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COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2018 CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM 6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

MINUTES OPEN SESSION

Attendees: Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Begosh, Cluster, DeBoy, Greene, Hill, Keckler, Miller and Smack; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle; Assistant Attorney General Susan Baron

Absent: Commissioner Reynolds

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

- The minutes from the November 14, 2018 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) Director Joe Clocker retires November 30, 2018.
- The Governor's Officer of Crime Control and Prevention (GCCP) is being considered for assisting in processing pardon requests.
- As of October 1, 2018 certain felony drug convictions are eligible for expungement.
- While the Division of Correction (DOC) assigns and manages program slots the Commission may suggest programming for low risk offenders.
- Hearing officers may recommend potential Public Safety Program (PSP) candidates to commissioners.
- All security awareness training should be completed a timely fashion.
- The Patuxent Parole Violator Program (PVP) is scheduled to graduate December 18, 2018. The next class is scheduled to begin in January 2019.
- Cases should be checked thoroughly to ensure that victim notification has been completed.

- **Marian House Administrator Katie Allston and Gina Weaver addressed the Commission:
Marian House was founded in 1982 by a former prison chaplain.
Services such as behavioral health, employment training and substance abuse treatment is provided for women recently released from prison and women in the community.
The program may provide housing for up to 28 women at a time.
DPP agents visit clients at the program.
Participant case management is two years.
The recidivism rate for program participants from 2000-2011 was 8%.
The program is funded through private funding and government grants.**

- **At 10:58 a.m. under General Provisions Art. § 3-305 Chairman Blumberg made a motion to end the open session and go into a closed session to discuss personnel matters, review cases en-banc and to consult with legal counsel. A vote was taken and all commissioners were in favor. The meeting will reconvene in the Parole Commission's conference room.**