

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Prisoner Review Board

Article 700.—Release of Functionally Incapacitated Inmates

45-700-2. Review and consideration of application for release.

(a) On receipt of the secretary's application for release of a functionally incapacitated inmate, a member of the board shall review the application and, with assistance from DOC staff, shall ensure that the following steps are taken:

(1) The written notification of the application provided by the secretary to each prosecuting attorney and the judge of each court in which the inmate was convicted shall include confidential copies of each medical or mental health report documenting the incapacitating condition. The confidentiality of these reports shall be maintained.

(2) The written notification of the application provided by the secretary to each victim or, if any victim is deceased, to one or more members of the victim's family with known addresses shall not include any of the confidential medical or mental health reports documenting the incapacitating condition. However, a general description of the inmate's incapacity shall be included in the written notification.

(b)(1) At the discretion of the board member reviewing the application, the final decision on the application may be entered with or without a formal hearing after considering all available information, including the following:

(A) The documentation required by subsection (a) of K.A.R. 45-700-1;

(B) any comments received from any prosecuting attorney, judge, crime victim, or member of the victim's family; and

(C) the factors identified in paragraph (a)(8) of L. 2002, Ch. 57, Sec. 1, and amendments thereto, and the following additional factors:

(i) The inmate's age and medical condition;

(ii) the health care needs of the inmate;

(iii) the inmate's custody classification and level of risk of violence; and

(iv) the inmate's effective capacity to cause physical harm.

An inmate's need for long-term care may be considered in reaching a determination that an inmate has a functional incapacitation, but shall not be determinative in itself.

(2) If a hearing is scheduled, additional information or evidence may be requested from any of the medical or mental health providers who prepared reports for the application, or from any other person or persons having relevant information or knowledge.

(c) If the board finds that the inmate is functionally incapacitated and does not represent a risk to public safety, the release of the inmate may be ordered by the board under the terms of the approved release plan and any additional terms and conditions of release deemed necessary by the board, subject to the following voting requirements:

(1) The statutory requirements for voting to parole inmates sentenced for a class A or class B felony or for off-grid crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993; and

(2) a vote to release the inmate by a majority of the members of the board under either of the following circumstances:

(A) The inmate is serving a sentence for a severity level 1, 2, or 3 felony on the sentencing guidelines grid for non-drug crimes.

(B) A formal hearing regarding the application for release, with the inmate present, has not been held.

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