



Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

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Greg Gianforte, Governor
Steven K. Hurd, Board Chair

BUSINESS MEETING NOTICE

The Montana Board of Pardons and Parole will be conducting a business meeting, Deer Lodge, Montana, on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Board Members: Chair Hurd, Member Patelis, Member McElroy, Member Etchemendy, Member Newman.

Operations Staff: Victim/Witness Coordinator Slaughter, BOPP Institutional Screening Coordinator Peek, Chief of Staff Buckley

Community Member: Melissa Kelly

The agenda will be as follows:

10:00 am: WATCh Program overview and updates presentation by Melissa Kelly from CCCS.

1 Hour long education period for Board Members highlighting the changes at WATCh with a new focus on trauma informed programming.

Information of specific note to the Board Members:

- WATCh Knights no longer offered, but vehicle related homicide cases are accepted and have an enhanced mental health component to assist in accountability that does not drive further substance abuse issues as well as the Victim Impact Programming.
- Victim Impact Program is now available at WATCh.
- Program is not limited to 4th offense DUI cases. Does not need to meet the High level of Care standard (3.5). All chemical dependency cases that have an element or pattern of offenses committed while driving under the influence can be considered. This includes Criminal Endangerment offenses involving high speed chases by Law Enforcement when the offender is under the influence.

11:00 am: Questions/Discussion on any current items relating to BOPP Operations that Members or Operational staff would like to bring forward (Budget, Operations, Procedures, etc.)

- Mr. Peek informed the Board Members of an update by the DOC to extend Institutional Screening consideration to 14 months as written in statute.
- Member Patelis further discussed the motion for Hearing Panels to dress uniformly during public hearings from the September Meeting to help clear up any concerns.
- No budget items for discussion on this date.

11:30 am: Public Comment

- No public comment submitted on this date.

Adjourn

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