

Good Afternoon. My name is Kelly Smayda. First, I would like to thank Governor Rell for nominating me for this position of trust. I have been a part time member of the Connecticut Board of Pardons and Parole for approximately 3 months now.

I am a retired Deputy Warden from the Department of Correction, having served just over 20 years. The majority of my career was spent overseeing various institutional treatment programs for inmates. Ultimately, programming is in the best interest of public safety.

I was also responsible for recommending inmates for community release programming, including halfway house and inpatient treatment programs.

I believe my background with this population, gives me a greater understanding of an inmate's needs and the challenges they face upon their discharge.

With my background, I feel capable of making decisions that will protect the public and enhance an inmate's eventual release.

I thank you for your time, and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.