

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Governor's Sentencing and Parole Review Task Force
Wednesday, December 19, 2007
Room 1B, LOB

Members Present: Ana G. Alfaro, Brian Austin, Maureen Price-Boreland, William Carbone, Judge Patrick Carroll(for Judge Barbara Quinn), Linda Cimino, Eric Crawford, John Danaher, Robert Farr, Thomas Flaherty, Mary Galvin, Lisa Holden, Kevin Kane, James Kenny ,Thomas Kirk, Theresa Lantz, Lisa MacDonald, MaryAnne O'Neill, Susan Storey, Judge Thomas West

The meeting was called to order at 1:08p.m., by Lisa Holden, Co-chair

Lisa Holden asked that all the committee members announce what their top three recommendations would be. After all committee members have stated their recommendations, there was a short break to compile the topics into groups.

Commissioner Theresa Lantz was first to state her three recommendations they are; Information Technology, Re-entry resources, Incarceration population, Commissioner Lantz stated some concerns on incarceration population and concentrating on the most violent offenders. She has interest in how to manage the non violent population and how to manage special offenders (sex offenders, mental health issues).

Commissioner Thomas Kirk's recommendations are; Expanding Services to mental health and substance abuse in combination, Reinforcing relationships between CSSD and probation officers, Sex offenders and identifying the relative risk of the sex offender. Commissioner Kirk would like to see more reinforcing relationships between CSSD and the probation officers and mental health probation officers. Mr. Kirk recommended those 6 months before release that a mental health assessment should be done and if there are any issues they should be addressed before the release.

Robert Farr's recommendations are; Access to juvenile and youthful offender records, information technology and research. Mr. Farr recommended that a plan should be developed and put into place then information can be shared within the different groups relating to probation, reentry, incarceration.

Maureen Price-Borland's recommendations are; Coordinating systems, providing services, increase funding to halfway houses, non profit entities.

Eric Crawford's recommendations are; Re-entry, victims services fully funded, parole board should be full time staffed.

Judge Patrick Carroll's recommendations are;

Information technology, re-entry manageable caseloads, probation warrant units

Attorney Suzy Story's recommendations are;

Increasing capacity; Community Programs; Housing increasing support systems, Parole Community release for class-A felonies, Re-entry critical resources for non entry as well. Attorney Storey also showed interest in resource centers.

Kevin Kane's recommendations are;

Information Technology, provide re-entry supervision and resources, statutes need to be improved, Sentencing laws need improvement.

MaryAnne O'Neill- Passed

Mary Galvin – Passed

Lisa Holden _ Passed

Brian Austin's recommendations are;

Community Supervision, Information Technology, Victims Services. Mr. Austin stated that the focus could be on information technology and building on what has been started and improve on what hasn't been done that well. Community supervision reduces crime rate, which will make the community safer.

William Carbone's recommendations are;

Manageable caseloads, Access to services, housing, employment, mental health, warrants. Mr. Carbone stated that the need for manageable case load for probation and parole officers should a priority.

Chief Kenny's recommendations are;

Information Technology, burglary statutes, expansion of probation, Chief Kenny stated that the expansion of probation and parole programs was of interest.

Linda Cimino's recommendations are;

Information technology, development of complimentary risk assessment tools, crime victims.

Thomas Flaherty's recommendations are;

Information technology there is a common thread from the arrest process to re-entry, re-entry probation and parole support, full time parole officers, home invasion.

Commissioner John Danaher's recommendations are;

Information Technology, offender services, burglary laws treat them for what they are. Individuals should be educated on what parole means after they are placed on it, offender services.

Ana Alfaro's recommendations are;

Information technology, re-entry expansions, supportive housing is needed. Develop more resources, create or develop more funding on affordable housing into non profits, victims advisory committees.

Linda Holden Co-chair called a break at 2:15 p.m., all recommendations will be condensed at this time.

Meeting was called back to order at 2:30p.m.

When the meeting reconvened the two main topics were re-entry and information technology. Other priorities included victim's issues; statutory changes; full time board of pardon and parole (BOPP); probation warrants squads and access to juvenile and youth offender records.

Discussions by committee members had decided to form subcommittees to refine some of the more complicated potential recommendations see attached for listings of the subcommittees along with committee memberships and meeting dates and times.

Meeting adjourned 4:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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