SECONDED:** Andrea Piper-Wentland  
**PASSED:** Unanimously

The Board determined it would be best to start with translating the Fact Sheets into Spanish, and additional languages can be added as needed.

##### **MOTION #16-9: MOTION TO TRANSLATE THE FACT SHEETS INTO SPANISH**

**MOVED:** Jeff Patnode  
**SECONDED:** Rick Torrance  
**PASSED:** Unanimously

##### **MOTION #16-10: MOTION TO APPROVE LIVING DOCUMENT**

**MOVED:** Andrea Piper-Wentland  
**SECONDED:** Jeff Patnode  
**PASSED:** Unanimously

##### **b. Evaluate Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes and SORNA To Determine Which SORNA Requirements The State Has Yet To Adopt**

Leah presented the SORNA Adherence Chart to the Board. The Board discussed several changes that should be made, and indicators that should be added. A new draft will be presented at the next meeting.

##### **c. Survey Other States to Determine How They Have Aligned Their Systems to Meet the Requirements of SORNA**

Leah was unable to acquire updated information on other states from the SMART Office. The most recent information is from 2011 and many states have changed their policies since. The Board determined that the best use of time would be to present attempts to find the information, barriers, and what was found to the Governor.

**d. Offer Recommendations As To How The State Should Proceed In Moving Further Into Compliance With SORNA Or, If The SOPB Determines That It Is Not In The Best Interest Of The State To Adopt A Requirement Or SORNA, Offer An Analysis As To Why**

Next steps will be determined once an updated SORNA Adherence Chart has been created.

**V. CREATION OF TIMELINE FOR REMAINING PROJECTS**

The Board determined that timeline creation will be contingent on another discussion outside of the meeting. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Letter to the Board**

A letter was sent to the Board by a citizen requesting a review of his son's case. Though this is not something the Board does, Keri wanted to bring it to everyone's attention. The Board also discussed other communication received from the general public regarding sex offenders.

**b. Legislature Updates**

The Board discussed relevant bills moving through the legislative process.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD**

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Chair Keri Waterland

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Date