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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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June 17, 2021 1:00pm-4:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Linda Farmer
Susan Marks
Brad Meryhew
Michael O'Connell
Jeff Patnode
Jedd Pelander
Terrina Peterson
Jimmy Hung
Richard Torrance
Jamie Weimer

Members Absent:

Rob Gelder
Maryann Moreno
Shawn Sant

Members Represented by

Proxy:

Mac Pevey (Donta Harper)
David Flynn (Elena Lopez)

Staff:

Leah Landon

Guests: Katie Hurley, King County Department of Public Defense; Lorraine Lynch, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center; George Yeannakis, Office of Public Defense; Kevin Black, Senate Committee Services; Paula Reed, Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington; Mary Laskowski, King County; Theodore Lewis, DOC; Megan Schoor, OFM; GayLynn Jackson, Pierce County Sheriff's Office; Emily Hiskes, Harborview ATC; Joanne Smieja, WA Voices; Kerry McCarthy; DOC; Laura Merchant; Harborview ATC; Sonja Hardenbrook, Pierce County PDA; Alex Mayo, WA Voices; Brian Peterson, Pierce County Sheriff's Office; Vanessa Corwin, KCSARC.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

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Meeting Notes

Welcome & Call to Order

Leah reminded meeting participants to mute their microphones when not speaking and asked them to use the chat function through Zoom whenever they would like. She also reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded and that recording is available upon request.

Brad Meryhew invited board members to introduce themselves. He then asked **Leah** to introduce the guests in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Brad Meryhew asked the Board to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, 2021.

MOTION #21-3: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 20, 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

MOVED: Brad Meryhew

SECONDED: Michael O'Connell

ABSTAINED: Elena Lopez

PASSED: Unanimously

Objective 1 - Presentation on WordWatch and Q&A

- **Mary Laskowski** presented to the group on WordWatch and by reflecting on our language we can impact our response to assault.
- **Mary** took questions from meeting participants at the end of her presentation.
- The full presentation can be viewed here:
https://sgc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/SOPB/meetings/2021/WordWatch_MLaskowski.pdf

Objective 2 – Presentation on the Primary Prevention on Violence

- **Vanessa Corwin** with the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center presented on primary prevention and the goal of reducing the overall likelihood that anyone will become a perpetrator of sexual violence.
- **Vanessa** took questions at the end of the presentation, and **Leah** told people that any questions they had that there was not time to ask could be sent to her via email.
- The full presentation can be viewed here:
https://sgc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/SOPB/meetings/2021/Prevention_VCorwin.pdf

Objective 3 – Presentation on the Juvenile Sex Offender Registration

- **Terrina Peterson** WASPC provided an overview of registration and notification policies for juvenile sex offenders in Washington.
- **Brian Peterson** from Pierce County shared a case study with the group.
- **Terrina** and **Brian** took questions at the end of the presentation.
- The full presentation can be viewed here:
https://sgc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/SOPB/meetings/2021/Registration_TPeterson.pdf

Subcommittee Updates

Brad asked **Leah** to introduce the subcommittee chairs.

- **Juvenile Treatment Subcommittee:**
 - **Chairs:** Jedd Pelander and Rick Torrance

- **Jedd** provided an overview of what the subcommittee has been working on. He shared that at the meeting earlier in the week the group heard from Dr. Richard Munsch on Multisystemic Therapy for youth with problematic sexual behavior.
- **Leah** added that this presentation from Dr. Munsch is available online. It can be viewed here:
https://sgc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/SOPB/meetings/2021/Munsch_MST_Presentation_20210616.pdf
- **Next meeting:** July 21 @ 4pm

- **Juvenile Registration and Notification**
 - **Chair:** Jedd Pelander
 - **Jedd** provided an update on the subcommittee's second meeting earlier in the week. Jedd said the group heard from Mike Donlin at OSPI on their policies and procedures for notifying schools that a juvenile is a registered sex offender.
 - **Mike's** presentation can be viewed here:
https://sgc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/SOPB/meetings/2021/OSPIPresentation_20210615.pdf
 - **Next meeting:** July 22 at 3pm

- **Legal and Legislative Best Practices Subcommittee:**
 - **Chair:** Terrina Peterson
 - **Terrina** updated the group on the subcommittee's meeting earlier in the week. Terrina told the group more about the discussion the subcommittee had on declining youth into adult court, and the additional information they were waiting on.
 - **Next meeting:** July 21 at 2pm

For the Good of the Order and Next Steps:

- **Leah Landon** said that she would be sending out Megan Schoor's contact information to the group and she will be the interim coordinator until someone new is hired.
 - **Leah** added that her last day is July 1 and meeting minutes for the week's meetings would be available prior to her departure.

Next SOPB Meeting:

- July 15 from 1-4pm via Zoom.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

_____/s/_____
Chair Brad Meryhew

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Date