

Hamiltonian Promoted to Executive Director of State Parole Board

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TRENTON, NJ, -- After 35 years working to reform inmates and help them safely re-enter society, Hamiltonian David Wolfsgruber has been elevated to lead the day-to-day operations at the New Jersey State Parole Board as executive director. The Board announced the promotion of Wolfsgruber, who will oversee and manage the critical state agency that includes more than 600 sworn law enforcement and civilian staff charged with processing and supervising more than 16,000 offenders currently under state parole supervision, on Monday.

“David is a true leader in every sense of the word and his strong knowledge of criminal justice will undoubtedly be an asset to the State Parole Board,” said Sam Plumeri, Chairman of the Parole Board. “As a dedicated public servant, David has seen many changes within the complex world of parole which makes him the obvious choice to lead this agency as we continue to meet our two-fold mission of ensuring public safety while reducing the state’s overall recidivism rate through our supervision efforts.”



Prior to this new position, Wolfsgruber served as assistant director of the Community Programs Division. In that role he oversaw the development and administration of statewide community programming for parolees at 18 individual contracted residential and community resource center program locations. Wolfsgruber oversaw the significant expansion of licensed substance abuse and co-occurring mental health outpatient and residential substance abuse treatment services for parolees within the Mutual Agreement Program, in partnership with the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Community programming, which plays a significant role in the reentry process, assists individuals in their community reintegration process.

“I am very fortunate to have spent my entire professional career at the State Parole Board and am eager to help lead this agency during a time where New Jersey’s criminal justice system is undergoing transformative changes,” said Wolfsgruber. “The determined commitment of dedicated agency employees who consistently work to advance public safety measures and successful community reintegration is both inspiring and impressive.”

Wolfsgruber also held several diverse positions within the State Parole Board including coordinator of specialized programs and chief of the Parole Revocation Hearing Unit. Additionally, he is a certified public manager, a title that he received following the successful completion of the comprehensive State Certified Public Manager Program. A graduate of Trenton State College (*now The College of New Jersey*), Wolfsgruber is a lifelong New Jersey resident. He resides in Hamilton Square with his wife and two children.