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### Maryland Parole Commission

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### COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 13, 2018 CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM 6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

### MINUTES OPEN SESSION

**Attendees:** Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Begosh, Cluster, DeBoy, Greene, Hill, Miller, Keckler, Reynolds and Smack; Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

- The minutes from the May 31, 2018 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Commissioners should not make a decision based on a completed risk assessment without discussing it with the other panel member.
- Program Managers Christine Burke and Ruth Ogle and Operations Administrator Linda Dodge have been working diligently to prepare juvenile lifer cases for attorney review on June 22, 2018.
- All appropriate boxes should be checked on revocation decision forms. The word all, not a specific number, should be used when all diminution credits are being rescinded.
- Commissioners must close supervision cases early when Parole and Probation agents submit reports citing abatement via the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) as the rationale.
- Commissioners may ask Records Unit staff to obtain death certificates if they are not attached to reports requesting case closure due to the offender's death.
- All revocation and subpoena hearings should be recorded.
- Wardens at Division of Correction (DOC) facilities have discretion over what may or may not be brought into an institution.

- **Professor Leigh Goodmark of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Gender Violence Clinic and Mary Joel Davis Director of Second Chance for Women addressed the Commission:  
A high percentage of female prisoners are survivors of sexual, physical and/or mental abuse. The abuse may have happened during childhood or by an intimate partner.  
Most tend to suffer from post-traumatic stress which may impair communication skills.  
Some suffer from traumatic brain injury which may impair the ability to recall facts sequentially.  
Domestic violence often ends in disproportionate force.  
Program participation has proven to be very beneficial.  
Female offenders that have been granted parole have a low recidivism rate.**
  
- **At 10:54 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 and review cases en-banc. A vote was taken and all commissioners were in favor. The meeting will reconvene in the Parole Commission's conference room.**