

# FY 2012 PERFORMANCE REPORT

## IOWA BOARD OF PAROLE

## PERFORMANCE PLAN RESULTS

### CORE FUNCTION

Name: Iowa Board of Parole  
Jason T. Carlstrom, Chairperson  
Doris J. Kelley, Vice Chairperson

Description: Supervised Release of Convicted Offenders

We are doing this:

Chapter 904A, the Code of Iowa, Board of Parole mandates and authorizes the Board to review the appropriateness of the release of convicted offenders and their return to the community.

What we are doing to achieve results:

The Iowa Board of Parole is the sole releasing authority of convicted offenders from penal incarceration for the State of Iowa. Our main objective is to protect the citizens' of Iowa's safety by careful, cautious and thorough review of convicted offenders criminal history and penal institutional rehabilitation for release to the community. Release decisions of these individuals are made with the expectation that they will become and remain law-abiding citizens.

## IOWA BOARD OF PAROLE MISSION STATEMENT, FY 2012

To make sure all new Board members are trained and are qualified to do the job without any personal agendas. A grant was written and has been awarded to the Iowa Board of Parole by NCI to train our new members in March 2012.

### GOALS, FY 2012

To re-enter offenders back to society with rehabilitation, accountability and the protections of the public's safety, helping to ensure we minimize victimization.

1. Public safety
2. Teamwork with each other and other agencies
3. Professionalism
4. Ethics

### STRATEGIES

1. To provide state of the art equipment for Board members and support staff.
2. On-going on the job training for new Board members
3. To combine the Vice Chair's position with the Executive Directors into one (1) full-time position.
4. During the past three (3) fiscal calendar years we have released an average of 3,200 offenders to parole and 1200 offenders to work release. There also have been around 15,000 parole review deliberations annually. We anticipate these averages to be within the same range during 2012-2013.

## IOWA BOARD OF PAROLE MISSION STATEMENT, FY 2013

To enhance overall public safety by making evidence-based and informed parole decisions for the successful re-entry of offenders back into the community to become productive and responsible citizens.

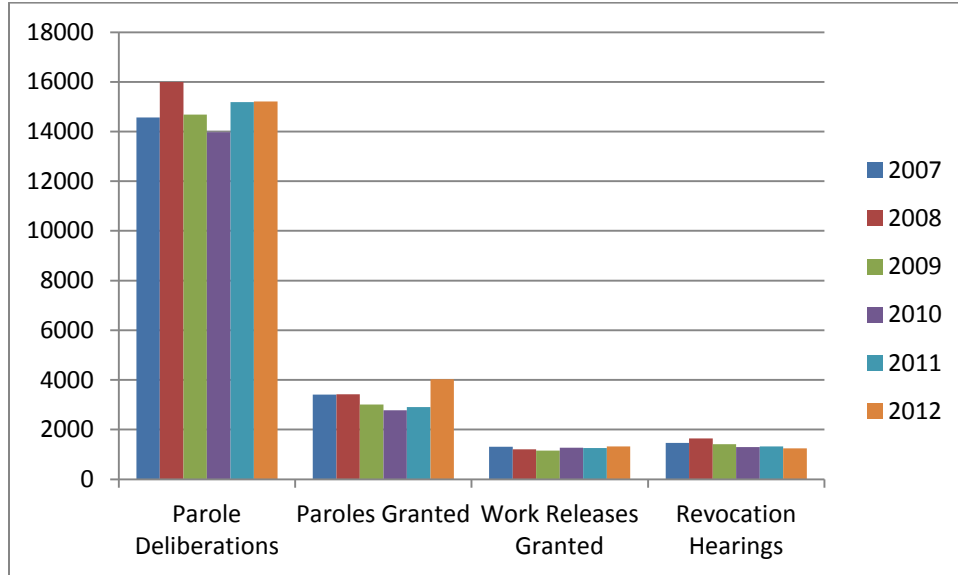
### GOALS

- Utilize evidence-based practices in the decision-making process
- Promote supervised release
- Foster a tripartite deliberation system that respects the interests of (1) the public, (2) victims, and (3) offenders.
- Enhance a collaborative working relationship with all stakeholders in the criminal justice system.
- Be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of the State of Iowa
- Become a recognized national leader among paroling authorities

### 2013-2014 STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Comprehensive and efficient consideration of parole and work release of offenders
- Return offenders back into the community through supervised conditional release
- Careful consideration of victims concerning the release of offenders and prompt notification of Board decisions
- Research and utilize risk assessment tools in consideration of release for offenders.
- Gather and review information regarding new parole and work release programs and determine which programs may be useful for the successful re-entry of offenders to the community.

DATA THROUGH FY2012



Performance Measure (Data):

FY07

14,571 Parole Deliberations  
 3,408 Paroles Granted  
 1,314 Work Releases Granted  
 1,464 Revocation Hearings

FY10

13,977 Parole Deliberations  
 2,778 Paroles Granted  
 1,270 Work Releases Granted  
 1,300 Revocation Hearings

FY08

15,995 Parole Deliberations  
 3,424 Paroles Granted  
 1,201 Work Releases Granted  
 1,640 Revocation Hearings

FY11

15,191 Parole Deliberations  
 2,909 Paroles Granted  
 1,254 Work Releases Granted  
 1,323 Revocation Hearings

FY09

14,686 Parole Deliberations  
 3,012 Paroles Granted  
 1,154 Work Releases Granted  
 1,415 Revocation Hearings

FY12

15,206 Parole Deliberations  
 4,023 Paroles Granted  
 1,317 Work Releases Granted  
 1,239 Revocation Hearings

Why we are using these measures: The Iowa Board of Parole measures its deliberations and revocations in an effort to assist with the stabilization of the growth of Iowa's prison population.

What was achieved: FY12 was a year with increases in the number of parole deliberations and a significant increase in paroles granted.

Analysis of results: Parole deliberations increased slightly in FY12 with a large increase in the number of paroles granted over FY11. The increase in paroles granted comes largely from the Board's special efforts to identify the lowest risk offenders to find reasonable candidates for release on parole and to work release. The change also indicates the Board's utilization as much as is reasonably possible of the services offered by Iowa's community-based-corrections programs (CBC's).

Factors Affecting Results: Each offender's criminal case is different from the next, each must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. As such, it is virtually not possible to "project" or predict exactly the number of offenders to whom the Board may grant a supervised release.

Resources: The Iowa Board of Parole Annual Reports, Iowa Board of Parole Performance Measures, the Iowa Communications Network and the Iowa Department of Corrections.