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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pat Colloton at 1:30 AM on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 in 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Melanie Meier

Committee staff present:

Jackie Lunn, Committee Assistant

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research

Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dave Riggin, Chairman, Kansas Review Board

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairperson Colloton opened by introducing Dave Riggin, Chairman, Prison Review Board, to give an overview of the Prison Review Board. Mr. Riggin provided written copies of his overview which included the background on each member of the Board ([Attachment 1](#)). He stated he had served in the criminal justice field for over 27 years. He began his career in corrections as a social worker and has held several positions over the years. He also serves as an adjunct instructor on the faculty at the University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare graduate studies. As of July 1, 2011, he has held the position of the Chairman of the Kansas Review Board. He went on to say that the five year average parole rate of the Kansas Parole Board in the five years immediately preceding FY 2012 was approximately 37%. This represents the total number of continued decisions issued. It does not represent the total number of inmates on "continued status". The Prisoner Review Board which was created in July of 2011, has a rate of 39.5% for FY 2012 thus far. He stated that the total decisions for the Prison Review Board, FY 2012, including both, parole eligibility and revocation hearings for indeterminate offender is 107 released, 131 passed and 13 other. He reviewed the following general statistical information for July 1, 2011 thru January 31, 2012 for the Prison Review Board:

- 770-approximate number of determinate sentence release plans reviewed and special conditions imposed as needed with 27% being mentally ill.

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- 352-waiver of final revocation cases were reviewed and special conditions imposed as needed.
- 313-revocation hearings conducted were 56 for indeterminate sentenced offenders and 257 for determinate sentenced offenders.
- 181-parole suitability hearings conducted (hearings may not equal number of decisions issued)
- 209 early discharge requests reviewed through the end of January; 87 requests were approved and 122 requested were disapproved.
- 21-decisions issued on “continued/pending” decisions carried over from the Kansas Parole Board; 87 requests were approved and 122 requests were disapproved.
- 14-clemency applications reviewed and forwarded to the Office of the Governor.
- 0-functional incapacitation release packets received/reviewed.

He outlined the training scheduled for the board members, the technology enhancements planned and the risk reduction program being planned.

A question and answer session followed.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Riggin’s review of the Prison Review Board and the question and answer session, Chairperson Colloton announced the rest of the meeting would be two videos. The first would be on the Policies and Practices Essential to Reduce Recidivism given by Ed Latessa, Corrections Institute, University of Cincinnati, presentation on the National Forum on Reentry and Recidivism and the second would be on the Annie B. Casey Foundation, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

Chairperson Colloton adjourned the meeting at the conclusion of the videos at 3:00 pm with the next meeting scheduled for March 6, 2012, at 1:30 in room 144 S.

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