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**COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2017
CENTRALIZED HIRING CONFERENCE ROOM
6774-C REISTERSTOWN ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215**

**MINUTES
OPEN SESSION**

Attendees: Chairman Blumberg; Commissioners Cluster, Greene, Hill, Miller, Sfikas and Smack; Program Manager Ruth Ogle

Absent: Commissioners Begosh and Reynolds (leave); DeBoy (telework)

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

- The minutes from the November 1, 2017 open session were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- A settlement conference for the juvenile lifer lawsuit was held on November 2, 2017. Another settlement conference has been scheduled for January 2, 2018.
- Chairman Blumberg and Program Manager Christine Burke are scheduled to meet with Goucher College administrators on December 1, 2017 to discuss developing a partnership with the prisoner education program.
- Per Correctional Services Article §7-401(d)(4) commissioners may go outside guidelines for Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) cases if a risk to public safety, a victim or witness is found and the following factors have been considered: the nature of the violation, the facts and circumstances of the underlying crime and the offender's history. The Commissioner must state the reasons for going outside the guidelines on the record.
- Chairman Blumberg conducted training for the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office on Monday, November 13, 2017.
- Commissioners Miller and Greene are scheduled to attend a JRA task force meeting this afternoon in Annapolis. Commissioner Greene will give a report on MPC JRA issues.

- **The contract for medical parole second opinions is in negotiation. Division of Correction Medical Director Dr. Baucom has some concerns with the exchange of medical information to an outside agency.**
- **Upon further review of the JRA it has been discovered that the 15, 30 and 45 day revocation rule applies to mandatory supervision cases. Commitment will no longer provide the Commission assistance with calculations. Commissioners may opt to render a hold decision in lieu of revocation. If a hold is rendered for a local detention center case the offender will be continued on supervision and have to report to the Division of Parole and Probation upon release.**
- **The Baltimore County Detention Center will serve parole decisions for the Commission but has not agreed to serve parole releases. Staff at the detention center has consulted with local legal counsel to find out if it's legal for them to assist the Commission with the release procedure.**
- **At 10:35 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 data entry training. A vote was taken and all commissioners were in favor. The meeting will reconvene in the Parole Commission's conference room.**