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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD
Legal and Legislative Best Practices Subcommittee
June 16, 2021 2:00pm-3:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Terrina Peterson, WASPC; Alex Mayo, WA Voices; Elena Lopez, DSHS; Jamie Weimer, WASPC; Jeff Patnode, ISRB; Joanne Smieja, WA Voices; Katie Hurley, King County DPD; Laura Merchant, Harborview ATC; Corey McNally, DOC; Megan Allen, KCSARC; Michael O’Connell, WATSA; Paula Reed, CAC of WA; George Yeannakis, OPD; Linda Farmer, Association of Washington Cities; Mary Laskowski, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office; Emily Hiskes, Harborview ATC; Kerry McCarthy, DOC; Megan Schoor, OFM; Minu Ranna-Stewart, Harborview ATC; Sonja Hardenbrook, Snohomish PDA.

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Call to Order

Leah welcomed everyone to the meeting. Meeting participants were asked to mute their microphones when not speaking and asked to use the chat function and “Raise your hand” function through Zoom whenever they would like.

Leah reminded people that the meeting was being recorded and the recording could be provided upon request.

Leah invited people to introduce themselves.

MOTION #21-1-2: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 19, 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

MOVED: Michael O’Connell

SECONDED: Alex Mayo

ABSTAINED: None

PASSED: Unanimously

Objective 1 – Brainstorm recommendations for statutory requirements for declining youth who commit certain sex offenses.

- Due to technical difficulties with Zoom, the recording for this meeting is unavailable and detailed minutes were not able to be transcribed.
- The group discussed different options that could be recommended for declining youth who commit certain sexual offenses.

- **George Yeannakis** recommended a review of practice and readding a statute of limitations on offenses committed as a youth.
- Many members of the subcommittee also expressed strong opposition to declining youth to adult court.
 - A compromise that was discussed was having strict statutory requirements for declining youth in certain circumstances. This would include an evidentiary standard.
- A link to a report from the Caseload Forecast Council was shared that had numbers of youth declined into adult court. The group asked **Leah Landon** to clarify some of the definitions in Table 23A and asked her to find out how many of the cases that were declined were for sex offenses.

Next Steps:

- **Katie Hurley** will draft language for the group to review at the next subcommittee meeting.
- **Leah Landon** will get definitions for the columns in Table 23A from the Caseload Forecast Council and find out how many youths were declined for a sex offense.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

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**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE BEST PRACTICES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

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Chair Terrina Peterson

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Date