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THINGS TO DO IN 2011

- **Renew APAI Membership**
- **Plan to attend 2012 Annual Training Conference, May 20 - 23 in Orlando**
- **Serve on an APAI Committee**
- **Convince a colleague to join APAI.**

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I would like to start by thanking all of you who took time from your busy schedules to travel to beautiful Boise, Idaho last month for our annual Chairs Meeting/Training. We all understand how difficult it can be to get away from the office, particularly when it involves traveling to another jurisdiction. We are honored that you chose to make the extra effort to attend this event. We certainly hope that you found the experience rewarding and educational

I must thank all those who made this event possible. Our friends and colleagues at NIC provided generous support of our speakers, presenters and a facilitator. The National Parole Resource Center sent Peggy Burke to update us on the working of that organization.

I must give special thanks to Director Olivia Craven and the Commissioners of the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole for agreeing to host this event. Staff members Kelly White and Anette Reeder worked diligently to provide administrative support for this event. They deserve a big "thank you" for a job well done.

We will soon have exciting announcements about next years event that we hope will make it an even more valuable resource for our members.

Parole Board Chairs and Releasing Authority Directors serve an invaluable role at APAI. The Council of Paroling Releasing Authorities (COPRA), under the guidance of Chair Rissie Owens of Texas, is tasked, pursuant to our Constitution, with providing advice and counsel to the Executive Committee as it sets the course for the association. Participation from our chairs is critical to a successful and responsive association.

This is an exciting time at APAI. Those who attended the meeting in Boise were given a glimpse of the exciting work that has just begun at APAI with the adoption of a comprehensive business plan for the upcoming years. Special thanks must go to APAI Secretary Jeralita "Jeri" Costa for her work in facilitating and developing this plan and to NIC for supporting us in that effort.

We are very pleased that NIC has successfully launched its Orientation for Parole Chairs and will soon be adding training for parole executives. This is certainly an exciting time at APAI.

I would also like to thank Elizabeth Robinson, Chair of the Iowa Parole Board, for her many years of service to APAI as Treasurer. Unfortunately the demands of her position have made it necessary for her to resign her office. We who have served along side her wish her well.

Last, but certainly not least, we look forward to seeing all of you in beautiful Orlando, Florida, May 20 - 23, 2012 at our 28th Annual Training Conference hosted by our friends and colleagues at the Florida Parole Commission.

With sincere appreciation for all you do;

Charles Traugher

President, Association of Paroling Authorities International

NEW LEGISLATION AFFECTS KENTUCKY PAROLE BOARD

BY MELISSA CHANDLER CLARK, INTERNAL POLICY ANALYST, KENTUCKY PAROLE BOARD

Landmark legislation, The Public Safety and Offender Accountability Act House Bill 463 2011RS (HB 463), was passed June 8, 2011 in Kentucky. The bill is intended to increase public safety, focus on reentry, reduce recidivism, reduce prison population, increase evidence based programming, and reform the penal code. It is estimated to save over \$400 million over the next decade and will affect every aspect of the criminal justice system within the Commonwealth, including the Parole Board.

One of the first effects on the Parole Board was the requirement to consider offenders sixty days prior to their parole eligibility. This doubled the Board's caseload for the first three months and required several administrative processes, including victim notification, to be reevaluated in order to make implementation successful.

The Kentucky Parole Board now has more stringent deferment limits. "Deferment" represent the next time parole is considered for an inmate denied release at a

hearing. For Class C and Class D offenses, the lowest level felonies under Kentucky law, the maximum deferment that can be given at one time is 24 months. For all other cases, a two-member panel can order up to 60 months. Beyond that, the case must be referred to the full board which can order up to a 120 month deferment with the exception of offenders serving on life sentences. In cases such as these, the full board can still order an offender to serve the remainder their life sentence.

In order to apply the deferment limits to all offenders considered by the Parole Board, the bill requires reconsideration of offenders that previously received more than 60 months without a full board vote. Once these offenders have served 60 months of their previously ordered deferment they will receive a reconsideration hearing.

The bill also establishes two new types of supervision, Mandatory Reentry Supervision (MRS) and Postincarceration Supervision (PS). MRS must be ordered by the

Parole Board the last 6 months of a sentence for offenders serving more than a 2 year term, are eligible for parole by statute, are not convicted of a Capital or Class A offense, have a custody level of medium or lower, and have not been released on MRS during the same incarceration. It is estimated that 2000 offenders will be release when MRS becomes effective in January 2012 and 200-300 offenders each month thereafter. PS must be ordered on offenders convicted on or after June 8, 2011 for a period of one-year when they are discharged from either their sentence or parole supervision. To qualify for PS, the offenders must be convicted of a Capital or Class A felony, have a custody level of maximum or close custody, or are not eligible for parole by statute. The Parole Board will set standard conditions for MRS and PS and have the responsibility to conduct revocation proceedings much like parole violators.

Even though the Kentucky Parole Board has been utilizing a risk assessment for over 8 year, HB 463 requires a validated risk and needs assessment along with a case management plan be

taken into consideration when recommending parole, setting conditions, in addition to determining the supervision level for parolees.

It is difficult to determine the lasting effects that HB 463 will have on the Kentucky Parole Board directly and indirectly. Everyone involved is hopeful that the hard work and dedication that is required to implement every aspect of the bill over the next several years will fulfill our mission to modernize and strengthen Kentucky's criminal justice system. Chairman Verman Winburn stated, "We are pleased to be a part of an era in which all state government agencies are impacted by House Bill 463 in an effort to increase public safety and decrease recidivism by addressing the offender's criminogenic needs."

2011 APAI CHAIRS MEETING, BY KEITH HARDISON

On September 28th and 29th Parole Chairs, Releasing Authority Directors or their designees, gathered in beautiful Boise, Idaho for the Annual APAI Parole Chairs Meeting/ Training. Participants from 16 different jurisdictions attended. Thanks to generous support from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) the participants were guided through the event by the skilled hand of facilitator Faye Mullaney.

Peggy Burke from the National Parole Resource Center updated the participants on the recent work of that organization and sought input about future efforts and initiatives.

Again, thanks to generous support from NIC, the participants were provided two modules from the recently developed Parole Board Chairs Training. This training was presented by Jeralita “Jeri” Costa and Carla Smalls, both highly skilled NIC faculty. Mike Mathews and Olivia Craven from the Idaho Commission on Pardons and Parole presented information about how there agency works.

APAI wishes to thank all those who attended and the Commissioners and staff of the Idaho Commission, particularly Ms. Kelly White and Ms. Anette Reeder, for their many efforts in providing administrative support for this event.



The faculty and participants at the Annual Chairs Meeting/Training.

2011 APAI BUSINESS PLAN, BY KEITH HARDISON

In July of this year the Executive Committee of APAI approved a comprehensive and aggressive new business that will guide the work of APAI through 2013. The previous plan was adopted in 2008. It had served the association well but was due for revision and updating.

This effort was facilitated by Jeralita “Jeri” Costa, and made possible by generous financial support from the National Institute of Corrections.

That plan contains nine strategic goals that the Association plans to meet over the next two years:

1. Provide mentorship for parole/releasing authorities; starting with Chairs;
2. Provide a forum for discussion and development of best practices in parole including the input of stakeholder voices in the parole process: i.e., victims, offender families, correctional

administrators and staff, legislative bodies, governors, criminal justice organizations and interested community members;

3. Develop our resources to address an expanded membership of parole/releasing authorities to include juvenile focused agencies and criminal justice focused schools and universities;
4. Develop and implement unique products and programs that will

enhance the knowledge and expertise of parole/releasing authorities, criminal justice agencies and appointing authorities;

5. Utilize technology to expand all aspects of our business;
6. Increase International participation in APAI;
7. Develop and implement funding strategies that enable us to meet our goals and objectives;

8. Develop *Essential Elements for Quality Parole/Releasing Authorities*, and

9. Development of position and resource papers related to issues and policies of concern.

The plans contains specific, identifiable and

measurable objective for each goal and sets forth specific strategies. The plan contains assignment of responsibility for each objective, set forth timelines for completion and identifies performance measures.

To view this plan visit www.apaintl.org and look under the "About US" tab.



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