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**COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 16, 2018
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM
6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215**

**MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

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

Absent: Commissioners Greene and Reynolds (leave); Hill (telework)

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

- **The minutes from the May 2, 2018 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.**
- **Chairman Blumberg spoke with a developer of the HCR20 risk assessment about possibly having the Commission's psychologist, Dr. Ott, trained on how to administer it.**
- **The settlement conference for the juvenile lifer lawsuit was postponed.**
- **Chairman Blumberg and Program Manager Christine Burke met with Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) administrators. Issues regarding the agent of record not appearing for revocation hearings and agents not providing recommendations will be conveyed to DPP field offices. Commissioners should report specific recurring incidents to Christine Burke.**
- **To assist with the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) reports that are due in July, October and November, Commissioners should write on docket sheets whether a case is JRA and if decisions rendered are within or outside JRA guidelines. A change note has been submitted to the Information Technology and Communication Division (ITCD) to update the Offender Case Management System (OCMS) to be able to capture the statistics electronically.**
- **Division of Correction (DOC) Case Management Director Charvette Henson-Smith retired.**

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- **Commissioner Smack conducted revocation hearings at the Metropolitan Transition Center (MTC) hospital.**
- **There haven't been as many issues with inmates being transferred to Patuxent over the last two weeks. If an issue arises please inform Christine Burke.**
- **Sheila Gortman, Executive Director of Me Helping You; You Helping Me We're In This Together (WITT) addressed the Commission:**

The mission of the program is to provide reintegration services for ex-offenders. The pilot program will provide housing and services for 20 participants. The program is designed to provide services for ex-offenders in the Baltimore area. There is no cost to participants; the program will be funded through state and federal grants as well as private donations. The program is expected to be fully operational by May 2019.

- **At 10:46 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, consult with legal counsel 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.**