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Dear Friends and Colleagues in APAI,

It's with great sadness that I begin this quarter's newsletter with the recent and tragic death of Tom Clements, Director of Colorado's Department of Corrections. He was senselessly murdered while answering the door at his home. Tom Clements is described by all who have worked with him throughout his distinguished career in Corrections both in the State of Missouri and most recently in Colorado, as a man of exceptional principle and a steadfast belief that the human element can change. At his funeral in Colorado Springs last Monday, March 25th, which was attended by hundreds of family, friends, colleagues, and those who had never even met him, but came to honor his life's work, Tom's wife, Lisa Clements, and Colorado Governor, John Hickenlooper, described him as a man with a strong belief in redemption and one who was admired by prison advocates and guards, alike. It's ironic that as he has worked to reduce the use of solitary confinement in Colorado prisons, he may have been murdered by an offender who, as an inmate, spent considerable time in such an environment.

As we contemplate and mourn Tom Clements death, let us all realize the great importance of our work and the impact it has on the lives of those we work with and ultimately on our communities. While the inherent risk of what we do is equal to its reward, let us be ever vigilant to protect ourselves, our families, and our friends.

Well it's count-down time to our 2013 Training Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, May 19th through the 22nd and registrations are coming in. As promised, the APAI administration and the Host Committee, in collaboration with our many partners and

presenters, are poised to deliver a very informative, exciting, and fun program over the conference week in beautiful and historic Providence! We are still looking for "silent auction" items sent or brought by those attending. This event not only serves as an APAI funding source, but provides an opportunity for you to pick-up an item representing a national or international member organization. Information concerning auction items and general conference information can be found on the APAI website at www.apaintl.org.

Also please remember, Parole Board Chairs and Releasing Authority Directors, Vice Chair/ Second In-Charge, we will be hosting our Annual "Chair's Meeting" on Sunday, May 19th the day proceeding the Conference opening ceremonies. There is no fee to attend and, again, APAI's Executive Committee has a robust and fun agenda awaiting your participation. As leaders of your agencies both nationally and internationally, APAI relies on you to likewise be leaders for APAI. We sincerely encourage and appreciate your attendance at the Chairs Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you in Providence in May; please travel safe!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Peterson
President, APAI

THINGS TO DO IN 2013

- **Renew APAI Membership**
- **Serve on an APAI Committee**
- **Convince a colleague to join APAI.**
- **Make plans to attend the 2013 Chairs Meeting and Annual Training Conference in Providence, RI, May 18-22, 2013**

ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

As this newsletter is released, final preparations are being made for the 29th APAI Annual Training Conference to be held in beautiful and historic Providence, Rhode Island, May 19 - 22. It will be held at the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel, located just adjacent to the historic Rhode Island State House, the site of a Monday night reception. It is not too late to register for the conference, but hurry to take advantage of special early conference registration and hotel rates.

Take a leisurely stroll through downtown Providence and enjoy the fantastic, world class restaurants, shops, and historic sites..

The theme of this year's conference is *Parole: Diverse Paths to a Common Goal*. New this year, the Annual Chairs Meeting will be conducted on Sunday prior to the opening of the conference. This meeting provides an opportunity for those in leadership positions at parole boards and releasing authorities to network and find out what APAI has new to offer them and their agencies, and help chart the course for the organization's future.

The Annual Training Conference program portion of the agenda will begin Monday morning with opening ceremonies and a Keynote Address from A.T. Wall, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and President of the Association of State Corrections Administrators (ASCA). We will also hear from Peggy Burke and others at the Center for Effective Public Policy about the important work being done by the National Parole Resource Center and from Richard Stroker about imposing conditions that follow evidence based principles.

Dr. Fredric Reamer, a noted expert on ethical considerations in the human services arena, who also happens to be a member of the Rhode Island Parole Board, will present on *Ethics in Parole* and Justice J. W. Gendall, newly appointed Chair of the New Zealand Parole Board, will discuss his career

journey from prosecutor to judge to parole board chair.

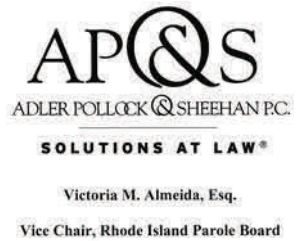
Numerous APAI member organizations will be on hand to present information about projects and programs that are working in their jurisdiction. There will be workshops on:

- Victims issues
- Technology
- Social Media
- Revocations
- Elder Assisted Hearing
- Human Trafficking
- Structured Decision Making

On Tuesday, at the APAI Awards Luncheon, those who have significantly contributed to our field will be recognized with awards named after such pioneers as Vincent O'Leary and Ben Bear. On Wednesday morning the past and future work of APAI will be unveiled to the membership and APAI officers for the upcoming year will be announced.

This programming is specifically designed to give the practitioner the tools to survive in today's world of tight resources and ever increasing expectations. To find out more about his conference go to www.apaintl.org and click on the Conferences and Training Tab. The last day to register at a reduced rate is April 19th, and the last day to make hotel reservations at the guaranteed room rate is April 26.

We look forward to seeing you in Providence!



NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK ACTIVITIES

BY: TINA L. FOX, DIRECTOR OF VICTIM SERVICES, TENNESSEE BOARD OF PAROLE

Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCRVW) has challenged the nation to confront and remove barriers to full justice for victims of crime. Each year, communities across the country revisit the history of the victims' rights movement and recommit themselves to advancing the progress already achieved. The 2013 United States NCRVW theme—*New Challenges. New Solutions.*—reflects the spirit that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and renews our field's power to meet new challenges. It captures the spirit and resolve needed to realize our common goal of reaching each victim in need of hope and help, one victim at a time. In Canada, the theme for this week is "We All Have a Role."

In honor of Victims' Rights Week in Florida, a Lunch and Learn Workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at noon in the Florida Parole Commission (FPC) Hearing Room with Director of Victims' Services, Gretchen Casey (State Attorneys' Office - 8th Judicial Circuit) who will show her film entitled, "Somewhere Beyond." This film explores restorative justice as it portrays one victim's attempt to find answers from the offender who victimized her. Additionally, FPC Victims' Services staff will have an exhibit display board, brochures, and business cards at the Florida Capitol Building.

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BY: TINA L. FOX, DIRECTOR OF VICTIM SERVICES, TENNESSEE BOARD OF PAROLE

For the fifth consecutive year, the Tennessee Board of Parole will host Tree Planting Ceremonies in honor of crime victims in eight Districts across the state. The Board hosts these events annually to remind crime victims that they are available to provide assistance and to raise awareness in the community that crime victims deserve to be heard. During each event, the Board honors victim advocates with Voice for Victims awards. This year, the Tennessee Department of Correction has partnered with the Board for the ceremonies.

The Chairman of the Parole Board of Canada, Harvey Cenaiko, along with the Manager of the Victims' Section, Elizabeth Rothwell will attend the federal symposium in Gatineau, Quebec on April 22nd. This marks Canada's 8th annual National Victims of Crime Awareness Week (NVCAW), which takes place at the same time as the USA's. Throughout the week, events in each of the Board's five Regions across the country will be taking place as well.

At the National level, the Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice (OVC) will sponsor its annual National Crime Victims Service Award Ceremony on Wednesday, April 24

from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Office of Justice Programs in Washington, DC. Survivors, advocates and allied professionals are honored for their contributions that improve the lives of victims in their communities, states and nationwide. Advance online registration is required for this free event, which can be accessed at http://www.courtesyassocevents.com/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=nvrvw_main&link=nvrvw_main.

The U.S. Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus is "the victims' voice" on Capitol Hill. The mission of the Caucus is to elevate crime victim issues in Congress in a bipartisan manner without infringing on the rights of the accused, and represent and advocate before the Administration and within the U.S. Congress on behalf of crime victims.

This year, the U.S. Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 18th at 10 a.m. on Capitol Hill. That afternoon, the Caucus will host its Annual Policy Forum to discuss key Federal legislation and policies that affect crime victims and those who serve them. For more information, please visit <http://vrc.poe.house.gov/>.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: THE KENTUCKY PAROLE BOARD

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

The mission of the Kentucky Parole Board is to make decisions that maintain a delicate balance between public safety, victims' rights, reintegration of the offender and recidivism. We will achieve this important balance by application of our Core Values: Knowledge, Experience, and Integrity.

The Board consists of 9 full-time members with one serving as the Chair. They are appointed by the governor to 4-year terms and go through a legislative confirmation process. The Board is autonomous but is a part of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for budgetary purposes. The Board does not specifically have a staff but is supported by the Division of Parole and Victim Services within the Department of Corrections. The Division consists of Victim Services, Support Services, Risk Assessment Section, and a Revocation Section.

In 2012 the Kentucky Parole Board conducted over 19,000 hearings with a parole rate of 47%. The Board conducts parole eligibility hearings after an offender has served 15%, 20%, 50% or 85% of their sentence. Parole eligibility hearings are conducted as either face to face interviews or file review hearings. Two member panels conduct hearings and their decisions must be unanimous, otherwise the case is referred to the full Board for a majority decision. If an offender is serving on a Class C non-violent, non-sex offense or Class D, the Board conducts a file review hearing using the offender's electronic file. For all other offenders, the Board utilizes video conferencing to conduct the face to face hearings. The Board has deferment limits of up to 24 months for lower class felonies; in all other cases a two member panel can defer up to 60 months and the full Board can defer up to 120 months or serve out on a life sentence.

The full Board renders decisions on cases where there is not a unanimous decision, cases returned to the Board for disciplinary actions received after a parole recommendation, decisions to defer a case more than 60 months, rescission of warrants, early medical parole, reconsiderations, and changes in stipulations. The board members work a 4 day work week that typically includes a business meeting and victim hearings on Monday, parole eligibility hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday and final revocation hearings on Thursday.

The Board is the releasing authority for not only parole supervision, but also mandatory reentry supervision, sex offender conditional discharge, and post-incarceration supervision. Statutes determine which offenders are released on these other forms of supervision; however the Board is responsible for setting the conditions and the revocation process.

Current projects that the Board is focused on are ACA accreditation, exploring technology to assist in their process (i.e. Skype for victim hearings, video conferencing for preliminary revocation hearings, etc.), revising their website and working with the Department of Corrections to explore collaborative efforts on reducing revocations. Through all of these efforts, the Kentucky Parole Board works diligently to fulfill not only their mission but also to assist in the Commonwealth's public safety.

Ed. Note: This is the first article in a continuing series to explain and promote the work of our member agencies.

WHAT'S IN PROVIDENCE!!



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