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BOARD OF PAROLE
ELIZABETH ROBINSON
CHAIR

February 6, 2008

On behalf of the members and staff of the Iowa Board of Parole, I am pleased to submit our highlights for Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007).

During FY 2007 the Board deliberated on 14,571 and approved 1,314 work releases and 3,408 paroles. These figures represent an 8.4 percent increase in work releases and a 16.6 percent decrease in paroles. FY2007 data show that the Board has continued to work diligently to protect the public: while there were 3,839 individuals on parole at the end of FY2007, there were 1,058 (27.6 percent) revocations during the year, of which 8 (less than 0.8 percent) involved new in-state felonies against persons.

In FY 07 the Board of Parole continued using technology to assist in protecting the public and responding to the needs of victims. The victim coordinator reviewed 816 victims request and mailed 3, 205 notices to registered victims. Compared to FY 06, requests were up and notices were down (673 request and 4,023 notices.). Registration requests have more than doubled since FY96. The total number of registered victims at the end of FY 07 was 3,061 compared to 2,534 in FY 06 (victims drop off the list as offenders are discharged,)

Our research division completed 5,833 offender risk assessments in FY07, a 39.5 percent increase from FY06. The Board makes consistent use of these assessments in determining whether to approve or deny parole or place inmates on work release.

The Board continued its innovative use of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN), which enables the board to maximize productive use of its time and permit interested parties the opportunity to view parole hearings without extensive travel. In recent years the Board has dramatically increased efficiency while reducing travel in considering parole. The ICN has also been of great assistance in safely controlling the size of the prison population. It also allows us to conduct revocation hearings and offer statewide public education from our own ICN conference room.

The Board is also continuing its participation in ICON, the state corrections database, facilitating electronic communication and data sharing between the Board (IPAROLE) and the Department of Correction

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth Robinson



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Facts and figures Iowa Board of Parole

Overview:

The Iowa Board of Parole was established in 1907 by the 37th General assembly. The Board is comprised of one full-time chairperson, one full-time vice-chairperson, and three per diem members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for staggered four year terms. The Board is responsible directly to the Governor and the chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Governor. During the 1998 legislative session, the General Assembly funded a vice-chairperson position to assist with the administrative responsibilities of the Board and that person also serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The Board has its own support staff but receives a limited amount of support services from the Iowa Department of Corrections.

The Iowa Board of Parole's mission is to enhance public safety by making informed parole decisions and to transition offenders back into the community without detriment to the public or themselves.

To achieve this mission, the Board:

- Performs periodic, objective risk evaluations for prison inmates, hold hearings with eligible inmates and selects viable candidates for conditional release on parole or work release.
- Revokes the conditional release and return to prison those offenders who fail while on parole or work release.
- Provides for early release program for offenders convicted of certain property crimes
- Notifies victims of relevant information not less than 20 days before a parole hearing (per Iowa Code 915.18), so victims opinion's may be considered when making parole or work release decision.
- Advises the Governor on matters of executive clemency.

Facts and Figures FY 2007
Iowa Board of Parole

Fiscal Year 2007

<u>Release Deliberations</u>	FY 2006	FY 2007
Inmates Interviews /Reviews	13,337	14,571
Paroles Granted	4,076	3,408
Work Release Granted	1,176	1,314

<u>Revocation Deliberations</u>	FY 06	FY 07
Revocation Hearings	1,570	1,464
Parole Revocations	1,422	1,058

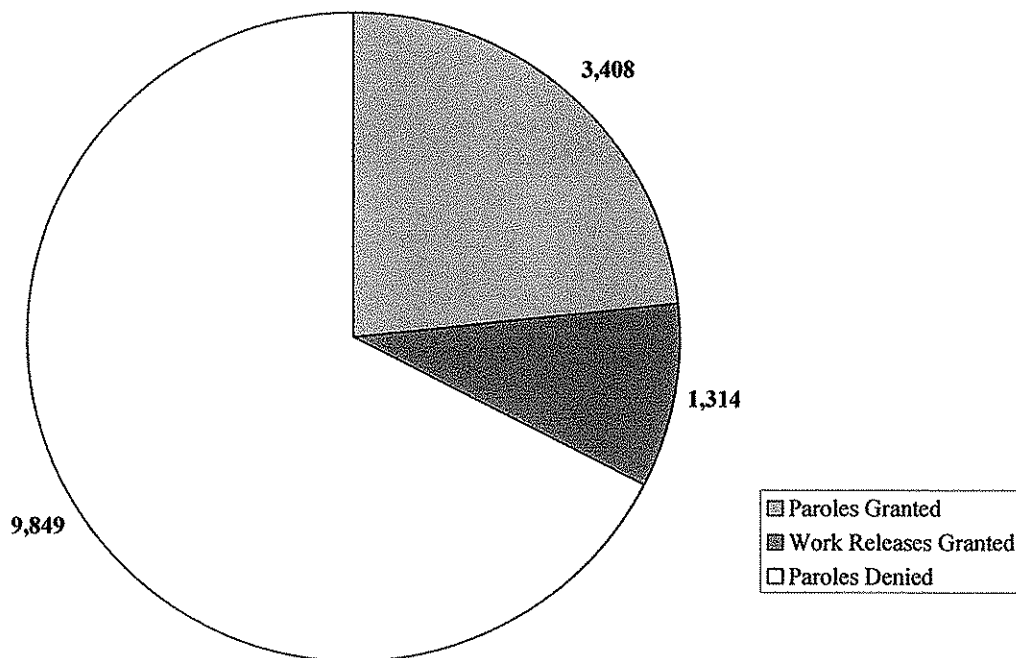
Executive Clemencies

Number of Executive Clemency Applications Reviewed
(Keeping in mind that the Governor signed and “Executive Order” in regards to Restoration of Citizenship, dropping the number of applications.)

Executive Clemency Applications Reviewed	FY 06	FY 07
	281	172
Executive Clemency Application Granted	185	131
<u>Lifer Review/Reprieves</u>	39	40
Recommended	2	0

* Number of person on parole at the end of FY 2007 3,839*

Board of Parole Decisions, FY2007



Protecting the Public, FY2007

