

# **Iowa Board of Parole**

## **Joint Meeting of the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee**

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# Iowa Board of Parole Mission

**To enhance overall public safety by making evidence-based and informed parole decisions for the successful reentry of offenders back into the community to become productive and responsible citizens.**

# IBOP Workload Summary

Release Deliberations	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16*
Case Reviews	11,126	11,059	5,568
Interviews	322	312	155
<b>Total Deliberations</b>	<b>11,448</b>	<b>11,371</b>	<b>5,723</b>
Release Decisions+	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16*
Paroles Granted	3,368	3,606	1,937
Work Releases Granted	1,139	1,411	828
Special Sentences Granted (903B)	385	462	232
Deny Release	3,449	4,509	2,095

\* *Through December 31, 2015*

+ *Does not include Special Review or Appeal Decisions, complete data can be found in the Board of Parole's Annual Report*

# IBOP Victim Services

Victim Registration Statistics	FY 14	FY 15
Registered Victims at Yearend	4,177	4,658
Registration Letters	803	841
Interview Letters	427	377
Decision Letters	1,964	2,009

- Fulfill registration and notification obligations under Chapter 915
- Continued use of ICN for remote victim participation
- Collaboration with Department of Corrections to increase accuracy and eliminate redundancies in registration process

# Revocations

Parole Revocation Statistics FY 15	
Parole Revocation Hearings	2,163
Total Paroles Revoked	1,562
Discretionary Revocations	1,261
Automatic Revocations	301

- ICON Parole Revocation module was completed in FY 15
- Efficient process allows two ALJs to handle high volume case load
- Added benefit of better statistical tracking and analysis

# Return Rate to Prison

- ▶ Defined as the percent of offenders released via parole, work release, 903b special sentence supervision, and discharge, who return to prison for any purpose within 3 years
- ▶ Measured looking back three years
- ▶ Iowa's rate for 2012 releases was 31.9%
- ▶ Ahead of the national average of 34.3%
  - 2011 release data (most recent available)

# Collaboration is Key

- ▶ **Fostering collaborative working relationships with the Department of Corrections and other stakeholders in the criminal justice system**
  - Open communication increases accuracy and reduces redundancy at all stages of the release decision making process by all involved
- ▶ Collaboration across disciplines results in efficient solutions to enhance reentry planning and community outcomes (Statewide Recidivism Reduction strategy – SRR)

# Dynamic Risk Assessment for Offender Reentry – Institution

## ► DRAOR – Institution

- IBOP currently utilizes a static risk assessment tool to aid in decision making
- The new dynamic tool will provide multiple benefits
  - Aid in measuring responsiveness to treatment
  - Assist in determining appropriate time for release and in setting effective release conditions, resulting in a more efficient use of community supervision resources
- National Governors Association and the National Parole Resource Center will provide technical assistance as part of a national collaborative summit, in which IBOP and IDOC recently participated



# Future ICON Development

- ▶ Commutation and Clemency Module
  - Commutation and clemency applications and supporting documents are submitted on paper
  - Create an ICON module to allow applications and supporting documents to be submitted, reviewed and stored digitally
  - Will reduce costs and increase efficiency associated with managing, reviewing, transmitting and storing of paper files

# Budget Requests

## Iowa Board of Parole

	<b>FY 2016 Final Action</b>	<b>FY 2017 Department Request</b>
<b>Total</b>	\$1,204,583	\$1,204,583
<b>FTEs</b>	10.75	10.75

**Thank you for your  
continued support of the  
Iowa Board of Parole!**