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July 16, 2020 9:00am-1:00pm Microsoft Teams Meeting

Members Present: Elyse Balmert Joshua Choate Linda Farmer Robert Gelder Brad Manke Brad Meryhew Michael O'Connell Jedd Pelander Mac Pevey Jennifer Ritchie Roger Rogoff Members Absent: WCSAP Rob Gelder Richard Torrance

<u>Members Represented By</u> <u>Proxy:</u> David Flynn (Lowell Porter)

<u>Staff</u>: Leah Landon

<u>Guests:</u> Jamie Weimer, WASPC; Terrina Peterson, WASPC; Alex Mayo, Washington Voices; Corey McNally, DOC; Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers, ODP; Kelsey-anne Fung, Senate Committee Services; Sonja Hardenbrook, Snohomish County DPA; Devon Gibbs, King County DPD; Sophia Byrd McSherry; Holly Coryell, SCC; Daniel Davis, Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Chris Jackson; Jay Murphy, WA Voices; Dan Yanisch, SCC; Kevin Black, Senate Committee Services; Jennifer Williams, DOC; Theo Lewis, DOC, Cathi Harris, DOC, Dominic Winter, DOC

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Call to Order

Brad Meryhew called the meeting to order and asked Leah Landon to discuss tips for participating in the virtual meeting. Meeting participants were asked to mute their microphones when not speaking, and asked to use the chat function through Microsoft Teams to ask questions, make comments, etc. The meeting was recorded and can be provided upon request. Brad Meryhew introduced himself, and then invited other members and guests to do the same.

Brad Meryhew provided an overview of the meeting agenda before moving into introductions.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Brad Meryhew asked the Board to approve the meeting minutes from June 24, 2020.

MOTION #20-7: MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. MOVED: Jedd Pelander SECONDED: Mac Pevey ABSTAINED: None PASSED: Unanimously

Meeting Objectives

Objective 1: Presentation from the Prosecution

- Presenters:
 - o Jennifer Ritchie, King County Prosecutor's Office
 - o Joshua Choate, Washington State Office of the Attorney General
- Jennifer and Josh provided a presentation on prosecuting LRA SVP cases in Washington. Their PowerPoint is available upon request.
- Members were invited to ask questions throughout the presentation.
- There was a request for additional information on the cost of LRAs versus the cost of total confinement.

Objective 2: Sub-Committee Updates

Brad invited each of the sub-committee chairs to provide the Board with updates on their work.

- Treatment, Discharge Planning, and Conditions of Release Sub-Committee
 - Last Meeting: July 14, 2020
 - Next Meeting: July, 28, 2020
 - Chair: Michael O'Connell
 - Michael O'Connell provided an update on committee progress. Michael said the last meeting had two presentations, one of which was from Jennifer Williams who talked about the current state of discharge planning and the other from Jennifer Ritchie and Devon Gibbs on HB 2851. Michael added that he was impressed by the amount of work and collaboration seen with HB 2851, and that this bill seems like a good starting point for making recommendations.
 - Jennifer Williams provided and additional overview of the subcommittee timeline and provided clarification on the document she reviewed during the sub-committee meeting. Jennifer said the group started identifying sticking points in what is happening in the current system and that members were asked to send in additional sticking points to Leah for review at the next meeting. Jennifer added that the current timeline is very fast-paced and not what is typically seen in a facilitated meeting.

 Jedd Pelander added it was helpful when Jennifer shared the document on current discharge planning because it broke down who currently does what.

SCTF Siting & LRA Placements Sub-Committee

- Last Meeting: July 15, 2020
- Next Meeting: July 29, 2020
- Chair: David Flynn
 - Lowell Porter provided a sub-committee update on behalf of Dave Flynn. Lowell informed the group that the sub-committee is working on three initatives in response to the items the group was tasked with. Two of the three initiatives have been voted on and received support from the subcommittee (the Regional Placement Model and the Community Engagement Strategy), which will be presented to the SOPB later in the meeting. The Siting Matrix is still be discussed but the group hopes it will be ready for presentation by the August meeting.

• Community Notifiation and SCC Releases Sub-Committee

- Last Meeting: July 15, 2020
- Next Meeting: None, work completed.
- Chair: Terrina Peterson
 - **Terrina** provded the group with an overview of the final recommendations from the sub-committee. Terrina added that most of the changes can be done in house, and do not require statutory changes.
 - **Terrina** provided a brief overview of the sub-committee's 16 recommendations. This document can be provided upon request.

Objective 3: Presentations from Lowell Porter

- Presenter:
 - o Lowell Porter, Special Commitment Center
- The SCTF Siting and LRA Placements sub-committee has approved and adopted two components in response to their tasks from the Senate Ways & Means Committee's request. Lowell presented the Regional Placement Model and the Community Engagement Strategy to the SOPB, both of which have been approved by the sub-committee for consideration by the Full Board.
 - The Regional Placement Model is intended to help determine which counties, based on fair share and equitable distribution, may be consdidered for siting of a new SCTF.
 - The Community Engagement Strategy is intended to guide which community members and stakeholders should be engaged prior to SCTF siting, and at what point in the conversation.
 - Both presentations are available upon request.
 - Members were given the opportunity to ask questions throughout both presentations.
 - Lowell invited feedback and input from members on each of the components he presented.

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Good of the Order:

- Jedd Pelander said a few things came up in the chat regarding SVP court and that he would like to hear more about this and it may be a topic for further discussion.
 - Brad Meryhew asked what specifically Jedd wanted to hear more about.
 - **Jedd** said the pros and cons of the model and what it would look like. It sounds like there was agreement among others about this being beneficial so it might be nice to flush this out a bit and hear more about it.
 - Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers Said this is something that has been percolating and what is making her think, is the directive from the Senate Way and Means Committee is specific but what we are finding is that there is a lot that can be done around this statute. Shoshana added that after the current project, the group may be able to carry on some of the additional work.
 - Joshua Choate said his understanding is the SVP court has been a background idea for a number of years and has never come to a fully formed state so there may not be much to present on the history, but it would be worthy of discussion. Josh added that he agrees with Shoshana, and it would be helpful to preserve some of the issues being discussed so they could be dealt with in the future after the current work is done.

Next Steps

- Next Full Board Meeting
 - Thursday, August 20th, 2020 from 9:00am-1:00pm
- Meeting Minutes
 - Leah also notified the Board that she will prepare the meeting minutes within the next week and have them out for review.
- Leah will work with Terrina to finalize the recommendations for the Community Notification and SCC Releases sub-committee and send those to the SOPB for review prior to the August 20, 2020 meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Brad Meryhew at 1:00pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

/s/ Chair Brad Meryhew _August 20, 2020___

Date