



## **Public Defense Advisory Board Meeting**

**Thursday, November 5, 2015  
9:30 am – 11:45**

**King County Courthouse  
516 3rd Ave, Seattle, WA  
12th Floor  
Horiuchi Conference Room**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Kim Ambrose, Sharon Armstrong, Marc Boman (Chair), Tom Hillier, Sophia Byrd McSherry, and Leo Flor

**Board Members Attending By Phone:** Jeffery Robinson,

**Board Members Excused:** John Strait (Vice Chair), Matt Adams, and Paul Holland

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:39 am, welcomed those present and provided an overview of the agenda.

#### **2. Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Court Presentation**

ITA Court Supervisor, Mike De Felice, explained the operation of the ITA court and discussed concerns relating to the video hearing process whereby respondents to petitions for involuntary commitment and their attorneys are not physically located in the same location as the judge, prosecutor and witnesses during involuntary commitment proceedings. DeFelice explained that a petition was filed challenging this procedure. A discussion of the video hearing process and the status of the action followed. A copy of the petition is Attachment A to these minutes.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Board's October 1, 2015, meeting were approved by consensus.

#### **4. Public Defender Presentation on DPD Progress in Meeting Recommendations in PDAB's Annual Report and Update on Department Restructuring**

Lorinda Youngcourt made a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the Board regarding the Department's progress in meeting each recommendation made in the PDAB's 2015 Annual Report. A copy of Ms. Youngcourt's PowerPoint is Attachment B to

these minutes. This was followed by a brief report on the Department's new Leadership Team.

#### **5. Executive Session**

The Board went into executive session from 11:05 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

#### **6. Adjourn**

The Board requested and was provided information regarding a timeline for the vacant PDAB seat. The meeting adjourned at about 11:45 a.m.

#### **Attachments**

Attachment A. Merchant Spencer Write Final

Attachment B. 2015-11-05 Director's Report