



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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**SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD**

June 22, 2016 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs  
3060 Willamette Dr NE  
Lacey, WA 98516

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Holly Coryell  
Joyce McDonald  
Hon. James E. Rogers

Staff:

Leah Fisher

Guests: Jacob Bezanson, ESRC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Keri Waterland called the meeting to order.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #16-17: MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
May 20, 2016.**

**MOVED:** Michael O'Connell  
**SECONDED:** Jedd Pelander  
**PASSED:** Unanimously

## **I. PROJECTS**

### **a. WSU Project Update**

#### **i. Literature Review**

Leah updated the Board on the status of the two literature reviews being completed by WSU. In a previous meeting Brad Meryhew had requested drafts of the literature reviews and Leah received those. Upon editing, Leah found egregious errors in the legal accuracy of one of the projects, and has requested that WSU rewrite it. Leah informed the Board that she had just received the other project draft and would be reviewing it shortly.

Leah told the Board that new drafts would be coming to her in early next week, and that WSU still has a deadline of June 30, 2016. The Board told Leah that should she have questions or need help editing that they were available to help. Michael O'Connell also recommended that Leah send both original and edited drafts to members so they could review.

#### **ii. Survey**

Leah informed the Board that the RSO Survey through SU had closed with 93 respondents, and that WSU would have the raw data and research brief to her by June 30, 2016.

### **b. Departure Form Review**

Leah provided the Board with information regarding the Departure Forms held by DOC. In early June Leah went to DOC and entered their hard copy forms into an electronic spreadsheet. DOC then allowed Leah to conduct brief analyses on the data for the Board. Leah informed the Board that overall, it seems that the majority of counties are not submitting Departure Forms, and when they are submitted, they tend to have aggravated levels based on law enforcement discretion.

The Board discussed potential recommendations, and Jamie said that WASPC has been working with their constituents to have these forms completed within 90 days of release. The Board agreed that WASPC should be provided time to put this change into motion before the issue is explored further.

## **II. GOVERNOR'S REQUEST**

### **a. Living Document & Fact Sheets**

Leah provided the Board with an updated version of the Living Document. Michael O'Connell and Dan Yanisch said that the year of 2013 looked like it might be missing some details, and offered to review further and provide Leah with feedback.

All four fact sheets were returned to Leah by the Attorney General's Office (AGO). The Board reviewed the AGO's feedback, and the fact sheet regarding travel was tabled so that Brad could review it in more detail. The other three fact

sheets were given minor feedback, and approved by the Board to move forward for translation services.

**b. 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 of SORNA, Offer an Analysis as to Why**

**i. Review and Discuss Draft Report**

Leah presented the Board with the first draft of the SORNA Adherence Report, which details Washington's compliance with SORNA and provides recommendations for further action. Several members of the Board provided Leah with feedback, and Brad Meryhew asked that reviewing juvenile statutes be added to the recommendations. Leah will make all recommended edits and present a new draft to the Board.

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

**i. Discuss Draft Recommendations**

Multiple members of the Board participated in drafting various general recommendations to comply with the Governor's Request. Jeff Landon and Jeff Patnode drafted a recommendation regarding the use of the RNR Approach, prioritizing treatment, and lifetime supervision. Michael O'Connell mentioned that he felt their recommendation could include more about the "responsivity" piece of the RNR model and other members provided feedback. Jeff Patnode said he would make the required changes and bring back to the Board.

James McMahan drafted a recommendation on public disclosure policies. Multiple members expressed concern over the readability of the work as there were multiple citations, many recommended using footnotes. Jamie Yoder said she would work with James to address the feedback provided by the Board.

Dan Yanisch and Keri Waterland prepared a draft recommendation for the review of RCW Chapter 71.09- Sexually Violent Predators. Michael O'Connell was concerned that their description of the body who should have the responsibility of reviewing this sounds too much like the SOPB and asked for additional clarification. Brad Meryhew also provided feedback on wording. Dan and Keri will work together to make the necessary changes.

Michael O'Connell and Dan Yanisch created a draft recommendation for liability concerns which limit effective case management. Michael stated that he feels this is an important area and is truly impacting peoples' work and the Governor should be aware. Jeff Patnode mentioned that he felt as though this falls outside of the scope of the Board's work. Overall, the

