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Governor Bill Richardson Names Bill O'Neill to Serve as Director of Juvenile Parole Board

Over a Decade of Criminal Justice Experience

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson named long-time Dismas House Development Director as Director of the Juvenile Parole Board. The Juvenile Parole Board is mandated by statute as the releasing authority for adjudicated juveniles in the state of New Mexico.

O'Neill is a co-founder of the non-profit Dismas House New Mexico, which reintegrates ex-criminal offenders back into society through a family-oriented approach of housing and education. The program serves as a model for post-release transitional residential services for adult parolees and is based in Albuquerque.

"Bill O'Neill has a deep commitment to reclaiming individuals from the cycle of incarceration and relapse," Governor Richardson said. "Dismas House is well-known and respected in the corrections community, and we are fortunate to have someone with an extensive amount of experience in this area to take over this position."

O'Neill is a graduate of Cornell University and recently ran for the state legislature (House District 15) in 2004.

"I have been fortunate to have been able to make service my vocation here in New Mexico," O'Neill stated. "I am flattered to have been selected for this important position. I am very familiar with the world of probation and parole and similarly am used to working with volunteer boards. I'm looking forward to using my skills in and experience in the juvenile justice arena."

O'Neill started his position on January 2nd, 2006.