



STATE OF WASHINGTON
SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

May 20, 2016 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
3060 Willamette Dr NE
Lacey, WA 98516

Members Present:

Candice Bock
Jedd Pelander
Brad Meryhew
James McMahan- Proxy: Jamie Yoder
Jeff Patnode
Michael O'Connell
Keri Waterland
Daniel Yanisch
Jonathan Meyer- Proxy: Jamie Yoder
Hon. James E. Rogers
Andrea Piper-Wentland- Proxy: Jeff Patnode

Members Absent:

Holly Coryell
Joyce McDonald
Richard Torrance

Staff:

Leah Fisher

Guests: Jamie Yoder, WASPC; Jeff Landon, DOC; Jacob Bezanson, ESRC; Hank Fuller; Jason Murphy

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keri Waterland called the meeting to order and had each attendee introduce themselves. Both Hank Fuller and Jason Murphy expressed that they were registrants who had an interest in the process. Hank also expressed that he would not like to see SORNA implemented in Washington.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION #16-16: MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM
April 25, 2016.**

MOVED: Michael O'Connell

SECONDED: Jeff Patnode

PASSED: Unanimously

III. PROJECTS

a. WSU Project Update

i. Literature Review

Leah informed the Board that WSU is close to completing the first draft of the literature review, and is hoping to have it completed by the end of May. Brad Meryhew asked if the Board will have the opportunity to review the document. Leah said that she would contact WSU and request a copy of the draft.

Jacob Bezanson expressed concern regarding how “risk to the community at large” is framed in the literature review. The Board determined that reviewing the draft document would be an opportunity to see how this concept is being framed and offer recommendations if needed.

ii. Local Law Enforcement Survey

Leah updated the Board on the progress of the survey being completed through WSU. The survey went out to all police chiefs and sheriffs on May 12, 2016 and an email reminder was sent on May 19, 2016. As of the SOPB meeting on May 20, 2016 WSU had received 44 responses. Leah told that Board that one more reminder email would be sent on May 26th, 2016, and the survey would close on May 27, 2016. Board members will be provided a final count on participants at the COB on May 27.

Jeff Patnode asked Jamie Yoder if WASPC had told their constituents to not participate. Jamie said that while WASPC does not support the survey they have not encouraged or discouraged participation.

IV. GOVERNOR’S REQUEST

a. Fact Sheets and Living Document Update

Leah provided the Board with an update on the progress of the living document and fact sheets. The fact sheets are still being reviewed by the AAG, but are expected back at any time. Jamie Yoder expressed an interest in receiving the fact sheets once they were ready as she has several people who would like to see them.

Leah reminded the Board that they had asked to send the fact sheets and living documents to OFM’s Communications Office. Leah mentioned that she had received the living document, and sent it to Communications. Leah told the Board that when she received the document back Communications had requested numerous changes, and that it be sent back to the contractor to be redone. Leah discussed this further and mentioned that she had gone through and made the revisions herself and was working on making a much better product, though in the future, it has been determined that the SOPB does not need to submit documents to the Communications Office.

- b. Evaluate Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes and SORNA to Determine Which SORNA Requirements The State Has Yet to Adopt**
Leah provided the Board with an updated SORNA adherence chart.

- 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 used the SORNA adherence chart to guide their discussion around what recommendations would be made to the Governor's Office regarding further SORNA Compliance. Leah will be drafting a report regarding the Board's SORNA recommendations, and will be updating the final column on the SORNA adherence chart to reflect those.

- d. Offer Recommendations As to Other Changes in Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes That Further Advance the Safety of the Public**

The SOPB discussed several potential recommendations, various Board members offered to draft recommendations for each item which will be discussed at the following meeting.

- i. Public Disclosure and the Zink Decision (James McMahan)
- ii. Juvenile Registration and Community Notification (Jedd Pelander and Jeff Brad Meryhew)
- iii. ISRB Prioritizing Treatment, R-N-R Model as an Approach to Sex Offender Management, and Lifetime Supervision (Jeff Patnode and Jeff Landon)
- iv. Revisit RCW 71.09 (Daniel Yanisch and Keri Waterland)
- v. Liability Concerns (Michael O'Connell and Daniel Yanisch)

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Review Pre/Post-Sentence Adult and Juvenile Flow Charts**

Board members were asked to review the flow charts current posted on the website and let Leah know if there were any changes/updates that needed to be made to their respective areas.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

_____/s/_____
Chair Keri Waterland

Date