

PARDON AND PAROLE BOARD

Budget Performance Review

January 17, 2018

Mission

The Pardon and Parole Board serves the citizens of Oklahoma by:

1. ensuring public safety
2. protecting victims' rights and
3. providing inmates with the opportunity for positive change.

Decision-Making

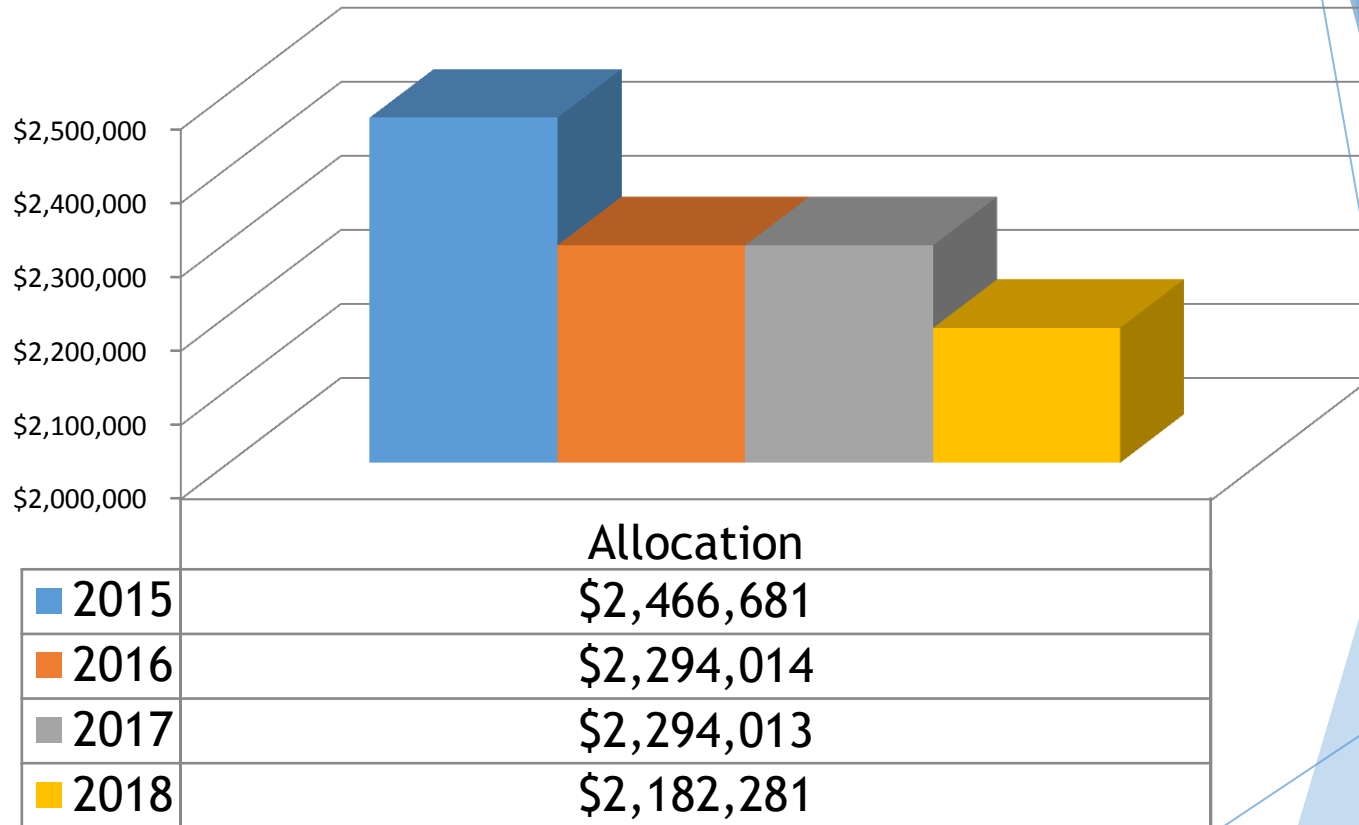
The Board makes decisions on the parole of inmates with non-violent offenses.

The Board makes recommendations to the Governor on the parole of inmates with violent offenses, as well as on pardons, commutations, and clemencies.

Board Members

- ▶ Chairman Tom Gillert, Appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals
- ▶ Vice-Chairman Robert “Brett” Macy, Appointed by the Governor
- ▶ C. Allen McCall, Appointed by the Governor
- ▶ Kris Steele, Appointed by the Governor
- ▶ Robbie Fullerton, Appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Budget Fiscal Years 2015- 2018



FY2016 - Amount after two budget revenue failures. Original appropriation was \$2,466,681.

Budget Categories

Budget Category	Amount	Percentage of Budget
Personnel/Salary	\$1,234,962.56	56%
Benefits	\$ 691,371.00	32%
Professional Services	\$ 42,900.00	<2%
Travel	\$ 40,400.00	<2%
Operating Expenses	\$ 26,685.00	<1%
Rent	\$ 32,112.44	<2%
IT/Consolidated Expenses	\$ 113,850.00	5%
TOTAL	\$2,182,281.00	

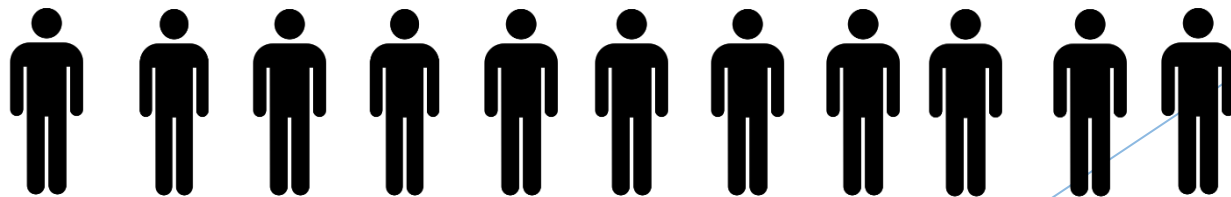
Agency Staff

Number of Staff in FY2015 = 31

Number of Staff in FY2016 = 27

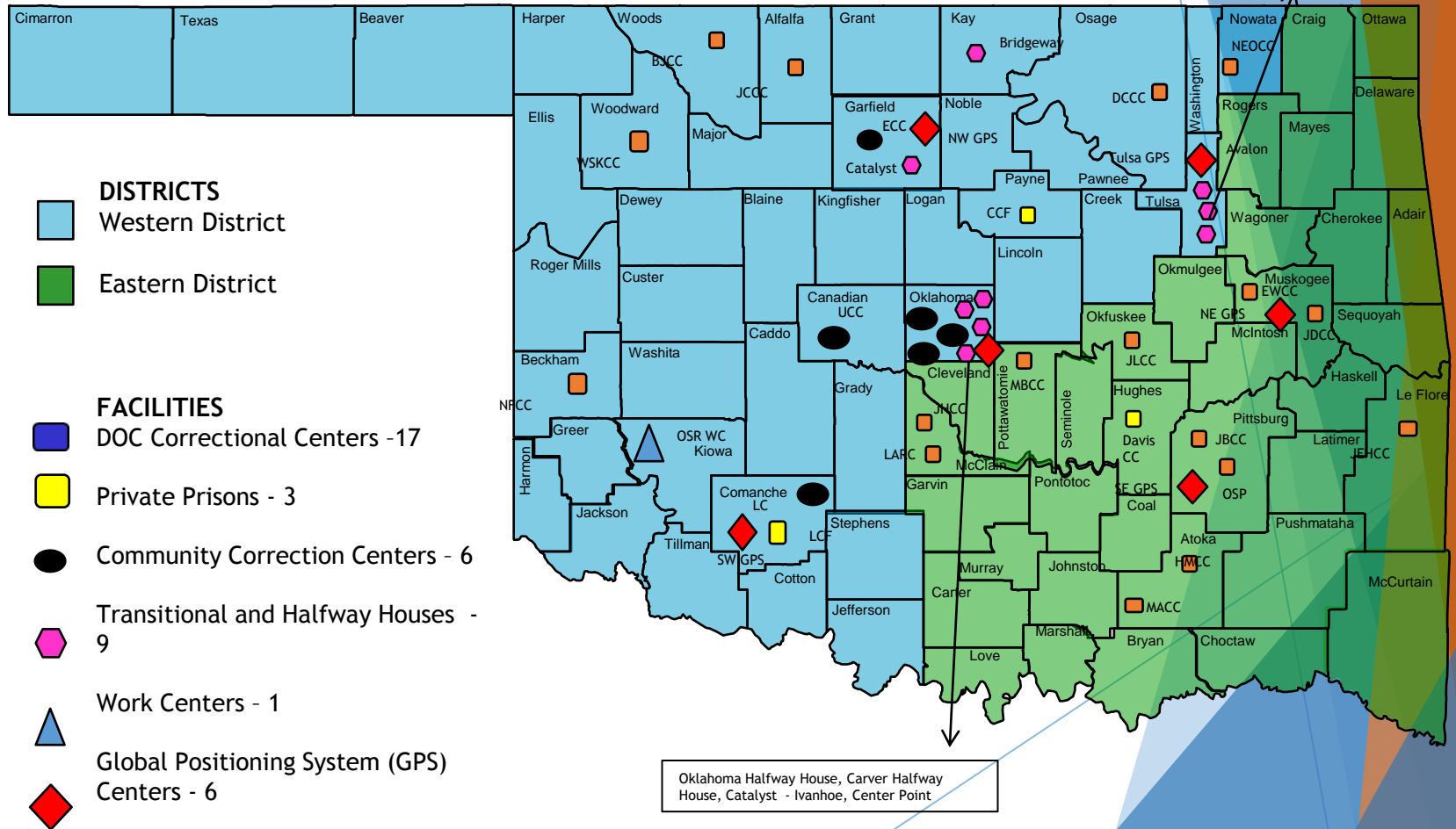
Number of Staff in FY2017 = 25

Number of Staff in FY2018 = 23

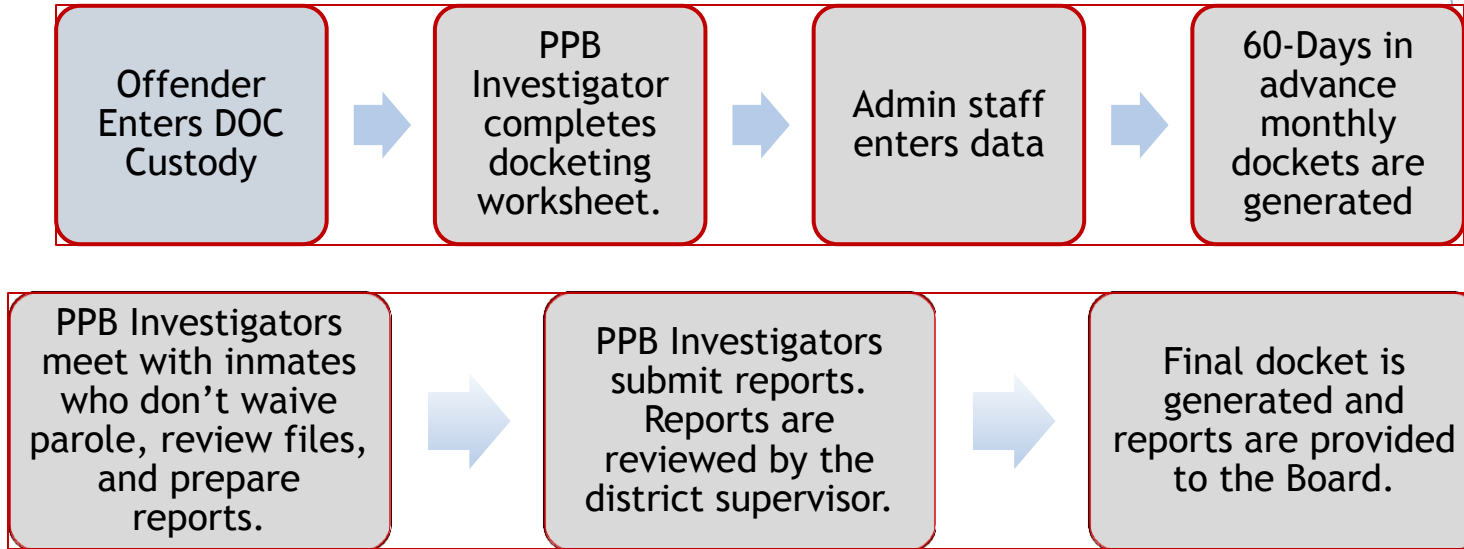


Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board Districts

Minimum, Medium, Maximum Facilities, Correctional Centers, Transitional Living and Halfway Houses, and GPS Centers FY2017



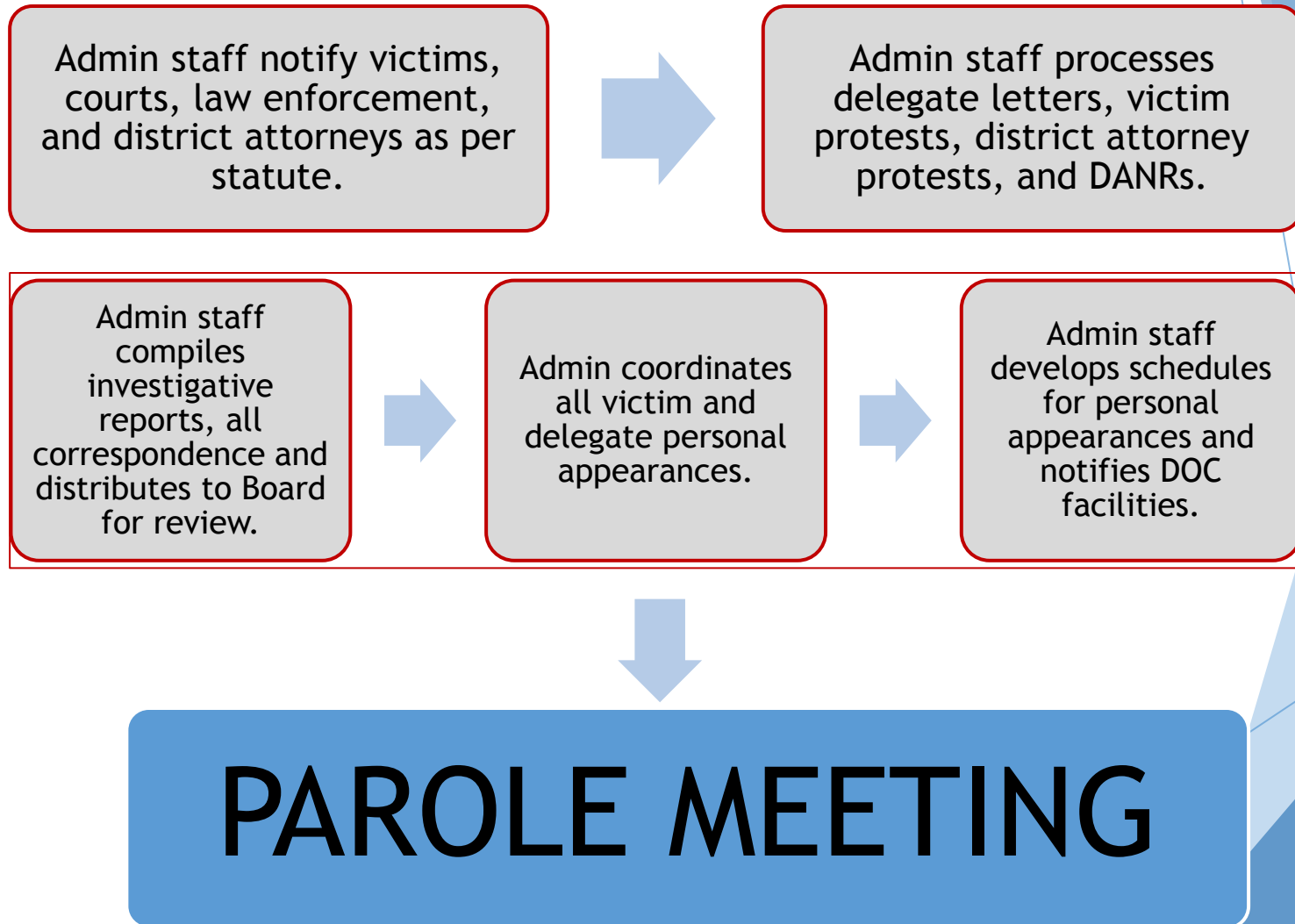
Process of Parole



Investigator's Report

- ▶ Docket Type
- ▶ Name, DOC Number, Reception Date, Facility, Age, Case Number, County
- ▶ Rebill Date
- ▶ Jail Time
- ▶ Projected Release Date, Calculated Release Date
- ▶ Offense
- ▶ Number of Incarcerations
- ▶ Number of Convictions
- ▶ Last Board Consideration Date
- ▶ CC and/or CS Cases
- ▶ District Attorney Version
- ▶ Offenders Version
- ▶ Misconducts
- ▶ Substance Abuse and Mental Health History
- ▶ Violent Behavior
- ▶ Program Needs and Participation
- ▶ Parole Plan
- ▶ Personal Information - Single, Married, Dependents
- ▶ Employment History
- ▶ Family History Related to Criminal Behavior
- ▶ Recommendation

Process of Parole - Continued



Pardon and Parole Board

Other Responsibilities

Victims/Victims Families/District Attorneys

- ▶ Processed **1,157** Victim Protests Letters
- ▶ Coordinated **18** Victim and District Attorney Personal Appearances
- ▶ Scanned and forwarded **359** District Attorney Protest Letters

Inmate/Inmates Families

- ▶ Coordinated **293** Delegate Personal Appearances
- ▶ Processed approximately **4,800** Waivers for Inmates
- ▶ Scanned, and forwarded **3,184** Delegate Letters

After the Parole Hearing

Parole for Non-Violent Offense Granted

Admin staff enters results into OMS

Parole certificate is prepared and sent to DOC for inmate's signature

Once returned, inmate is placed on Probable List for next week's release

If stipulations are met, inmate is released.

Parole for Violent Offense Recommended

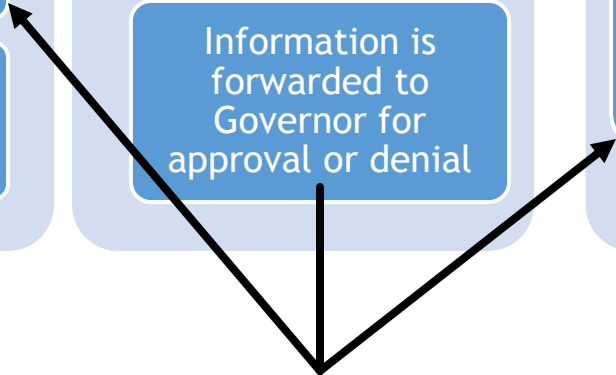
Admin staff enters results into OMS

Parole certificate is prepared and sent to DOC for inmate's signature

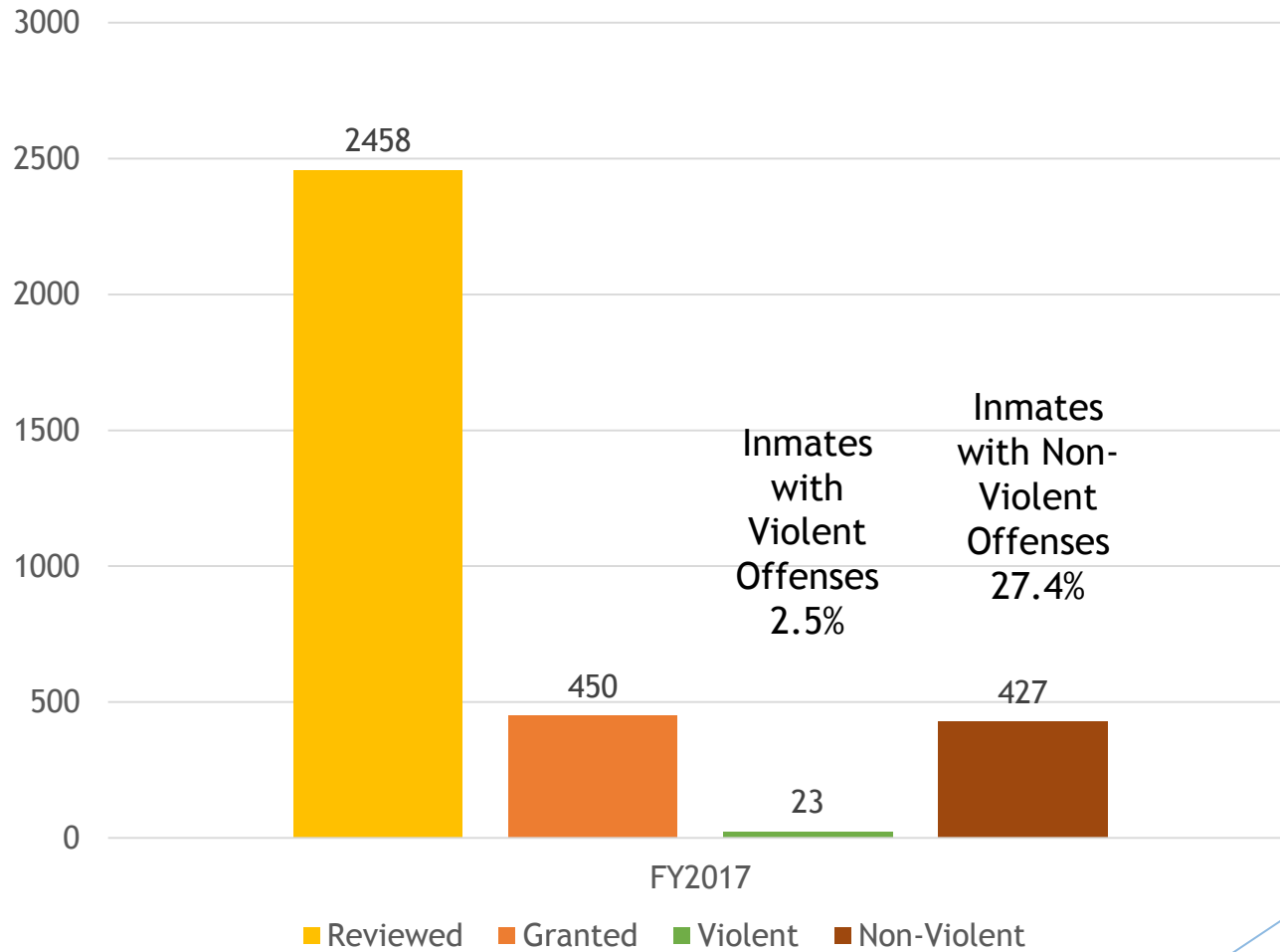
Information is forwarded to Governor for approval or denial

Parole Denied

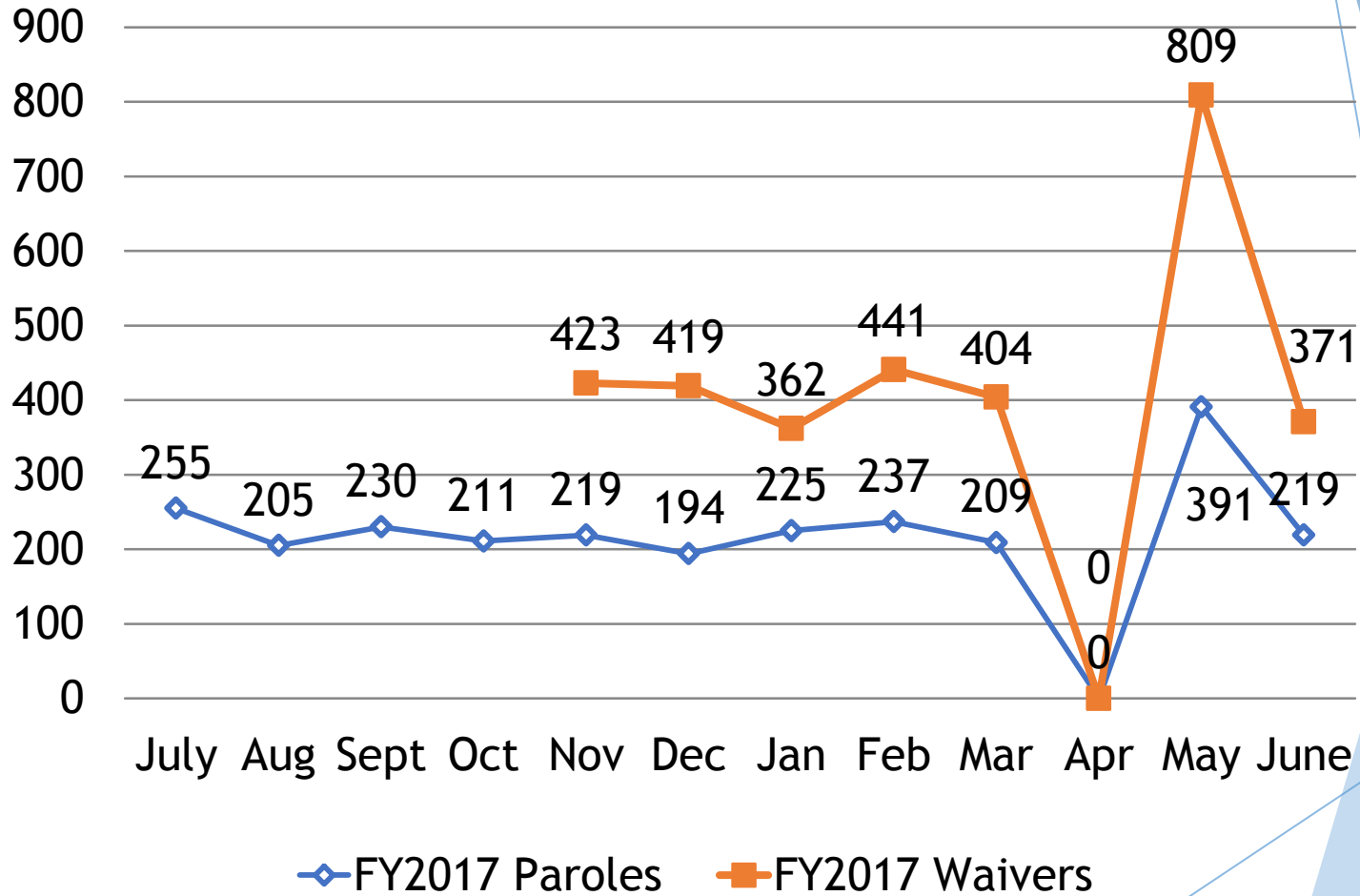
Inmate is redocketed for next parole consideration



Parole Reviews by Fiscal Year 2017



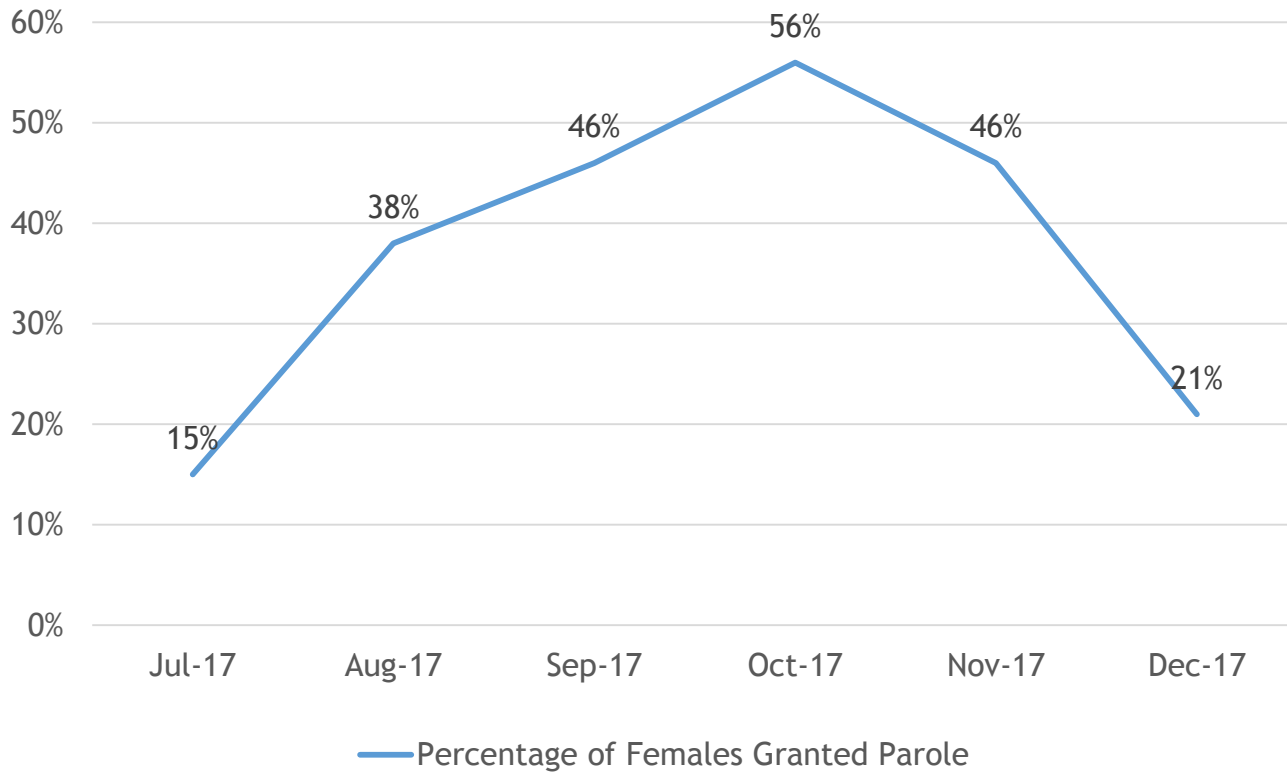
FY2017 Waivers and Parole Reviews



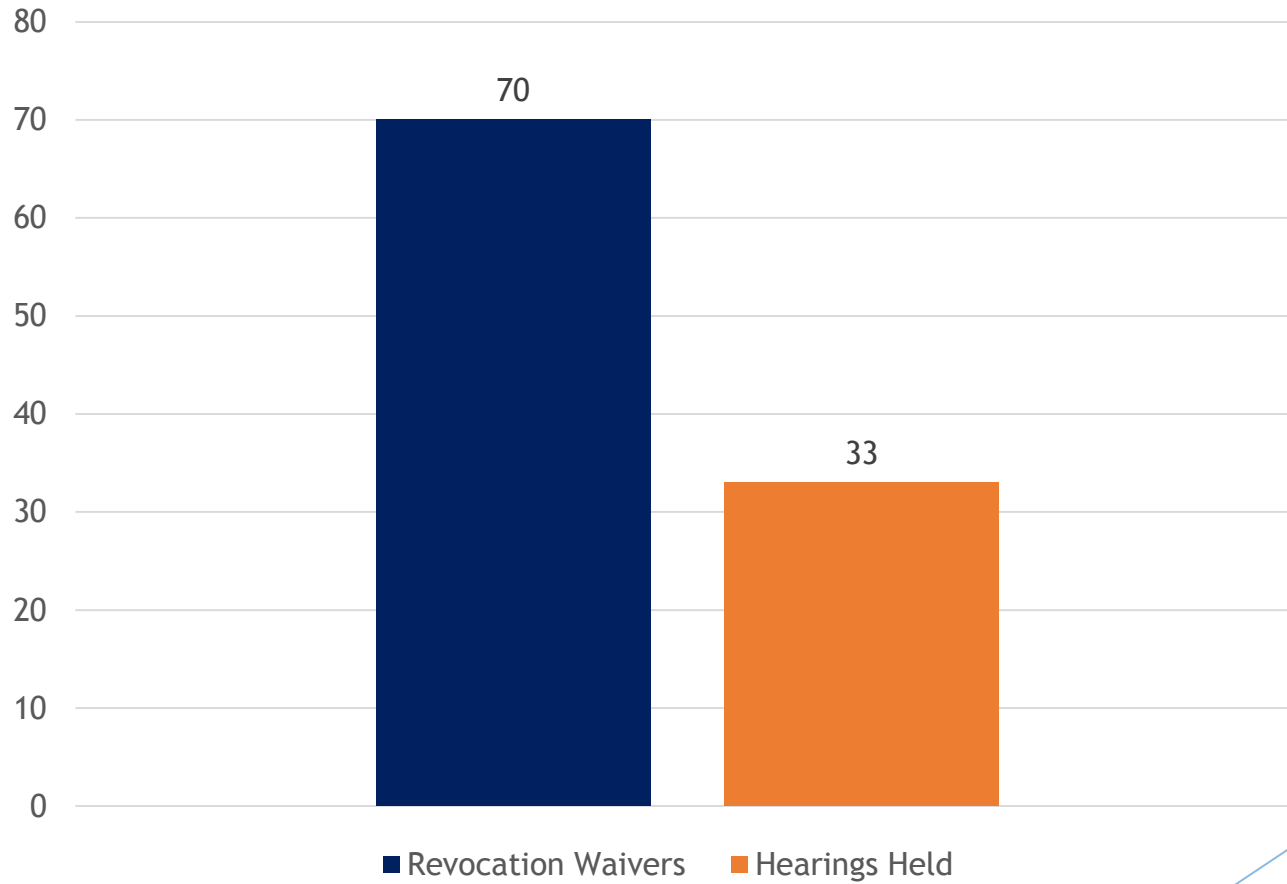
Waivers

- ▶ Inmates waive for a variety of reasons....but primarily it is because “flat timing out” without any conditions is preferable than paroling with conditions.
- ▶ While incarcerated, inmates can receive up to while incarcerated they are earning 22 - 60 credit days for each month served.
- ▶ On parole, inmates do day for day.
- ▶ Even AFTER a favorable recommendation for parole, an inmate has the ability to waive.

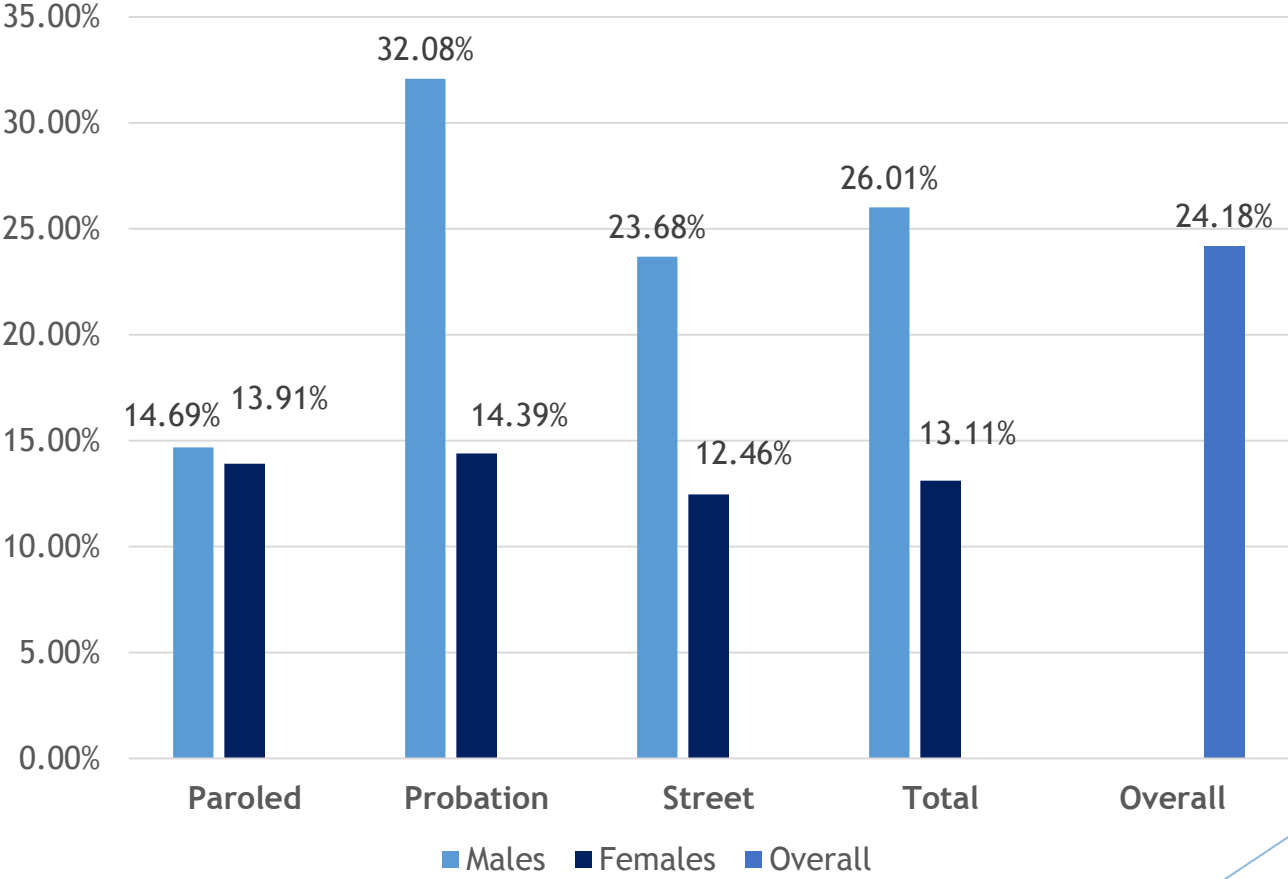
Percentage of Females Granted Parole July - December 2017



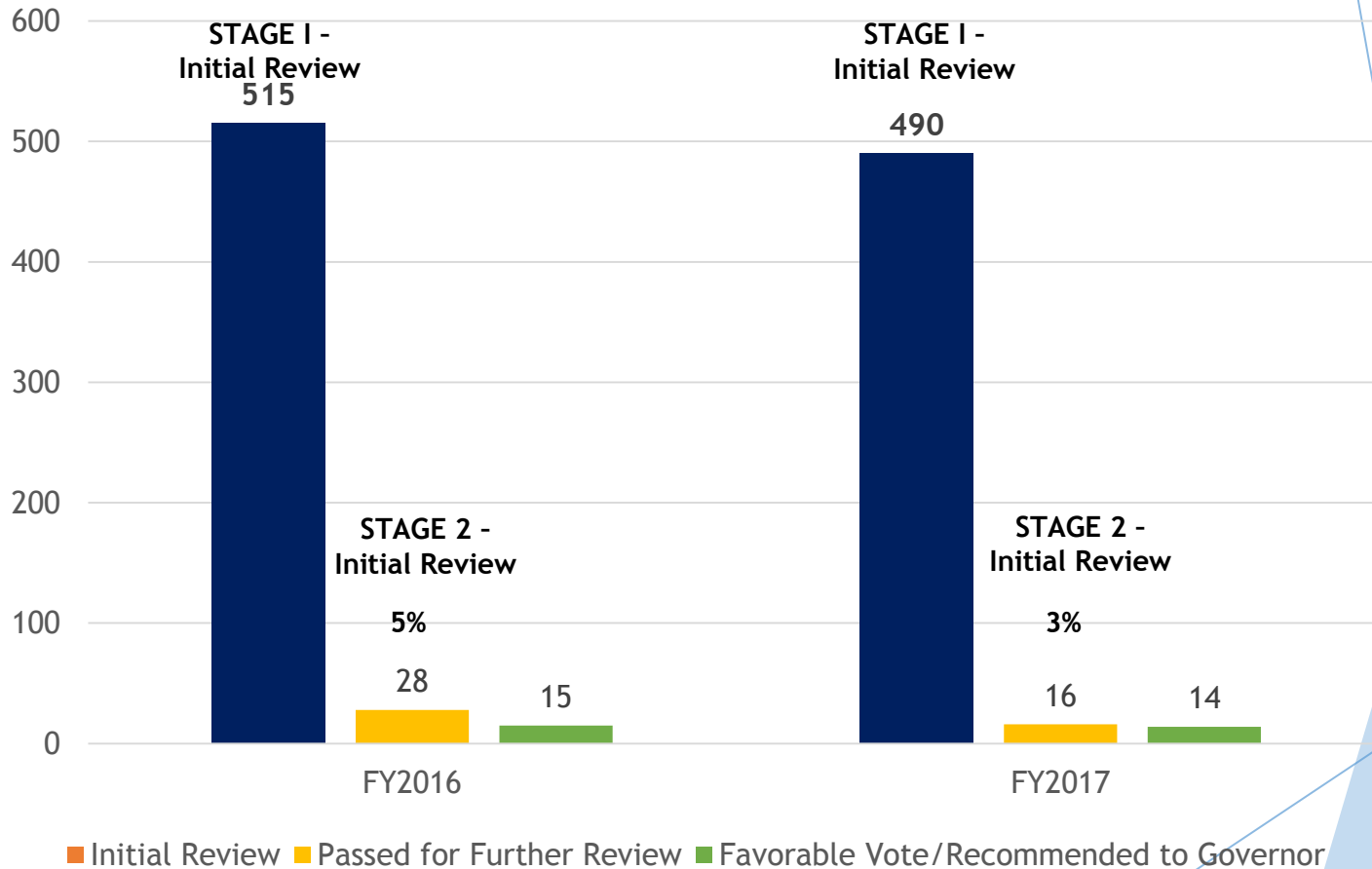
FY 2017 Revocations



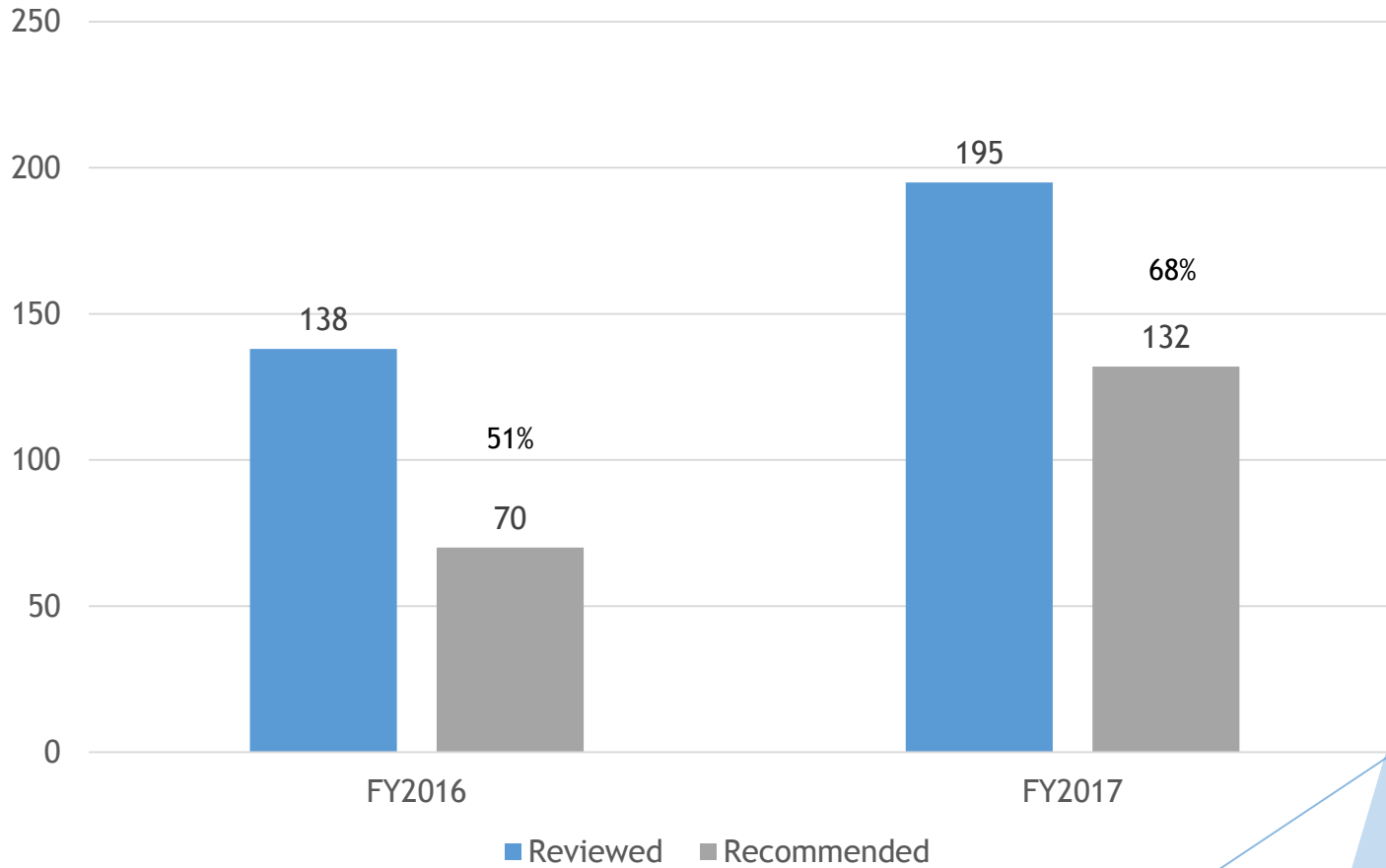
FY2016 Recidivism by Sex and Release Oklahoma Department of Corrections



Commutation Reviews by Fiscal Years 2016 - 2017



Pardon Reviews by Fiscal Years 2016 - 2017



Savings

- ▶ The work of the Pardon and Parole Board saves the state money and reduces costs to the state through the release of inmates.
- ▶ In FY2017, the work of the Board saved the State approximately:

\$20,761,239.00

This is based on the 427 non-violent inmates multiplied by the time remaining at the time of parole X \$40 per day for incarceration costs. This does not include violent inmates which have a higher incarceration rate or the cost to DOC for medical expenses.

Other Accomplishments

- Collaborated with the DOC and other key stakeholder agencies to provide training to the Board on topics such as:
 - ▶ Incarceration of Women in Oklahoma
 - ▶ Recidivism
 - ▶ Inmate Mental Health and Health Issues
 - ▶ Detainers and ICE Procedures
 - ▶ Evidence-Based Practices in Parole and Strategic Planning
- As per statutory requirements, the Board has received quality training and information to further their core mission and function.
- Worked with the DOC to obtain access to mental health information so this information is now provided to the Board.

Other Accomplishments

- Revised the Out-of-State Pardon work flow process to improve the time it takes to process applications.
 - Obtained access to NCIC directly, rather than relying on DOC, which has reduced our processing time by one month.
- Developed a new Board Member Manual
- Completed a 28-page Handbook for investigators which details how to complete investigator reports for the Board so a consistency of information is provided to the Board.
- Provided training to the investigators on the LSI-R and ASUS risk assessments and obtained access to that information for inclusion in their reports.

Budget Cutting Efforts

- ▶ In FY2017, we conducted a thorough review of the needs of the agency within the budget:
 - Reduced number of field staff
 - Reorganized facility coverage to maximize use of staff and minimize travel costs
 - Consolidated the number of districts from three to two, thus reducing a supervisor position
 - Reduced the amount of professional service expenses
 - Reorganized work loads to maximize staff capacity

Constraints

- ▶ While it is recognized that no state agency can go unscathed in the fiscal difficulties facing the state, continued budget reductions are affecting the ability of the agency to provide services.
- ▶ Personnel and benefits comprise 88% of the PPB's budget.
- ▶ Since 2016, we have sustained a reduction of four (4) positions within the agency. These cuts may seem minimal in comparison to many large agencies, it should be noted that the PPB is one of the few state agencies that saves the state funds through their work in the release of incarcerated persons. The PPB has sustained previous cuts by increasing efficiencies in order to maintain services.
- ▶ However, with the cuts in FY18, a delay of staff work activities is occurring.

Constraints

▶ Questionnaires

- ▶ The use of a questionnaire, in lieu of a personal interview in advance of parole hearings, is more common of a practice
- ▶ The use of questionnaires impacts the quality and depth of the information provided to the Board.

▶ Commutation and Pardon Applications

- ▶ If additional budget cuts occur in the future, the agency would have difficulty meeting critical work functions.
- ▶ There would be a delay in the processing of pardon and commutation applications by as much as one to six months.
- ▶ Currently, the processing of a completed pardon application takes approximately six months to a year to complete.
- ▶ With any additional staff cuts, it could be as much as 18 months.
- ▶ Completed commutations were being docketed within one month of receipt. However, beginning in 2018, the timeline has increased to two months. With any additional or future cuts to the budget, the delay in a commutation process could be up to three months or more.

Fiscally, this is where we are.....



...we have no where else to add plates.

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