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Jayme,

My only response will be:

During my tenure at the PSRB, I published several peer reviewed studies related to firearms and conditional release. To my knowledge, the Board has never done its own independent research regarding post-supervision recidivism. During my time at the PSRB, there was no one on staff who had the education or expertise to do a peer review, statistically valid study on the subject. Traditionally, researchers approach the Board's Executive Director to study topics and Board staff provide data and contribute to the writing of the paper. Dr. Bloom from OHSU was a prolific PSRB writer and I co-authored with him as well as other researchers from other research universities while I was Executive Director. We discussed future projects and post-supervision recidivism was one of the ideas we discussed. I left the agency while still in the planning phase and settling on the framework for the study. I'm not sure how familiar you are with writing a paper that is statistical validity, but it requires extensive manual review of files, statistical analysis, verification and peer review (PhD and MD credentials).

I am very proud of the research assistance we gave to several research universities during my time at the PSRB. Despite having the primary duties related to operating a highly complex state agency, staff, including myself, dedicated weekends and evenings to these special projects in an effort to shed light on the forensic mental health system.

If you have any questions about where this project is currently, please contact Alison.

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