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Legal and Legislative Best Practices Subcommittee

July 21, 2021

2:00 – 3:00pm

- Please review:**
(five items)
1. June 16, 2021 meeting minutes
 2. Draft language from Katie Hurley / George Yeannakis ([see Notes below](#))
 3. [WordWatch presentation](#)
 4. TED Talk: [Sexual violence is preventable - here's how](#) (Dr. Apryl Alexander)
 5. Excerpt of 2021 U.S. Model Penal Code (*pages 553 – 556*)

2:00 – 2:10	Call to Order and Introductions	Terrina Peterson
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2:10 – 2:15	Approval of June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes	Megan Schoor
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2:15 – 2:35	Review / Discuss draft language and how it impacts Item 2c (See Notes below) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What questions or concerns come to mind as you read the draft language?• What updates are needed (if any) for the subcommittee to support the draft language?	Terrina Peterson Megan Schoor
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2:35 – 2:55	Discuss WordWatch presentation and how it impacts Item 2b (See Notes below) Brainstorm best practices / recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What immediate best practices or recommendations does the subcommittee want to propose?• What topics or issues should we know more about before we can propose recommendations? What do we need to know that we don't already know?• What information or resources would help you meet the September 16th deadline?	Terrina Peterson Megan Schoor
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2:55 – 3:00	Wrap-up / Next Steps	Megan Schoor
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3:00	Adjournment	Terrina Peterson
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Draft language from Katie Hurley / George Yeannakis:

- My first recommendation is that no offense should be subject to decline (in any form). However, if the SOPB is not willing to make that recommendation, I believe that the law should be changed to make all sex offenses that are currently subject to auto-decline instead subject only to discretionary decline. For those discretionary declines, decline should only be authorized if the court finds clear and convincing evidence that the individual poses a serious threat of bodily harm to another and decline is needed in order to prevent that threat.

Subcommittee Assignment:

- **Item 2b:**
 - Review best practices and make recommendations for how describe these sexualized behaviors, how to name offenses relating to youth sex offenses; and how to differentiate between problem sexual behavior in children under 12 and youth who have engaged in harmful or illegal sexual behavior youth and are 12 or older.
- **Item 2c:**
 - Review statutory requirements for declining youth who commit certain sex offenses into adult court. In addition, if an individual is prosecuted in adult court for an offense that occurred as a youth, how should that offense be classified.
- **Item 5:**
 - Make recommendations.