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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon Department of Corrections
DOJ File No.: 291200-GA0062-24

Dear Mr. Butler:

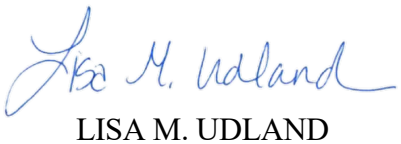
This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition for disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) to disclose "the following information: of who specifically is on the TRCI Therapeutic Levels of Care-TLC Committee."

We discussed your petition with Michelle Dodson, ODOC Records Officer.[1] She indicated that, since the date of your petition, you worked with ODOC to narrow your request to "TLC committee members from June 11, 2023, to present." On June 18, 2024, ODOC provided

[1] While we need not reach the issue, Ms. Dodson also expressed ODOC's position that your request was a request for information and not a request for a public record. We note that your petition does not ask us to order the disclosure of any particular records related to TLC committee membership, but rather asks us to order ODOC to answer your question. Please note that we have no authority under the Public Records Law to order state agencies to respond to questions or requests for information. *See* ORS 192.411(1) (in general, the Attorney General may order disclosure only when a records request has been denied); *see also* Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual at 7 (2019) (Public Records Law does not require agencies to create new public records, disclose the reasoning behind their actions, answer questions about their records, or analyze their records). You may, of course, submit a new request to ODOC for any additional records you may seek.

you with the requested information. Because ODOC has completed its response to your request, we respectfully dismiss your petition as moot.

Sincerely,



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