

Elyse Balmert, Indeterminate Sentence Review Board

Elyse Balmert, Member has worked for more than 27 years in social services with the primary focus on victim services and was the Department of Social and Health Services Program Administrator for the Victim/Witness Notification Program since 2003. She has been a member of the Department of Corrections Victim Services Committee since its inception, and the Washington Coalition of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs VINE Committee. She was a voting member on the End of Sentence Review Committee and the Sexually Violent Predator Sub-Committee for over 25 years. She was a voting member on the ESRC Juvenile Subcommittee since its inception. She has worked on a number of Legislative and policy advisory groups. The Governor appointed Elyse in April of 2017.

Talcott Broadhead, Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

Talcott Broadhead (pronouns: they, them, theirs) is the Organizational Services Coordinator at WCSAP. Talcott has worked in Sexual Violence Prevention throughout their career as a professional Social Worker. In addition to work providing Technical Assistance to Community Sexual Assault Programs through WCSAP, Talcott has worked in campus SV prevention, housing for youth who have sexually offended, youth homelessness services, psychotherapy for trauma survivors, executive leadership and academia.

In all of Talcott does they bring a gender equity lens. Talcott has maintained a private practice for many years with an emphasis on transgender issues and liberation and has been the ongoing transgender consultant for Juvenile Rehabilitation in Washington State, (working closely with Jennifer Redman and others). Talcott developed the mandatory transgender competency trainings for all J.R staff, and has brought similar training and consultation to agencies, institutions and universities throughout the nation. Talcott is also an Adjunct Faculty at SPSCC where teaching History and Psychology.

David Flynn, DSHS Special Commitment Center

David Flynn is a well-known part of Community Safety in the State of Washington and has been for the last 26 years. David's ability to take a vision and make it reality through sound strategy development is well known from his previous work with Department of Corrections (DOC). While with the DOC, Mr. Flynn fulfilled a multitude of roles in the prison system to include serving as Superintendent at Cedar Creek Corrections Center and Interim Superintendent for the Washington Corrections Center for Women. Additionally, he served as the Senior Administrator of Operations at DOC HQ with oversight of numerous areas including End of Sentence Review, Law Enforcement Notification, and Civil Commitment. His thoughtful and well-planned steps are beginning to change the culture and effectiveness at the Special Commitment Center. Through his efforts the SCC is slowly improving its processes to include the way sexually violent predators receive treatment and prepare for community conditional release. As well as inspiring staff to practice safe strategies to protect the public, including sound safety/ security practices, on conditional release, and factors to consider when residents need to return to the Special Commitment Center for additional care. He has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Special Commitment Center since June of 2019.

Sheriff Brad Manke, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

Brad Manke is Sheriff of Stevens County Sheriff's Office. He is currently WASPC co-chair of the Sex Offender Notification and Registration Committee (SONAR). Sheriff Manke has been in law enforcement for over 23 years and is serving his 1st term as Sheriff. During his time he has held positions of patrol deputy, child sex crimes detective, narcotics and major crimes detective, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, and chief deputy. While detective sergeant, Sheriff Manke administrated their sex offender registration and verification program. He has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Washington University

Brad Meryhew, Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Brad Meryhew is a criminal defense attorney with a private practice in Seattle, Washington. His firm focuses their work on representing persons accused of sexual misconduct in juvenile, state and federal courts throughout western Washington. He began his career as a public defender with Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons in Seattle and Kent. Brad has represented the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Washington Defender Association on the Washington Sex Offender Policy Board since 2008. Brad is a 1994 graduate of the University of Puget Sound School of Law and a Seattle native.

Jonathan Meyer, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys

Michael O'Connell, Washington Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

Michael O'Connell's introduction to social service work began in 1974, when he served as director of a Navy Correctional Center – i.e. the brig. He got his MSW from the University of Washington, intending to continue his career in correctional administration, but lost his way and ended up as a therapist doing inpatient substance abuse treatment. He began a private practice in 1980. In 1981, desperate for referrals, he began to work with sex offenders. He continues that work, today. Along the way, he earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Washington, including doing research on using polygraph testing with sex offenders. He co-authored a book, Working With Sex Offenders which outlines standards of practice for community-based treatment of sex offenders. He is a former president of the Washington Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (WATSA) and a current member of the WATSA Board. He is the WATSA representative to the Washington State Sex Offender Policy Board.

Jedd Pelander, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration

Jedd Pelander has worked for the Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Children, Youth, and Families since 2003 and is currently the Juvenile Rehabilitation Program Administrator for Youth who Sexually Offend. He oversees the Sex Offender Treatment and Aftercare Programs, represents Juvenile Rehabilitation on End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) and ESRC Sexually Violent Predator Subcommittee. He chairs the ESRC Juvenile Subcommittee for juvenile risk level classification and is the Washington Interstate Compact for Juveniles Commissioner.

Mac Pevey, Department of Corrections

Mac began his career with the Washington State Department of Corrections on June 1, 1999 as Community Corrections Officer. He has promoted through the ranks in the Community Corrections Division (CCD), serving as a Community Corrections Supervisor in Seattle and Kent/Federal Way,

Electronic Monitoring Program Administrator, Field Administrator for Section 4 and as a Regional Administrator for the East. Today, Mac serves as the Assistant Secretary for CCD, a role that he has been in since 2017. Mac has also served as an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Seattle University since 2004.

Mac has his Bachelor of Criminal Justice from Seattle University and his Masters of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Washington State University. Additionally, he is a graduate of the National Institute of Corrections' Executive Excellence Program (2015), recipient of the Secretary's Leadership Award (2013) and most recently the recipient of the WSU Distinguished Professional Achievement Award for Criminal Justice and Criminology (2018).

Mac is married to his wife, Lisa, of 18 years and they have a 15-year-old son, Mackenzie. Mac enjoys the outdoors...photography, camping, mountain biking and time in/out/under his Jeep.

Roger Rogoff, Superior Court Judges Association

Richard Torrance, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy