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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

April 25th, 2016 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

3060 Willamette Dr NE

Lacey, WA 98516

Members Present:

Candice Bock
Jedd Pelander
Brad Meryhew
James McMahan
Jeff Patnode
Michael O'Connell
Keri Waterland (Proxy: Jacob Bezanson)
Daniel Yanisch
Jonathan Meyer
Andrea Piper-Wentland
Hon. James E. Rogers
Richard Torrance

Members Absent:

Holly Coryell
Joyce McDonald

Staff:

Leah Fisher

Guests: Jamie Yoder, WASPC; Jeff Landon, DOC; Marisa Ordonia, TeamChild; Kecia Rongen, ISRB; Hank Fuller; Travis Gann, WARSOL; Jason Murphy; Ali Hohman, Meryhew Law; Israel Moore

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Patnode called the meeting to order and gave everyone the chance to review the previous meeting's minutes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #16-12: MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 25, 2016.

MOVED: Brad Meryhew
SECONDED: Michael O'Connell
PASSED: Unanimously

III. PROJECTS

a. WSU Survey Update

i. Survey Vote

MOTION #16-13: MOTION TO WSU SURVEY WITH MINOR CHANGE.

MOVED: Brad Meryhew
SECONDED: Andrea Piper-Wentland
OPPOSED: James McMahan & Jonathon Meyer
ABSTAINED: Hon. James E. Rogers
APPROVED: Jacob Bezanson, Jeff Patnode, Andrea Piper-Wentland, Jedd Pelander, Richard Torrance, Brad Meryhew, Michael O'Connell, Candice Bock, Daniel Yanisch

ii. Survey Dissemination

Leah informed the Board that the next step was to determine how to deliver the survey to participants. As the survey is electronic, WSU is in need of an email list of potential participants. WASPC has not discussed the potential to share their email list with the Board for this purpose. The Board determined it would be helpful if Leah asked the Governor's Office to formally request the information from WASPC.

MOTION #16-14: MOTION TO ASK THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY OFFICE TO FORMALLY REQUEST A PARTICIPANT EMAIL LIST FROM WASPC.

MOVED: Andrea Piper-Wentland
SECONDED: Brad Meryhew
PASSED: Unanimously

IV. PRESENTATION BY TEAMCHILD

Marisa Ordonia from TeamChild presented on the organization's efforts around the re-entry task force and the current landscape of juvenile sex offender registration. Marisa's presentation will be emailed to Board members should they wish to review it further.

V. GOVERNOR'S REQUEST

a. Review of Fact Sheets

i. Fact Sheet Update

Leah informed the Board that the anticipated return date of the fact sheets was the week of April 25th, 2016. Upon receipt of the documents, Leah will pass them on to the Communications Office in OFM where they will be finalized before being published.

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

Leah presented an updated version of the SORNA Adherence Chart to the Board. It was determined that information regarding how Washington specifically differs from SORNA, as well as the notation of recent changes, should be added to the chart.

The Board briefly discussed the new supplemental guidelines released by the SMART Office regarding SORNA and juvenile sex offender registration.

c. 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

The Board determined it would table this item pending an updated SORNA Adherence Chart reflecting recent changes and policy updates.

d. Offer Recommendations as to Other Changes in Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes That Further Advance the Safety of the Public; and Offer Recommendations as to Other Issues Related to Sex Offending That the SOPB Determines Could Advance the Safety of the Public Through Further Study

Several members of the Board discussed the scope of the SOPB's work, and mentioned that they felt that this was too broad for the Board to complete. Leah offered to discuss this with the Governor's Policy Office and seek clarification. After this meeting Leah will send more information to Board members so they can consider various options.

VI. CREATION OF TIMELINE FOR REMAINING PROJECTS

The Board determined that this would be discussed in further detail following Leah's discussion with the Governor's Policy Office.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. OPMA

Leah updated the Board on the discussion regarding the SOPB's adherence to OPMA. In the past, the Office of Financial Management (which houses the SOPB) sought clarification from the Attorney General's Office on whether or not the SOPB fits the definitions provided for OPMA. It was determined that the Board does not, though it still tries to remain as transparent as possible.

Leah informed the Board that they could request a re-review since some members were concerned about the decision. While the Board declined a re-review, it was determined that email voting will be used as a last resort, and should also be replaced with teleconferences when possible.

b. Questions from Guests

The Board took questions and comments from the various guests in the room.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

_____/s/_____
Chair Keri Waterland

Date