

MINUTES

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board (SORRB)

Date | time 09/12/2024 | 10:05 am *Meeting called to order by* Mindy Ackerman, Vice Chair

In Attendance

Note Taker: Destinie Gallon

Members in Attendance: Mindy Ackerman, Ezell Brown, Jim Morton, Frank Mullis

Members Absent: Mandi Ballinger, Jerry Bruce, James Chafin, Robbie Frederick, Katie Gropper, Bert Reeves, Lori Rozier

Staff in Attendance: Tracy Alvord, Destinie Gallon, Richard Hammond

Legal Representative in Attendance: Elizabeth Crowder, Office of the Attorney General

**The public can view the meeting via YouTube*

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 08/08/2024 were not voted on – Due to not having a quorum.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

There are currently no active committees.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Tracy Alvord presented her report:

- **New Deputy Director Announcement:** Tracy announced Richard Hammond as SORRB's new Deputy Director. He has been with SORRB as the Assistant Chief Investigator and will begin his new role on October 1, 2024. Richard will attend all the Board meetings.
- **New Hires:** Tracy announced that since SORRB had a large increase in the budget, she was able to hire new people to assist with the backlog, which is more than 10,000 cases. By September 16, 2024, we will have approximately 13 part time Clinical Evaluators. She's already hired several full time Evaluators and 6 part time Investigators. Tracy also mentioned that SORRB's Training and Research Specialist Dr. Markus Wiegel is doing a fabulous job with training the new hires, especially with us being removed from our office on August 9, 2024, due to renovations. Richard Hammond explained that he and Chief Investigator Russell Finley

had contacts with the Cobb County Sherriff's Office, and they were able to obtain training space at the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy. It has all the necessary equipment for Dr. Wiegel to train more effectively.

- **SORRB Office Move:** Tracy stated that our temporary office address is listed for the public, mainly for mailing purposes. We have updated our website, agenda, and email. At this time, we only have one small cubicle and hopefully by February or March of next year, we will move into our permanent space which is also in the Twin Towers building. Tracy also stated that she will meet with GBA next week to get a sense of that office space and to begin making plans.
- **SOR Conference:** Tracy stated that she and Richard Hammond went to the SOR Conference. She presented for the Sex Offender Registry Conference, which she does every year since 2010, except for 3 times. She presented for 3 hours and stated that everyone was wonderful and had a great time.
- **2025 Calendar:** Tracy stated that a vote can't be taken today for the 2025 Calendar due to not having a quorum. She's stated that it is continuing with the 2nd Thursday of every month. If there are any thoughts of changing the day and or time, she needs to know as soon as possible and can be discussed at the next Board meeting. This is important because she must enter it into SORRB's database so it can notify her of the deadline for court order cases.
- **2025 Retreat Planning:** Tracy asked everyone to think about where they would like to go for the 2025 retreat. She stated that due to the restructuring of SORRB, the Board needs to revisit the bylaws and making edits. Tracy also stated that it would be a huge expense if the entire staff attends, so she is thinking that only upper management will go. This will include herself, Deputy Director, Richard Hammond, Cailin Rossi who is over the administrative staff, Amanda Aten the Supervisor for the Evaluators, Russell Finley the Chief Investigator and Markus Weigel, the Training and Research Specialist. Lastly, Tracy stated that since SORRB now has the people and resources she will like to get the Boards feedback and information on where they would like to see things headed. Her idea is to have a working retreat. She will send out an email to the Board so she can begin with the planning.
- **Next Board Meeting:** October 10, 2025.

Additional Discussion

Frank Mullis asked once SORRB settles in the permanent office if there can be a meet and greet to see the new space. Tracy replied that once the space is restructured, yes we should plan a meeting for an open house.

Case Review – Discussion and Vote

Cases cannot be reviewed due to not having a quorum.

Next Meeting

October 10, 2024 @ 10:00am

The September 12, 2024, meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am