



STATE OF WASHINGTON
SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

April 15, 2021 1:00pm-4:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Linda Farmer
Robert Gelder
Dave Flynn
Susan Marks
Brad Meryhew
Maryann Moreno
Michael O'Connell
Jeff Patnode
Jedd Pelander
Terrina Peterson
Shawn Sant

Continued:

Richard Torrance
Jamie Weimer

Members Absent:

Jimmy Hung
Rob Gelder

Members Represented by

Proxy:

Mac Pevey (Donta Harper)

Staff:

Leah Landon

Guests: Corey McNally, DOC; Jennifer Williams, DOC; Sonja Hardenbrook, Snohomish County Public Defender; Gina Romero, DOC; Brandon Williams, Department of Health; Karen Feller, juvenile treatment provider; Katie Hurley, King County Department of Public Defense; Lorraine Lynch, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center; George Yeannakis, Office of Public Defense, Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Colorado Sex Offender Management Board; Theodore Lewis, DOC.

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Call to Order

Brad Meryhew called the meeting to order and provided a brief overview of the project. **Brad** also emphasized the importance of the public participating in the meetings going forward. **Brad** asked everyone to introduce themselves. Meeting participants were asked to mute their microphones when not speaking and asked to use the chat function through Zoom whenever they would like.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Brad Meryhew asked the Board to approve the meeting minutes from March 18, 2021.

MOTION #21-2: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

MOVED: Linda Farmer

SECONDED: Brad Meryhew

ABSTAINED: None

PASSED: Unanimously

Objective 1 - Presentation on Registration and Notification of Juveniles who Commit Sex Offenses

- **Brad** introduced Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky to the board.
- **Chris** works for the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board and provided background information on the role of the Colorado SOMB. The SOMB provides input to the legislature like the SOPB, but also plays a regulatory role for treatment. Chris added that he is here on his own and not representative of the State of Colorado.
 - The full presentation can be found using the recording at the end of this document, or the slides can be viewed [here](#).
- **Chris** took questions at the end of the presentation.

Objective 2 – Presentation on moving towards a developmentally appropriate response to youth problem sexual behavior.

- **Katie Hurley** (King County Dept. of Public Defense) and **George Yeannakis** (Washington State Office of Public Defense) presented on the work they have done with the members of the legislature and other stakeholders.
 - The full presentation can be found using the recording at the end of this document, or the slides can be viewed [here](#).
- **Katie** and **George** took questions at the end of the presentation.

Next Steps:

- **Leah** provided subcommittee updates.
 - Juvenile Treatment Subcommittee
 - Co-chairs: Jedd Pelander and Rick Torrance
 - Meeting: 4/21 from 4-5pm
 - Juvenile Sex Offender Registration and Notification Subcommittee
 - Chair: Jedd Pelander
 - Meeting: 4/22 from 3-4pm
 - Legal and Legislative Best Practices Subcommittee
 - Chair: Terrina Peterson
 - Meeting: 4/21 from 2-3pm
- **Leah** reminded the group that they could still join a subcommittee if they would like and to email her to do so.

- **Leah** added that with so many people involved in the process she is adding everything to the [SOPB website](#) and subcommittee members/interested others can find meeting dates, links, and materials here. SOPB members will continue to receive everything via email but those who are not members should check the website for updates and materials.
- **Leah** added that meeting minutes would be available within the next two weeks.

Next SOPB Meeting:

- May 20 from 1-4pm via Zoom.

For the Good of the Order:

- **Brad** thanked everyone for their collaboration and invited people to bring up anything else they wished to discuss.
- **Jedd** mentioned that not everyone has been on the Board as long as Brad and mentioned that Leah had sent out a 2009 SOPB report on juveniles, and added that there are other previous SOPB reports that may be of use (2010, 2011, and 2015). **Jedd** said it may be useful to organize a list of previous recommendations related to this topic.
 - **Leah** said that the SOPB’s Living Document summarizes the SOPB’s previous reports and recommendations by year, and while not specific to juveniles it has all of those recommendations as well. **Leah** said she would send this to everyone after the meeting.
 - **Brad** said this is a good summary of every step of the process and encouraged people to read it. Brad added that other recommendations have not been as pointed as those in the 2009 report, and there is not a lot in the Board’s prior work specifically related to juveniles, and this is what makes the current report so exciting.
- **Sonja Hardenbrook** said at the last couple of ATSA meetings there has been interesting curricula on prevention and there are some exciting programs here that could be discussed.
 - **Brad** asked if **Lorraine Lynch** and **Susan Marks** could help with this, as the Board would be interested in bringing this forward to the Board.
 - **Susan** said she would be willing to help with this.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

Chair Brad Meryhew

Date

The full meeting recording can be found and viewed here:

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