**AMENDED MINUTES** 

Psychiatric Security Review Board

Administrative Meeting
Adult Panel

September 26, 2018

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An administrative meeting of the Psychiatric Security Review Board was convened on

September 26, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the fourth-floor conference room of 610 SW Alder Street,

Portland, Oregon 97205. The following were in attendance:

• Adult Panel – Elena Balduzzi, Psy.D., Chair; Trisha Elmer, P.P.O.; Anne Nichol, J.D.;

Scott Reichlin, M.D. (by telephone); and John Swetnam.

• PSRB Staff – Alison Bort, J.D., Ph.D., Executive Director; Sid Moore, J.D., Deputy

Director; and Jane Bigler, Executive Secretary, as note taker.

• Public Attendees – Harris Matarazzo, J.D. (in person); and via telephone: Maria Walchi,

McNary Place SRTF; Kimberley Smith Daly and Jill Crittenden, both from Telecare

Recovery Center at Woodburn; and Rochalle Rooks, Benton County Mental Health.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Dr. Bort and she asked if any of the

members of the public in attendance wished to make a comment. Mr. Matarazzo asked to reserve

his right to 5 minutes of public comment if he sees need later in the meeting. The Board agreed.

No other public attendees indicated they wished to make any comment.

Next was to be a review of the minutes from the Joint Panel meeting held on June 13,

2018. Ms. Bigler asked that the review of those minutes be postponed until the Joint Panel

meeting in December so that the minutes can be reviewed by both panels. The Board concurred,

the minutes from June 13, 2018 will be considered for adoption by both panels in December.

Dr. Bort then provided an update to the members regarding her first few months as the

Executive Director with a focus on partnering, communication and avoiding risk. She noted that

she has been meeting with various stakeholders:

• Dolly Matteucci, who is the new superintendent at Oregon State Hospital (OSH).

• Micky Logan, Legal Affairs Director, OSH. Dr. Bort and Ms. Logan plan to hold

a new certified evaluator's training in October.

• Social workers at OSH regarding conditional release planning and timely requests

to the Board.

Anna Dyer, the new Forensic Utilization Coordinator, Oregon Health Authority

(OHA) who recently replaced Elaine Sweet. Dr. Bort indicated that they meet/talk

weekly.

• Bridges Executive Team – to brainstorm about how they might assist to avoid

revocations.

• Peer Advisors, at both the OSH Salem and Junction City campuses – There were

approximately 40 clients present at the Salem meeting and 6 clients at Junction

City.

Medical Providers – issues resulting from hearings such as standardizing Progress

Note Updates.

Site visits – Dr. Bort has 6 scheduled site visits over the next 3 months and hopes

to meet with all of them within the next 6 months.

Dr. Bort moved on to report on the new "zero empty bed initiative." There are

approximately 63 individuals that are currently ready for conditional release per OSH's Risk

Review Board. OSH is currently collecting data on the reasons these individuals have not been

conditionally released, but the reason does not appear to be due to the Board denying the

requests. So far, the reasons appear to be due to there not being a bed available where the client

has been accepted (waitlisted) or that the client refuses to leave the hospital.

Dr. Bort reported that she has several presentations scheduled over the next 6 months:

• Oregon Health Sciences University – 2 presentations (Grand Rounds, OHSU

Forensic Fellows)

• Marion County – Concealed Gun Permit Conference

• Oregon State Hospital – all staff trainings in November and March. OSH staff

always report how good Ms. Britton was with her communication and

availability.

Next was a discussion around the Board's Strategic Plan. Currently, the Board doesn't

have a formal plan, but Dr. Bort and Mr. Moore have been consulting with other agencies in

preparation for creating one. The Strategic Plan will need to address:

• Strengthening communication

• Succession Planning

Standardized Board member training

Staff within the office

Policies and technology

• Data collection

Data is needed for articles, such as the one that Dr. Balduzzi co-wrote

regarding conditional release planning, so that we can rely on the data we

have.

• Identifying best practices and standardizing programs

o E.g. Secure residential treatment facility's – pass policies

Minimum standards expected

Dr. Bort noted that the first step will be to find a consultant to assist with the project.

Next, discussion moved on to the 2019-21 budget. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) has approved and submitted our Agency Requested Budget (ARB) without changes. The next step is the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB), which probably will not occur until after the election. It is unlikely that the Board's budget will be cut due to the small size of the agency. The requested budget amount is a little over three million dollars. Once the ARB is approved, it becomes the GRB, then passed on to the legislature. There weren't many changes during this process for the 2017-19 biennium, so it isn't anticipated there will be many this time either. The Board has not requested any major changes, as usual, the majority of the budget is for personnel services. Dr. Bort further reported that the Board is about \$114,000 in the "black" for 2017-19. This may allow for some technology purchases and any unforeseen legal bills. Mr. Swetnam inquired if funding for the consultant used for creating the Strategic Plan will come from this excess. Dr. Bort noted that it hopefully would, but at the moment all we have is a name of a consultant, no further negotiations have been determined. Lastly, Dr. Bort informed the Board that the Key Performance Measures (KPM) are due on October 1st, and it will be distributed once it is complete.

This segued on to the next topic, the Best Practices survey. Board members were given a copy of the survey. Dr. Bort noted that the answers must be a yes or no, as an "I don't know" option isn't allowed. Dr. Bort went over each question and discussion followed.

Mr. Moore asked if the Board had reviewed the Sex Offender Relief/Reclassification Rules. The following were questions/concerns Board members expressed:

• OAR 859-400-0005(4) – reference to "Static-99" is incorrect, it needs to have the

"R" added.

• Wording of OAR 859-400-0090(1) – members were urged to look at it with the

notion of rehabilitation, rather than "statistical likelihood." Suggestion was made

to use the Board of Parole's OAR regarding this topic.

• OAR 859-400-0100(1) – implies 10 members (Adult and Juvenile Panels) rather

than the usual three members from only one panel. Discussion followed. Notably:

o If there was a combination of the two panels, the quorum would be 6 rather

than three.

o The reviewing panel could end up with more than one member of the same

discipline (attorney, psychiatrist, psychologist, etc.) if a combination of panel

members was used.

o Juvenile sex offenders aren't classified in the same manner as the adults.

Therefore, it was determined that these reviews should be handled by the

Adult Panel.

• OAR 859-400-0160(1) – first line references "independent forensic" mental

health assessment, but the forensic evaluation may not include the sex offender

topic, so should change the wording to "sex offender" mental health assessment.

Dr. Balduzzi moved that the Board adopt these rules with the noted changes. Mr.

Swetnam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bort noted that staff has gone above and beyond to meet the deadline for the

completion of the Static-99R's and stated there are still about 35 cases yet to be completed.

Next was a Case Law Update - Provided information about State v. Folks (2018), 290 Or

App 94, further supporting that substance-induced psychosis is not a qualifying mental disorder.

Dr. Bort moved on to a discussion of the 2019 Legislative Session. Currently there is no

plan for the Board to submit any Policy Option Packages (POPs), but there is some clean-up

language needed for the Civil Commit statutes. Mr. Swetnam expressed concern about needing

changes to assist with the issue of "malingering." Dr. Bort noted that this is an important

topic we are discussion with partners and provided some examples from early discussions.

There are no drafted concepts prepared at this time and there needs to be additional

discussion on this issue.

Next, Dr. Bort reminded Board members of two required trainings they need to complete

via iLearn: 1) Respectful Workplace and 2) Sexual Harassment Prevention. This topic will be

addressed again at the next administrative meeting.

Discussion then skipped to the 13<sup>th</sup> item on the agenda, Hearings Safety, as the members

should also complete the "Active Shooter" training in iLearn. Dr. Bort further requested the

authority to purchase and have panic buttons installed, especially for use during hearings held at

the PSRB office.

Next, Dr. Bort provided an update to the Board on the status of public records requests.

The Board's office continues to receive requests for entire client files. Dr. Bort is working with

General Counsel and the Public Records Advocate at the Governor's Office. There was a request

for 63 files back in February, but only one redacted client file has been provided to date. The

reporter for Enterprise is planning and exposé on the forensic program within Oregon and has

asked for a fee waiver. To date, the Board has spent approximately \$11,000 in legal fees related

to this request.

The PSRB's 2019 Forensic Conference will be held April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and the theme is

"Building Partnerships." If any Board members have ideas for a keynote speaker, please let Dr.

Bort know.

Next, Dr. Bort gave an update on Restorative Justice. After an initial meeting and

subsequent proposal for \$40,000 to form an advisory council, Dr. Bort placed further progress

with this project on hold. The Board cannot get into a paid contract for this program. Dr. Bort is

looking to partner with Crime Victim's Services as well as the Department of Corrections for

further information on already established programs that the Board may delegate to operate the

program.

The last topic on the agenda was clarification of various Board policies:

• When line of sight supervision ordered by Board, is it required if the client is

needing to have an overnight stay in a hospital for a medical procedure or at a

crisis/respite level of care? - Discussion ensued and ultimately it was determined

that if the client could leave "against medical advice," technically someone should

be present to assure the client does not abscond.

• Authority to order Independent Evaluations – Board does have the authority to

order an independent evaluation.

GPS removal/expectation for solo passes from secure facilities (SRTF) – Question

is, if client resides at an SRTF, should they always carry a GPS-enabled device, or

can they have that requirement removed. The Board expressed their concern that

if GPS is no longer required, shouldn't the person be stepped down from an SRTF

level of care. Sample given, a client has proven over a long period of time that

they always went where he stated he was going, yet there are other reasons why

he has not stepped down to a lower level of care. Members indicated it should

continue to be considered on a case by case basis and further noted that the

request for removal should include the clinical benefit for the client to have GPS

requirement removed.

• Executive Director's role with approval of conditional release evaluation requests

for Civil Commit clients and clients with capital offenses. After brief discussion,

yes, these cases should continue to go before the Board for approval, as well as

any other case that Dr. Bort defers to them for decision.

• OAR 859-050-0110 – Hearing Audio Retention – Currently audio recordings

from hearings are retained for 5 years. Dr. Bort recommends extending this length

of time to 10 years. Discussion followed but this topic was ultimately tabled until

the next administrative meeting.

Mr. Matarazzo asked if he could utilize his 5 minutes of public comment time. He raised

the following concerns:

• The revitalization of the Planning and Placement meetings. With a history of

previous Executive Director's going beyond their scope, from a policy

perspective, the Board's Executive Director should not be involved.

• The Executive Director being present during closed deliberations. Mr. Matarazzo

noted that it makes him uncomfortable, for similar reasons as those noted for the

Planning and Placement meetings, the Executive Director should not be allowed

to be present during closed deliberations.

• Restorative Justice – The steering committee had indicated in their report that the

Board was not to be involved, but now a proposal has been made to the Board.

Chair Balduzzi thanked Mr. Matarazzo for his comments and the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.