



Governor Terry E. Branstad
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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**Grimes Building
400 E. 14th Street, Room B100
Des Moines, Iowa**

September 16, 2015

Present: Tom Ferguson, Chair; Mardi Allen; John Hodges; Steve Lukan; Amber Markham; Lettie Prell; Kurt Swaim; Tony Thompson; Tom Walton; Doug Wolfe

Ex-officio: Rep. Bob Kressig; Hon. Jeffrey Neary; Sen. Steven Sodders

Staff: Steve Michael, Division Administrator; Kile Beisner; Cheryl Davidson; Julie Rinker; Lanette Watson

Others: Cathy Engel; JoAnn Finkenbinder; Bill Freeland; Anna Hyatt-Crozier; Beth Lenstra; Andrea Muelhaupt; Marty Ryan; Dane Schumann; Alice Wisner

Absent: Kim Cheeks; DeAnn Decker; Mary Ingham; Mary Kovacevich; Michelle Leonard; Sherri Soich; John Spinks

Ex-officio: Hon. Romonda Belcher

Ferguson called the meeting to order at 12:44 p.m. A quorum was present

I. Approval of Minutes—May 13, 2015

Kurt Swaim moved to approve the minutes from the May 13th meeting, seconded by John Hodges. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Reports

Kile Beisner stated that the two draft reports would be finalized at the next meeting and submitted to the general assembly by the due dates.

• Human Trafficking

If approved by this Board, the Human Trafficking Report will be shared with the Sex Offender Research Council (SORC) members and they would be invited to attend a joint discussion at the November meeting.

Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning

Beisner reviewed data collection issues surrounding the number of related crimes with a human trafficking component and the low number of cases and convictions found over a nine-year period. Recommendations include:

- updating Iowa's Uniform Crime Reporting system with current FBI codes;
- a process to collect data from county attorneys; and
- training for law enforcement and prosecutors.

Labor-related human trafficking data in Iowa were not available. If changes were made to the Uniform Crime Reporting system, this information could be tracked.

Discussion included:

- The Department of Public Safety is holding meetings across the state and conducting training on how to recognize and report human trafficking. Recommendations will be made after sufficient information is gathered.
- Many cases need targeted investigations, training, and investigative tools.
- Iowa needs a uniform strategy for investigation, prosecution, and victim assistance.
- Various agencies need resources to provide programming for youth and adults who have been exploited, trafficked, and/or prostituted.
- The Department of Human Services is providing assistance to trafficked foster care youth.
- Victims of labor trafficking have issues different from those trafficked for sex.

Beisner referenced a presentation conducted by a Colorado expert who reported that labor trafficking outweighed sex trafficking. She was unsure if Workforce Development was working on the issue. Tony Thompson suggested referencing the Colorado data in the report.

There was consensus to recommend the following:

- Develop a statewide strategy on prosecutions.
- Develop best practices regarding victim assistance.

There was consensus to meet with SORC members at the November meeting.

• **PSAB Annual Update**

Beisner noted that the annual report is an update to the previous year. Ferguson suggested renaming page 3, "Overview of Past Deliberations", to "Recommendations of the Public Safety Advisory Board".

Rep. Kressig discussed his interest in filing a bill to automatically remove paternal parental rights to children born out of rape. Once convicted, these fathers would automatically lose all parental rights to the child.

Sen. Sodders suggested having more information presented to the Board. Ferguson thought the matter should be referred to the SORC and asked that Kressig forward information to Steve Michael.

III. Governor's Task Force on DMC

Michael provided information on a recently seated Governor's Working Group on Justice Policy Reform. He asked for suggestions regarding information that should be shared with the working group.

Hodges added further details—meetings will be held at the Capitol on 9/24/15, 9/30/15, 10/15/15, and 10/29/15. Recommendations will be developed by the end of November. Four sub-groups include: mental health/drug courts, jury pool selection, juvenile records/confidentiality, and prison/jail phone rates. The meetings are open to the public.

Ferguson suggested sharing previously published PSAB reports on mental health, drug courts, and the most recent annual report.

A brief discussion included the benefits of specialized courts. A veterans' court is being piloted in Sioux City.

IV. Relevance and Impact of Reporting

No update.

V. Issues for Next Meeting

Steve Lukan moved that Tom Walton assume chair of this Board, seconded by Swaim. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Adjournment

Walton thanked Ferguson for his tenure and dedication as chair.

Hodges moved to adjourn, seconded by Doug Wolfe. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rinker
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