

Comments by Paul G. Corrado, OWDS

The following comments are presented to the Board as part of the Item III on the agenda for the referenced meeting:

1. Process: Is there any input from the person or persons who will be directly affected by the regulations you promulgate? If not, why not? This would include, but not be limited to, inmates and NVDOC staff, both of whom would be at risk of retaliation without a Union Rep. in the case of staff.
2. Assumption: These regulations are intended to facilitate the release of inmates over 65. Since this is indeed the case, what special considerations will be made to accommodate the requirements of persons with limited mobility, behavior health issues, costly meds and matriculation back into society?
3. What special provisions will be made to accommodate U.S. Veterans who qualify for this special parole category. How will Veteran's issues be addressed, both physical and mental? Can they be sent to a VA facility with a pre-existing condition? How will this and other Veteran's issues be addressed, including, but not limited to, housing, medical treatment, meds, clothes, food, etc.
4. What safeguards will be in place to assure that post parole, a released person will not become homeless? If a person does not have 40 quarters of Social Security Payments, and therefore is not eligible for Medicare, what provisions are in place to ensure the health, safety and general welfare of both the released person, and society at large? Is not one of your goals to reduce victimization?
5. If an inmate does not wish to be paroled, do they have the option to stay incarcerated, and receive the medical attention granted to them? Since NRS 213.12155 states in part, "2. Consideration for geriatric parole may be initiated. . . from: (a) a prison official or employee;" if an inmate meets the criteria for release identified in the law, she/he may be forced from prison. This is reminiscent of the days gone by when an inmate was released, given \$50, and dropped off in front of a liquor store in Reno.
6. What safeguards are in place, if any, to prevent the State of Nevada from paroling an inmate simply to save the cost of treating the inmate's infirmities? Or perhaps their new offense is now contracting COVID 19 virus while incarcerated.

This Board is one of the last places an inmate and society can benefit from the release of non-violent inmates. What regulations you put into place to help these people achieve their potential to become productive, tax paying, happy citizens again is important work and I would like to thank you for all the effort you put in.