



UPAN Newsletter

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“Empowerment and Growth Through Knowledge and Unity”

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

On Saturday, June 6, UPAN Directors Molly, Shauna and Heather had the privilege of being the guest speakers at the Gunnison prison Saturday Forum. This Forum has been developed and organized by Jeffrey Kitchen, and supported by other inmates in the STRIVE program. Mr. Kitchen worked hard to develop the proposal for the Forum and obtain approval from the administration. He has support from a dedicated case manager, Ms. Mumford. Each month guest speakers from the community participate in the Forum.

We were able to put faces to names we have seen in correspondence. We presented on what UPAN does and does not do. We shared advice from individuals who have been successful on their paroles and rebuilt their lives in the community after incarceration. We shared a song and were pleased that the men in the audience sang along with us! We ended with a question and answer session and close to 76 inmates shook our hands when it was over. This was a powerful experience for all of us.

The Forum began with Mr. H sharing words of encouragement and inspiration with the group. We were honored with the song Rocket Man by Elton John performed by the musical group The Fun Choir. The warmth and positive energy that we experienced that afternoon was re-affirming for us, reassuring us that what we do as UPAN makes a difference for those who are incarcerated.

We want to share our appreciation to the Gunnison Saturday Forum for having us. Shauna expresses “This was a privilege and wonderful experience for us. The men we met were so accepting and supportive, I felt honored to represent UPAN.”

Heather says, “It was a phenomenal experience to meet the inmates and feel their support. It was great to be able to give them an overview of UPAN so they have a better understanding of who we are and what we are able to do. I am so thankful for this opportunity and hope there will be more like it in the future.”

Finally, Molly wants every individual who had a part in organizing, inviting, welcoming, and listening to us to know how deeply we felt the acceptance, appreciation and love in that room. “It brought tears to my eyes. My heart filled up many times during our time there, beginning with the pre-meeting, to the greeting and handshaking of each person who attended both before and after.

Thank you for the beautiful rendition of Rocket Man and the meaning the lyrics have to each of us. Thank you for accepting UPAN’s song for you, without back up music 😊, and embracing the sentiment it embodied. Thank you for singing with us. We felt so welcomed and appreciate your receptivity to the things we shared with you. Honestly, this has been a highlight of all of the experiences I have had with UPAN.”

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Meeting Announcements (See More Details On Page 4)

JULY UPAN MEETING	NO July meeting due to the holiday, the FOCUS meeting on the 6th, & summer vacations.
JULY FOCUS MEETING	Monday, July 6, 2015 @ 6:00 PM Region 3 Adult Probation & Parole Office, 36 Fremont Av, SLC
AUGUST UPAN MEETING	Monday, August 10, 2015 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Ruth Vine Library 8041 South Wood Street (55 West), Midvale, UT 84047 Wood is 1 block west of State Street off of 80th South
NOV FOCUS MEETING	Monday, November 9, 2015 @ 6:00 pm (Location: Same as July Focus Meeting)

AUTHORIZATION TO VERBALLY DISCUSS HEALTH INFORMATION

A Major Advance In Health Care Concerns

UPAN is pleased to announce that Utah Department of Corrections has finished developing their new "Authorization To Verbally Discuss Health Information" form and procedure for inmates to use when they want to give a third-party person permission to speak with the Clinical Services Bureau (Medical) about their health information. The third-party person would be a family member or friend outside of prison, not in the medical profession, that the inmate identifies on a form that has been developed and is available to the inmates through their Case Managers.

How The Form Is Accessed

The form the inmate needs to use has been posted on the UDC's internal website, where Case Managers will be able to access it and print it out for inmates.

Its Use Is Limited To Verbal Discussions

It is to be used ONLY to grant permission for verbal discussions about an inmate's health situation between a Clinical Services Bureau staff member or provider and the identified third party representative.

GRAMA Still Required For Physical Copies

For physical copies of medical records, inmates still need to use the GRAMA form to request medical records; that form is also available from a Case Manager.

How It Works Internally

Acting Director David Worthington has designated a person at the Clinical Services Bureau to handle the calls from designated family members about an inmate's medical situation.

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Squelching Unpleasant Rumors About "Only Video Visits"

Another Meaningful Message From Molly*

Hello Everyone – We have been asked questions about rumors regarding video visiting being implemented in the Utah State Prison system.

According to Rollin Cook, Director of Utah Department of Corrections, and the one who will have the final say on this, as long as he has anything to do with this, the established methods of visiting (contact, barrier) within Draper and Gunnison will remain.

Video visiting will only be instituted to ENHANCE the potential for inmates to have visits when their loved ones are far away, or if their levels don't allow for contact or in-person visits.

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How It Works For Inmate And Third Party

The process will work like this:

1. Inmate requests the form from Case Manager, who prints it out for inmate.
2. Inmate fills out form which identifies the name of the third party being designated, including a phone number to contact them, and returns completed form to case manager.
4. Case Manager notarizes form and submits it to the Clinical Services Bureau.
5. A designated staff member at the Clinical Services Bureau will contact the inmate's designated person to confirm telephone number, set up pass code, and provide telephone number the third-party will use to call for information. The staff member will have authority to either answer questions or get information.
6. Each authorization is good for 90 days. So if an inmate has an ongoing or chronic medical conditions, the inmate would be wise to renew the authorization every 90 days so it is in place in case something comes up. It is the responsibility of the inmate, not the designated third party representative, to renew the authorization in a timely manner.

UPAN doesn't know how long it will take for the authorization process to occur once the inmate submits the form to the Case Manager, but we are anticipating about a week, depending upon if the correctional staff from Medical can reach the designated third-party.

Right now there are NO plans to install video visiting in the Oquirrhs at Draper, contrary to rumors that have been spreading.

As far as the addition of West One at Gunnison, there are NO plans to have video visiting as an only method of visiting there.

He also said that in a new prison he would NOT support visiting that was limited to video only, and there would be contact visiting.

I hope this alleviates fears that we will have our contact visits taken away.

*Don't you just love Molly??!! (Editor)

BEING SUCCESSFUL ON PAROLE

The Source Of This Information

The following article has been put together from thoughts and advice shared with UPAN by some individuals who have been successful on parole, including one who has completed his parole and is living a successful life, in a good job, owns a home and is happy.

Attitude – Accept Parole As A Privilege

Successful parole begins with our attitude towards it. First we need to accept the reality of it being a privilege and not a right. It is another step towards being truly free. A step to be taken seriously!

Questions To Ask Yourself

This step is where it shows the truth, are we truly ready to again be part of society? Will we take advantage of parole and use our time wisely and to our advantage to better ourselves, improve our lives and be productive? Or will we start down the same path and make the same decisions we did before we landed in prison?

What Kind Of Person Am I? One Who CAN Do It Or One Who CAN'T?

This is where the rules and stipulations of the parole agreement come into play. They are there for a reason. To be successful, you need to be able to follow and abide by these! Even if you don't think the rules are fair, follow them. They won't last forever. Our willingness to comply with the rules shows one of two things: Are we serious? Or not? Can we walk the talk and live up to the promises we made to ourselves, before we got out of prison, to live a different kind of life than the one that led to prison?

An example is: Will you abide by the curfew set or will you have an attitude about it? Believe it or not, this is a big problem for some. Curfews will be lifted in time, but we first have to show we can abide by this stipulation.

Parole is about accepting reality and your new situation and environment you will be living in. The parole officer can show up at your door at any hour. When you are on parole, you will be told what you can and can't do, when to be home and where you can and can't go. If you abide by what you're told and by your parole stipulations it becomes easier.

To Win The Game You Must Know The Rules

Read your parole agreement over and over until you memorize it and know exactly what the rules are that you need to follow. It does not happen overnight. This is a learning process for you and it takes time for the PO to get to know you.

If you are a problem on the PO's caseload, that's how you'll be treated. If you are upfront, straight, and abiding by your stipulations, you'll be treated accordingly. It all

comes down to the choices you make and your attitude towards parole.

It is exciting and seems easy at first when you get out. The freedom seems amazing. Then as time goes by, it becomes easier to forget how wonderful it is to be out of prison and to start to complain and resent restrictions you have to live with.

Some Tips To Remember And Think About

Some things to help you remember to appreciate the privilege of parole include: Do you want to be able to open your own door or be buzzed in or out? Do you want a good home cooked meal or are you really that happy with prison food? How about going to a mailbox to pick up your mail instead of it always being opened, read and then given to you at the convenience of others?

How about your own clothes? It is nice to wear what you want, choose the color and style. It's really nice to be able to turn on the heat or the air conditioner and sleep in a comfortable bed. A big issue is to be able to work, to do for myself. That is a really good feeling, as well as being able to purchase things, that no doubt, are only available out here.

Are you content in a cell and a small recreation yard when you're allowed to go to it, or would you like to go outside when you want to, or go for a walk when you choose to? For me, it's great to be able to go outside to watch the dawn, to see the sunset, to look at the stars. To take a walk in the mountains, be in nature.

It's also really nice to see friends and family whenever I want. I can make phone calls and go visit family. I get to have a Christmas and a Birthday with my family instead of getting a card in the mail.

The Bottom Line: Attitude And Mindset To Adapt And Accept Change

Being successful on parole is having the right attitude and mindset to succeed. It comes down to what are you ready to accept and what do you really want to do with your life? Being successful on parole means you have to be able to adapt and accept change.

It is important to be honest with yourself and who you are. If you can be honest with yourself then you can be honest with your support system and make the right choices to be successful in life. If you are being successful in life, making choices that are good for you and those you love, you'll be able to succeed on parole.

The Inevitable: When You Change Parole Officers

Every PO is different and has their own way of doing things and their own beliefs. Each may see the rules their own way. This means you need to get to know

your PO, discuss what he/she expects. Tell them what you hope to get out of parole. Make goals for yourself on parole.

You will probably have your PO change during your parole, unless you have a very short parole. To succeed you need to accept this and abide by what the new PO advises. It is a learning process for both of you. They don't know you and you don't know them. They are going to be cautious until they get to know you, and this should be understood and accepted.

Their job is to help keep the community safe and to help direct and guide you to be successful as you rebuild your life. Some are more effective and dedicated to this than others. Remembering that you are the only one you can control is important in dealing with changes when on parole. How you choose to deal with rules, changes in rules, and different personalities of your parole officer will make a difference between success and violation/failure.

Don't Complain, Simply Adapt To Change

It is possible that things you were able to do and activities you participated in with one PO could be ended by a new PO, especially while they get to know you, or if you move from one jurisdiction (county) to another. While living by their rules this is just how it is. If you want to remain on the outside this needs to be accepted. Your actions, behavior, and attitude are very important.

I guess the best way to put this is like if you were playing on a sports team, you play by the teams rules. If you don't play by their rules you get put back on the bench (prison) and they get a new player who accepts the rules. All coaches and teams are different and have rules to be followed. You follow them and you can succeed and move on. You don't follow them and you get put back on the bench until you are able to accept and abide by the rules and stipulations you were advised of.

Avoid Old Haunts And Former "Friends"

Other ways to be successful on parole include making sure that you don't go back to old neighborhoods and old friends who have not changed and are doing the same things that got you into trouble in the first place. Stay away from areas that lure you back into old habits.

Surround yourself with people who are successful. Surround yourself with people who want to see you succeed. Ask their advice and accept their guidance. Build healthy social support systems.

Some Summarizing Comments

Remember, it is your job on parole to show society that people in prison and on parole can be good people who may have found themselves in bad situations, have made bad choices, but now want to show everyone that we can change; that we are good people, hardworking people, and successful people. And that we can learn from the past and build new lives as contributing and positive members of society.

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More Details On Meetings

JULY FOCUS MEETING -- Monday, July 6th, 2015 @ 6:00 PM Adult Probation and Parole Office (Conference Room) 36 West Fremont Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 (Between S West Temple and S Main St.)

Guest Speaker will be Steve Gerkhe, Director of Transition from Prison to Parole. At each bi-monthly meeting (every other month starting last January), the Utah Department of Corrections invites interested community members to attend a discussion forum at the Region 3 Adult Probation & Parole office in Salt Lake City. The FOCUS meetings are held in the conference room to the right of the main entrance.

Public Meeting of the Utah Board of Pardons & Parole

Utah Board of Pardons & Parole Amendment Meeting to discuss amending its rules for granting:

- Credit for time served in custody -- Discussion of Amending R671-205 (Credit for Time Served),
- Scheduling original hearings -- Discussion of Amending R671-201 (Original Hearing Schedule & Notice)
- Redetermination reviews -- Discussion of Amending R671-316 (Redeterminations).

The meeting will be held on **Monday, July 13th at 8:00 AM** Location: 448 East Winchester Street (6400 South), Murray. (If eastbound on 215 Beltway, take exit 11, left on S State Street, go under I-215 to Winchester, turn right. If westbound on I-215 Beltway, exit 10 to Winchester, turn back to the right.)

We highly encourage inmate advocates to attend.

Summary of June 8, 2015 UPAN Meeting

The June UPAN meeting was an informative one. Anna Brower of the ACLU joined us and shared information about the upcoming July 13, 2015 Meeting of the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole regarding 1) credit for time served; 2) scheduling of original hearings; and 3) redetermination reviews. This is open to the public. Even if the public cannot comment it is good if the Board can see that people from the community care about what they are doing. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more details.

Miriam Greenland gave a presentation on a proposal her [legally trained] son has developed, with the input of others incarcerated in Central Utah Correctional Facility, to submit to Utah's Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) on items that should be included in meaningful criminal justice reform. A copy of this proposal named *Making a Difference, A Proposal for Meaningful Reform* is in this newsletter (p.8) presented on the back page for easy copying. Mrs. Greenland says people are welcome to print and circulate this, but asks that it remain as written with no changes made to it. UPAN believes that sharing these ideas with lawmakers on the city, county, and state level will promote discussion and thought on all levels of policy makers about what meaningful criminal justice reform could include.

We appreciate Mrs. Greenland's willingness to present on this and share this information.

The Compas program referred to in *Making a Difference, A Proposal for Meaningful Reform* is outlined in a news article which can be found online at <http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB1000142405270230462610457912125159240852>. It was published October 2013 by Joseph Walker. A brief summary taken from that article follows:

"Driven to cut ballooning corrections costs, more states are requiring parole boards to make better decisions about which convicts to keep in prison and which to release. Increasingly, parole officials are adopting data-and evidence based methods, many involving software programs, to calculate an inmate's odds of recidivism. These changes are leading to a surprising shift across the U.S. in how parole decisions are made. Officials accustomed to relying heavily on experience and intuition when making parole rulings now find they also must take computerized inmate assessments and personality tests into account.

At least 15 states including Louisiana, Kentucky, Hawaii, California, West Virginia, and Ohio have implemented policies requiring corrections systems to adopt modern risk-assessment methods, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts' Public Safety Performance Project. "

Utah's own HB 348 is the result of a push in Utah to begin using evidence and research based risk assessments to assist the parole board here in their decision making processes. While they will still receive reports from the prison on the inmate's behavior and accomplishments while incarcerated, using a computer program that processes the data on an individual to help calculate the risk is much more objective than opinion and intuition based reports from correctional officers, staff and others.

In the system used at this time, *"factors like the severity of a crime or whether an offender shows remorse weigh heavily in Parole rulings, criminologists say."* However, *"automated assessments based on inmate interviews and biographical data such as age at first arrest are designed to recognize patterns that may predict future crime and make release decisions more objective, advocates of the new tools say."*

This type of risk assessment could also be used pre-sentence, by judges as a guide on the type of sentence to impose.

The Compas software designer is Northpointe, Inc. which is part of Volaris Group. Northpointe says the assessments are intended to *"improve, not replace human intelligence."* According to the article, *"The Compas system has features to help detect lying, but data-entry mistakes or inmate deceptiveness can affect accuracy."* Even with these challenges, the company reports that the need to override the system's decisions due to other factors or information that cannot be measured by the computer program only occur between 8% and 15% of the time.

Parole boards are typically made up of political appointees who lack the information, training, and time to make well thought out and researched decisions about who should be released and when. Utah's Board is made up of five members, four of whom have direct ties to either the Department of Corrections (Jesse Gallegos) or are former prosecutors (Angela Miklos and Clark Harms).

According to Dr. Edward Latessa, a professor at the Center for Criminal Justice Research at the University of Cincinnati, *"The problem with a judge or a parole board is that they can't pull together all the information they need to make good decisions."*

UPAN supports the State moving to a time tested, evidence based computerized risk assessment program to augment other methods of gathering information on candidates for parole. We realize that the members of the Board have a very difficult challenge when they make a decision on someone's life and weigh it against community safety. Having to make that kind of a decision based on a 20 minute hearing held by a

hearing officer in many cases, and then needing the time to completely read and review an inmate's entire file is a daunting task when there are only 5 voting Board members and they review hundreds of cases per

month. Something needs to happen to improve the quality and completeness of information provided to the BOPP on each individual who goes before them to have their future determined.

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Rapid Methods For Department Of Corrections Communication

In addition to FOCUS, the department has set up numerous ways for the public to interact with UDC on a daily, ongoing basis—rather than wait weeks for another bi-monthly meeting. These include phone calls, in-person meetings, e-mails, AP&P website (Ask A Question forum via AP&P home page) as well as social media. Please see the home page for social media

links and a "Contact Us" link with useful telephone numbers. You may also contact Public Information Officer Brooke Adams at 801-545-5536 or by email at brookeadams@utah.gov. For more information, please contact Steve Turley, Special Projects Director, at sturley@utah.gov or 801-545-5633.

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MAILING UPDATES Please Read And Help Us Serve You Better

Volunteer Opportunities

We are always in need of more volunteers who are willing to print the newsletters and mail, providing postage, to inmates on our mailing list. If you would like to know more or would like to volunteer please contact Heather, heatherfabian@gmail.com.

best. We can be contacted by your loved ones at utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com. They can email asking to receive a newsletter by email which they can read, and also print and mail to you. Please let us know if you are on our mailing list but have loved ones who are sending it to you and we will remove you from the list.

Change of Mailing Address or Release

Inmates, please notify UPAN of housing changes of address or release. We have a lot of inmate newsletters returned due to facility changes or an inmate being paroled. Please notify us of those changes when they occur. Thank you.

Inmates Who Are Releasing

If you will be releasing from prison in the coming month or two, please send us notification of your release date and if possible, what your new address will be, including if you will be paroling to a community correctional center, and the name of the halfway house. If you do not know the halfway house address but do know which one, let us know that. We can get the address to whomever mails out your newsletter so that you will continue to receive them. Once released, if you have an email address, we would be very happy to add you to our email list if you want to continue to receive the newsletters.

Prepaid Postage

We would like to thank all the inmates that send us envelopes with the postage prepaid to try to help with mailing costs, it is very helpful. It would be most helpful to us if they were not already addressed. Sometimes they are addressed to inmates who receive their newsletters from one of our volunteers and it is not always possible to get that envelope to the volunteer. Some of our volunteers who mail newsletters for us live outside of the Salt Lake/Draper area, and a few even live outside of Utah!

Help Reduce Our Frustrations & Disappointments

If you do not notify us of your release date, then our volunteers waste their valuable time, paper, ink, envelopes, and stamps (\$\$\$) to send the newsletter, only to have it returned by the prison. The prison doesn't forward the mail. Sometimes this takes over a month to occur, and so more than one month's newsletter is sent out in vain. Thank you!

Newsletter Mailing

We are happy to mail newsletters to any inmates who need us to. If inmates have loved ones who are willing and able to print and send them the newsletter, that is

Note From Molly Prince, UPAN President, On Prison Relocation Open House Meetings

If you are asked about Prison Relocation, listed below are some great reminders on how to respond to media questions related to the Prison Relocation Open Houses. UPAN cannot formally take a position on any prison site because UPAN is open to anyone to participate and is NOT a dues paying member organization. Therefore we don't vote in our

membership on what UPAN's position should or should not be on any potential site.

So, as informed citizens, family members of incarcerated loved ones, taxpayers, etc, the following responses are supported by the UPAN directors as ways to respond to any particular questions if you are

speaking as a UPAN participant. If you are speaking as yourself, you can say anything you choose. We hope this makes sense.

The following is Anna's email, originally intended as guidance for a Press Conference held recently. However, it is useful as we move forward in these open houses and discussions. UPAN wants to share them:

From Anna Brower of ACLU of Utah

Hey all - Here are some additional talking points based on last week's Open House. If you speak to media reps, I encourage you to pivot to one of these talking points when possible:

"We don't speak or advocate for any of the potential prison sites. We are here to speak up and advocate for people who are trapped in the criminal justice system."

"We are disappointed that so much talk about the prison centers on financial benefits, cost benefit analyses, and whether the new prison site will make money for the community around it. More importantly, we have a constitutional and moral obligation to treat people in the

criminal justice system fairly, humanely, constitutionally, and effectively - whatever it costs."

"Everyone in our society benefits when our criminal justice system – including prisons – work effectively, justly, and constitutionally. Wherever the prison is located, everyone benefits from making sure it works correctly and humanely. Remember that 97% of inmates will come back to our communities. It is in our own best interest, and the interest of public safety, to treat these individuals in a respectful, effective manner."

"People in the proposed site communities express fears that relocating the prison would encourage inmates' families to move closer to the new facility. First of all, inmates' families are not a threat to public safety. Second of all, the families of people involved in the criminal justice system rarely have the financial means to uproot their lives, children, homes to move to a new community. Sometimes, they don't even have the resources to VISIT their loved one. Most people in prison have very little social and financial privilege. That is one reason why we feel strongly about speaking out on their behalf."

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PrisonEd Partial Report for May

Greetings Friends and Associates of PrisonEd, Below is a May summary report of PrisonEd – Thank you for your ongoing interest and support. - Don

Students Enrolled:

Previous month: 152 Current month: 150 Note: 5 new students enrolled; dropped 7 inactive students from the roles)

Participation: DRAPER 55 GUNNISON 30 JAILS 65

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Disclaimer

Formulate your own opinions about the information presented, intended for neutrality, not intending any opinion or comment to be UPAN's position. This information is presented for the reader's enlightenment and evaluation.

Comment of a Student

"This environment has provided me with an exceptional opportunity for introspection. I have plenty of time just sitting in a cell, to look back on my life and choices I made, and truly evaluate them. The slow-motion pace of prison life allows time for reflection. A lot of time. So far I have had time to fall hard; hit rock bottom; get my bearings; and begin a slow, careful, and often painful journey back to somewhere I can find peace."

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See Next Page for Proposal: Making a Difference

This is placed on the last page for convenience in copying it if you wish to share it with elected officials and others who are concerned about the criminal justice system and wish to see constructive changes.

Making a Difference

A Proposal for Meaningful Reform

1. Utah Department of Corrections (UDC), the Board of Pardons and Parole (the Board) and Adult Parole and Probation (AP&P) shall implement programs to predict risk of recidivism *for every individual who has not yet terminated*. Such programs shall:
 - a. Use current up-to-date evidence-based computer software programs (such as Compass) designed to predict recidivism.
 - b. Use therapeutic programs to administer evidence-based testing and evaluation designed to assess a person's risk of reoffending.
 - c. Use any other evidence-based practices that have shown to be reliable predictors of recidivism.
 - d. Using the above tools, the prediction risk of an individual's recidivism shall be calculated within twelve months for every person not yet terminated and at regular intervals as follows:
 - i. As part of a person's Pre Sentence report
 - ii. One year after a person's sentence
 - iii. At least thirty days prior to any Board hearings
 - iv. At least once every five years
2. Rehabilitation and therapy programs shall be made available for all crime classifications, and not just for drug or sex offenders.
 - a. Programs shall receive funding and adjusted annually according to the number of inmates incarcerated with the crime category it is meant to treat.
 - i. SOTP's 2016 funding shall be increased threefold from its 1996 level (the last time it received a funding increase) to account for the almost threefold increase in the sex offender prison population since that time.
 - ii. Other crime category programs, such as for financial, homicide or other crime categories currently not being treated shall be created and allocated funds on an annual basis according to the number of incarcerated persons convicted of such crimes.
 - b. All programs shall give priority and admittance into their program for those who:
 - i. Show considerable interest in the program;
 - ii. Have been shown to be or are likely to be amenable to therapy; or
 - iii. Are closest to release
3. The Board of Pardons shall consider a person's assessed risk of recidivism and their behavior while imprisoned as significant factors for the determination of parole. Persons at low risk and with good behavior after having served a minimal amount of their sentence (as determined by the Board of Pardons) shall be given sentencing alternatives to incarceration (such as parole with enrolment into community therapy and programs designed to treat their specific criminal behavior). Said persons shall not be incarcerated for times that exceed the sentencing guidelines unless the Board provides in writing exceptional circumstances to justify the extension of time beyond the guidelines.
 - a. Persons deemed low risk and paroled in this manner who subsequently violate any term of their parole shall be sanctioned according to sentencing guidelines created by the Sentencing Commission.
 - b. Persons paroled in this manner shall be responsible to complete at their own expense community-based treatment programs and any other stipulations deemed necessary by the Board of Pardons for the effective treatment and prevention of their crime.
4. Parole incentives and incarceration incentives (passed by HB 348 or any other bill) shall be made available to all inmates, and not just ones with certain crime categories. [End of proposal]