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COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2017 CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM 6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

MINUTES OPEN SESSION

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

Absent: Commissioner Sfikas (telework)

Chairman Blumberg convened the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

- The minutes from the October 18, 2017 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Commissioners should choose Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) or non-JRA for Offender Case Management System (OCMS) entries.
- Chairman Blumberg will meet with administrators from the Goucher Prison Education Partnership to discuss the Commission possibly recommending female offenders to the program.
- A settlement conference for the juvenile lifer lawsuit is scheduled for tomorrow at the federal courthouse.
- Commission administrators are scheduled to meet with Information Technology & Communications Division (ITCD) programmers to discuss ways to have OCMS identify JRA eligible cases.
- Program Manager Christine Burke and Commissioner John Greene met with the JRA task force to discuss victim notification. Victim notification forms will be available on the department's website.
- The Northwest Citizens Patrol Anniversary Reception dinner is scheduled for December 9, 2017 at 8 p.m.

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- **The Commission has been inundated with medical and geriatric parole requests. None of the requests have met the criteria for geriatric parole. The Commission may grant medical parole prior to an offender reaching parole eligibility except for cases needing the Governor's approval.**
- **The department has received a bid for the medical parole second opinion contract.**
- **Administrative Officer Linda Dodge recently assisted the Florida Parole Board with commutation, pardon and parole statistics and definitions.**
- **Program Manager Ruth Ogle has prepared the first JRA report for the legislature. There were eight (8) cases identified in the first 30 days.**
- **A link to the Commission meeting minutes and agenda will be posted on the department's website.**
- **At 10:27 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, to 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.**