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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

July 6, 2023 1:00pm-4:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Jimmy Hung
Brad Meryhew
Blanche Barajas
Michael O'Connell
Jedd Pelander
Keith Devos
Terrina Peterson
Richard Torrance
Jamie Weimer
Christine Minney
Sonja Hardenbrook

Members Absent:

Shawn Sant
Mac Pevey
Hon. Nelson Lee

Staff:

Whitney Hunt, OFM

Members Represented by

Proxy:

Corey McNally for Jill Getty
Mikah Semrow for Richard
Torrance

Guests: Alex Mayo, WA Voices; Jennifer Williams, DOC; Joanne Smieja, WA Voices; JD Nielsen, OCVA; Elena Lopez, BHA; Emily Hancock, SnoCo PDA; Devon Gibbs, King Co. Public Defense; Andrew Morrison, attorney; Lorraine Lynch, KCSARC

IMPORTANT NOTE: The recording for this meeting is available upon request.

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Call to Order

- **Whitney** reminded meeting participants to mute their microphones when not speaking and asked them to use the chat function through Zoom whenever they would like. **Whitney** also reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded and the recording is available upon request, shared and reviewed the duties of the SOPB, and stated there will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting during the “For the Good of the Order” section.

Meeting Objectives

Approval of Minutes

Brad asked the board to approve the meeting minutes from both March 23, and April 27, 2023.

MOTION # 23-4 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 23, 2023, MEETING MINUTES WITH THE ADMENDMENT TO REMOVE “RICK TORRANCE” FOR THE “ABSENT” COLUMN.

- **MOVED: Brad Meryhew**
- **SECONDED: Rick Torrance**
- **ABSTAINED: Corey McNally**
- **PASSED: Unanimously**

MOTION # 23-5 MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 27, 2023, MEETING MINUTES WITH THE AMENDMENT TO REMOVE “JIMMY HUNG” FROM THE “ABSENT” COLUMN, AND LANGUAGE AND DATE CORRECTIONS TO PAGES 2 & 3.

- **MOVED: Brad Meryhew**
- **SECONDED: Jedd Pelander**
- **ABSTAINED: Corey McNally**
- **PASSED: Unanimously**

5163 Assignment Report Discussion

- **Brad** provided an overview and background of the 5163 Assignment.
- **Whitney** shared the Final Draft Report of the 5163 Assignment and spoke about some changes since the last meeting:
 - Community Protection Program has been updated to include updated information from Medicaid.
 - RCW 71.09: Changes to Discharge Planning and Less Restrictive Alternative Placement in the Community
 - **Whitney** asked for feedback on this title.
 - **Jamie, Sonja, and Brad** agreed on rewording the title and subtitle to read as:
 - “RCW 71.09: Changes to Discharge Planning and Less Restrictive Alternative Placements in the Community.”
 - “System overview, recommendations, and updates regarding implementation of Chapter 236, Laws of 2021.
- For a complete list of all revisions made during the meeting, please see the full recording of the meeting [here](#). Reminder: The final report will be distributed and will be posted to the SOPB website.

Approval of SOPB Recommendations

MOTION # 23-6 MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO.1 in the report.

- **MOVED: Brad Meryhew**
- **SECONDED: Keith Devos**
- **ABSTAINED: N/A**
- **PASSED: Unanimously**

MOTION # 23-7 MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO.2 in the report.

- **MOVED: Brad Meryhew**
- **SECONDED: Michael O’Connell**
- **ABSTAINED: N/A**
- **PASSED: Unanimously**

SB5163 Recommendations status updates

- **Whitney** shared a document for feedback regarding “Previous SOPB recommendations (2020-2023)”
- **Whitney** asked the board for current status of 2021 Recommendation No.6.
 - **Keith** provided the following status:
 - “In the future, the SCC hopes to conduct these trainings but has not done so yet. If the SCC is overseeing the training to the SOTPs, the SCC will compensate the providers for their time per their contract. At this time, CEUs are not covered or reimbursed.”

Next Steps

- Next Full Board meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2023, 1:00PM-4:00PM.

For the Good of the Order

- **Brad** approved the meeting transition to public comment.
 - **Whitney** reminded meeting participants that public comments would be limited to 90 seconds and stated that comments could also be submitted via chat.
- Public comments were received.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:13 PM

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

_____/s/_____
Chair, Brad Meryhew

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Date