

LABOR AGREEMENT
between
STATE OF MONTANA
and
MONTANA FEDERATION
OF PROBATION AND PAROLE
LOCAL #4464

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PREAMBLE

This agreement is made and entered into this 10/19/2020 between the State of Montana, hereafter called the "Employer" and the Montana Federation of Probation and Parole, Local #4464, Montana Federation of Public Employees, hereafter called the "Federation." It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to assure sound and mutually beneficial working relationships between the Employer and its employees, to provide an orderly and peaceful means of resolving grievances, to prevent interruption of work and interference with the efficient operation of the State of Montana, and to set forth herein a basic and complete agreement between the parties concerning terms and conditions of employment which are not otherwise mandated by statute. It is understood that the Employer is engaged in furnishing an essential public service which vitally affects health, safety, comfort, and general well-being of the public and both parties hereto recognize the need for continuous and reliable service to the public.

**ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION**

Section 1. The Employer recognizes the Federation as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all probation and parole officers licensed addiction counselors, pre-sentence investigation writers, hearings officers and administrative support staff in the regional and district offices of the Probation and Parole Division .

Section 2. When new job classifications are created which are not clearly exempt from coverage by the contract, the Employer agrees to meet with the Federation in order to determine if those positions should be included within the bargaining unit. If agreement is not possible, then the Board of Personnel Appeals shall be petitioned to conduct a unit clarification as specified in the Board's rules.

**ARTICLE 2
FEDERATION RIGHTS**

Section 1. Upon written request, the Employer shall make available one copy of all readily accessible public information relevant to contract negotiations or for the proper enforcement of this Agreement. The Employer may charge the Federation a copying charge of 10 cents per page for all such material.

Section 2. The internal business of the Federation will be conducted by employees during their non-duty hours. However, selected and designated Federation officers or appointees

within each region may be allowed a reasonable amount of paid time to investigate and process grievance and arbitration matters.

Section 3. The Federation's staff will be allowed to visit work areas during working hours provided that advance permission has been received from the Probation and Parole Division Administrator and that the visit shall not unduly disrupt work in progress.

Section 4. The Employer shall insure reasonable access to the Federation the most current Standard Operating Procedure Manual containing rules, regulations and policies on employment related matters. Department policy committees will invite bargaining unit members to participate in meetings.

Section 5. The Employer, within 30 days of the signing of this Agreement, shall present the Federation with a list of the names of all current employees covered by this Agreement, and shall update such list when new employees are hired.

Section 6. A Federation representative shall have the right to inspect an employee's personnel file with a specific authorization in writing by the employee. A Federation representative may obtain a copy of a document related to a formal grievance provided that prior specific authorization is obtained in writing from the employee. The Employer may charge a copying fee similar to that established in 3-2-403 MCA for documents on file.

Section 7. The Federation shall have the right to a space on a bulletin board in each regional office for the posting of notices. This space shall be adequate for the posting of an 8 1/2 x 11 inch document. A meeting room, if determined to be available by the Employer and subject to a usage charge, will be made available to the Federation in the regional offices.

Section 8. The Employer agrees to provide written notice to the Federation of the suspension, discharge or demotion of any member of the bargaining unit.

Section 9. The Federation shall have the right to utilize the State's e-mail system for the purpose of posting and communicating electronic notices. The Federation will comply with all State policies and practices regarding the appropriate use of electronic communications. Under no conditions shall the e-mail system be used to promote or oppose political candidates, ballot issues or referenda.

Section 10. The parties share an interest in resolving disputes at their earliest stages and continually improving communications between the Federation and the Employer. To that end, if staffing permits, the Employer shall allow the Federation president or a designee twenty (20) days per fiscal year with pay. The Federation president or designee will use this time to identify potential problems and concerns and regularly report those issues to management and human resources. The Federation shall be responsible for any and all travel expenses.

Section 11. Designated Federation representatives shall receive ample opportunity to

provide membership information to Federation represented positions during the employee onboarding process. The Employer and the Federation shall work together to ensure reasonable access to the onboarding processes through either in-person presentations or other avenues such as web-based and/or written information, in those situations where in-person orientation does not occur. Time utilized by the Federation for onboarding new employees shall be deducted from the Federation leave time allotted in Section 10.

The Employer and Federation agree that the Employer may not interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees in the exercise of rights guaranteed in 39-31-201, MCA. The parties further agree that the Employer shall direct all newly hired employees and current employees who have questions and concerns regarding Federation membership to contact the Federation designated representatives.

ARTICLE 3 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

In compliance with Montana Code Annotated 39-31-303, the Federation shall recognize the prerogatives of the agency to manage, direct, and control its business in all particulars, in such areas as, but not limited to:

1. direct employees;
2. hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees;
3. relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or funds or under conditions where continuation of such work would be inefficient and non-productive;
4. maintain the efficiency of government operations;
5. determine the methods, means, job classifications, and personnel by which the agency operations are to be conducted;
6. take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the missions of the agency in situations of emergency; and,
7. establish the methods and processes by which work is performed.

Such rights are retained by the Employer except as specifically limited or relinquished in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 FEDERATION SECURITY

Section 1. Employees covered by the terms of this Agreement shall not be required to become members of the Federation. It is recognized that the Federation is required to represent all employees in the bargaining unit fairly and equally without regard to whether or not an employee is a member of the Federation.

Section 2. Upon receipt of a written authorization from an employee covered by this agreement, the Employer shall deduct from the employee's pay the amount owed to the Federation by such employee for dues. The Employer will remit to the Federation such

sums within 30 calendar days. Changes in the Federation membership dues rate will be certified to the Employer in writing over the signature of the authorized officer or officers of the Federation and shall be done at least 30 calendar days in advance of such change.

Section 3. The Federation agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders, or judgments brought or issued against the Employer as a result of its compliance with the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 5 **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Section 1. No member of the bargaining unit shall be disciplined or discriminated against as a result of union membership. No member of the bargaining unit shall be retaliated against for filing any classification appeal or grievance.

Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of the Montana Code of Fair Practices and state policy, the Employer shall recruit, appoint, assign, train, evaluate, and promote its employees without regard to race, color, religious creed, political ideas, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, national origin and ancestry.

ARTICLE 6 **LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Section 1. The Employer and the Federation agree to the establishment of a Labor-Management Relations Committee. The purpose of this committee is to discuss any item of concern to either party and to improve communications between the Employer and the members of the bargaining unit. The committee will not, however, take the place of the grievance procedure or the collective bargaining process.

Section 2. There will be a labor relations committee established at both the divisional and regional levels. Each committee will meet twice annually. Training regarding LMC's will be encouraged at both levels for participants on a yearly basis. The divisional committee will be comprised of representatives from management to include up to five management representatives and representatives from the union to include up to five bargaining unit representatives, plus one Federation representative. The five bargaining unit representatives shall come from administrative support, juvenile parole, probation and parole, intensive supervision and the bargaining unit executive board. Each regional committee will consist of the Deputy Chief, Probation Officer II and two Federation members. Meetings may be canceled with mutual agreement.

Section 3. The Committee shall meet at a mutually agreed date, time and place. The divisional meetings will be held in Helena or at an alternative site by mutual agreement, and regional meetings held in each region at a pre-designated location.

Section 4. The bargaining unit Federation members will receive paid release time to attend meetings when scheduled during normal work hours. Travel expenses to and from the divisional meeting will be paid by the employer for five bargaining unit members.

Section 5. Each party must submit to the other party, at least five working days prior to a scheduled meeting, its agenda and a list of probable representatives who will act on its behalf. The agenda shall be limited to items which are of a group rather than individual concern that cannot easily be solved through established supervisory channels.

Section 6. An employer designate representative shall organize the meetings and designate the person responsible for taking minutes, alternating between labor and management representatives. Copies of the minutes will be reviewed and signed jointly before distribution. Regional meeting minutes will be sent to the division headquarters and posted in each office.

ARTICLE 7 **PAY AND HOURS**

Section 1. Conditions relative to and governing wages and salaries are provided under 2-18-301, MCA, and contained in Addendum A of this Agreement.

Section 2. Nothing in this Agreement will preclude any employee from exercising the right to file a classification appeal with the Board of Personnel Appeals.

Section 3. A regular work day shall be defined as eight hours of continuous work in a 24-hour period. Included are two 15-minute duty free rest breaks. Rest breaks will not be taken in conjunction with the start or end of the work day or other breaks during the work day.

Section 4. A regular work period shall be defined as five regular work days, Monday through Friday inclusive, totaling 40 hours.

Section 5. A regular work week shall be defined as a regularly recurring period of 168 hours in the form of seven consecutive 24-hour periods. Days off will be consecutive and recurring unless mutually agreed upon. The work week as established by the employer begins on Saturday at 12:01 a.m. and ends on Friday at midnight. For the purpose of minimum wage and overtime calculation, each work week stands alone.

Section 6. "Alternative work hours" shall include scheduled hours Monday through Friday before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m., or scheduled hours on a Saturday or Sunday. Employees hired before January 1, 1996, may be scheduled to work up to 8 hours per week on an alternative schedule if mutually agreeable to the employer and employee. Employees hired after January 1, 1996, may be scheduled to work up to 16 hours per week on an alternative schedule, as mutually agreed, but if mutual agreement cannot be reached, management's staffing needs shall supersede the employee's preferred alternative schedule. If mutual

agreement cannot be reached; management's staffing needs shall supersede the employee's preferred alternative schedule. An employee may request an alternate work schedule, not to exceed 40 hours per week, with the approval of the employee's Deputy Chief or designee.

Section 7. Shift Differential: Employees who are regularly scheduled to work alternative hours between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. will receive an additional \$.50 per hour for all hours worked between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Section 8. Employees will be compensated according to agency policy and state and federal wage and hour laws for hours worked above 40 in a work week.

Section 9. An employee must receive authority from management to respond to a call-out on the employee's scheduled day off. An employee may accept a revised work schedule for the remainder of the workweek or accept comp time for the length of time spend on the call-out. Callouts shall be for a minimum of two hours per approved callout, regardless of whether the callout lasts a full two hours.

Section 10. When a state vehicle is not available, the Employer shall use actual odometer mileage in computing reimbursements whenever employees are required to use their private vehicle for state business.

Section 11. No full-time or permanent part-time employee will be replaced by a work study, workfare, or J.T.P.A. program employee. However, any of the preceding programs or others may be used to provide workers which supplement the present workforce.

Section 12. Whenever an employee receives a pay increase, such increase shall be granted from the first day of the pay period during which such increase becomes effective.

Section 13. Relocation expenses shall be paid in accordance with agency policy.

Section 14. If an employee is selected by a Management designee to temporarily fill a vacancy in a higher graded job, the authorization shall be in writing and the employee shall be paid at the higher grade with the exact rate of temporary pay to be set by the Pay Plan Rules.

Section 15. Upon termination of employment, employees shall be paid for all earned but unused annual leave, sick leave, and holidays as provided by law.

Section 16. The Employer agrees to pay employees 15-minutes compensatory time for each phone call received outside their scheduled work hours.

Section 17. Adult Probation and Parole Officers must live within their assigned office's supervisory area unless otherwise authorized by management.

Section 18. The employer shall not transfer an employee into a PO Tech position unless the position is located in an office that has no more than two PO's, except in the case of an extraordinary situation and then by mutual consent of the Division Administrator and Federation President. Nothing in this provision shall cause a transfer or reclassification of any PO Tech employed in the position before January 1, 2005. Nothing in this provision limits the employees' or employer's layoff rights as expressed in Articles 3 and 19.

In an office or location where it is determined the need for a gender specific PO Tech the Department, at their own discretion, will recruit and hire the required gender only. A PO Tech that has been employed because of the aforementioned gender need shall not suffer loss of employment or involuntary transfer to another location should the gender composition of the office change.

Section 19. Employees hired or promoted into an open position with no previous experience will be hired at the entry rate of pay for the job title and band. Successful applicants with relevant experience may be credited with up to three years' service for salary schedule purposes. Former department employees who return to work may be placed at the pay level for the job title and band they attained upon separation of employment provided it does not exceed the six-year pay increment.

Section 20. Recognizing the positive effect of being able to return home over weekends has on newly hired Adult Probation & Parole Officers (POs) attending the Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) Probation and Parole Basic, management encourages the use of personal vehicles to facilitate this and agrees to compensate the POs in the following manner:

1. Travel time and mileage at the higher rate will be paid to the MLEA P&P Basic and the return home at the conclusion of the MLEA P&P Basic.
2. Mileage at the lower rate will be paid for trips home at the conclusion of instruction each week. Travel time will not be paid as the employees work week has officially concluded.

All mileage rates will be established according to MCA 2-18-503, MOM Policy Mileage Reimbursement rates.

Section 21. The Federation and Employer recognizes the burdens faced by POs in Probation & Parole Division offices which are under-staffed due to voluntary or involuntary terminations, resulting in increased caseloads. POs may volunteer for Temporary Duty Assignments (TDA) where offices are short-staffed. TDAs will be for one week minimum, with the Employer paying any associated hotel costs, in-state per diem, as well as authorizing the use of a state vehicle.

Section 22 On-Call By mutual agreement of the parties, an on-call program may be

established in a local office or region. The local or regional on-call program will ensure that at least six Probation and Parole Officers participate, and the rotation shall not be more than once every six weeks. Only in cases of extraordinary or unusual circumstances, and by mutual agreement between the parties, may an officer be in the rotation more than once in a six-week period.

In the situation of a regional on-call, it is understood that circumstances may arise which require the call out of a local officer. In these situations, Article 7 of this collective bargaining agreement shall apply to the call out of the local officer.

Where established, the on-call officer will be responsible responding to all Electronic Monitoring Alerts and telephone calls after the hours of 5:00 pm to 8:00 am Monday through Friday and 24 hours a day on weekends and holidays from or regarding offenders on electronic surveillance, including but not limited, Tier III Sex Offenders, Intensive Supervision Probation (ISP) Offenders, and Law Enforcement etc.

On-call officers will provide law enforcement the on-call number for after hours, weekend and holidays.

Intensive Supervision Probation and Parole Officers will constitute the nucleus of on-call teams. The balance of each on-call team will be fully qualified experienced Probation and Parole Officers. Each on-call team member will be assigned on-call responsibilities on a rotating basis.

Employees volunteer and are assigned to be a part of the on-call program will be provided a stipend for participation. The stipend will offer a maximum of \$270/week or \$38.57/day.

In addition to the stipend, on-call leave will be administered in accordance with DOC Policy 1.3.29, On-Call Status for Exempt and Nonexempt Employees revised July 12, 2011. On-call leave will include the following provisions from the policy:

- Two (2) hour of on-call leave for each day of on-call duty
- Four (4) hours of on-call leave for each day of on-call duty on a regularly scheduled day off or holiday
- On-call leave accrual may not exceed 180 hours
- On-call leave must be utilized prior to separation from the agency and may not be paid out in a lump sum upon resignation.

While assigned on-call, on-call officers will not receive the fifteen minutes compensation for after hour telephone calls described in Article 7 Section 16.

The on-call officer will use Probation and Parole Division procedures and guidelines to determine whether law-enforcement calls, offender calls or electronic monitoring alerts should be referred to the offender's supervising Probation and Parole Officer,

On-call officers assigned to call responsibilities may request permission to exchange or

otherwise arrange for alternative coverage by another Probation and Parole Officer. Deputy Chiefs/designees may grant such requests at their discretion.

On-call officers when assigned to on-call will be provided a take-home state vehicle, cell phone, lap-top computer and associated equipment as may be necessary to fulfill on-call responsibilities. On-call officers shall avoid the use of alcohol or other substances that might impair or affect their ability to drive the take-home state vehicle. Should an on-call officer be requested by management to report for duty at times other than his/her normal duty hours, that officer will receive a minimum of one additional hour of time and one-half compensatory time for each hour or partial hour he is on duty.

Probation and Parole Officers as well as management will be eligible to contribute to the on-call program. Priority for assignment of on-call duty will be provided to eligible officers based upon seniority and management will participate when eligible officers are unavailable or unable to contribute. Eligibility for involvement includes completion of Phase I and Phase II of field officer training; however, eligibility exceptions for required training may be made by management to meet business needs.

ARTICLE 8 **INSURANCE**

The Health Care and Benefits Division is managing the State Employee Group Health Plan to contain costs and minimize member cost impacts. Member contributions, copay amounts, deductibles, coinsurance levels, and maximum out of pocket levels will not increase through December 31, 2020. The State's share contribution (currently, \$1054 a month) will not change during the same period.

ARTICLE 9 **OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME**

Section 1. Employees will be compensated according to department policy and state and federal wage and hour laws for all hours worked above 40 in a work week. Employees may elect once a year to receive either overtime pay, or compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay, for approved hours worked above 40 in a work week. The rate is according to state and federal wage and hour law (one and one-half hour for each approved hour worked above 40 in a work week).

Section 2. If job related travel time is scheduled for other than the employee's normal work week, such travel time shall be compensated in accordance with the terms of this Article.

Section 3. Authorized holiday leave, sick leave, annual leave, or compensatory time off shall constitute time worked when computing overtime or compensatory time credits under this Article.

Section 4. Overtime or compensatory time as provided for in this Agreement shall not be pyramided under any circumstances.

Section 5. Employees may be relieved of duty during regular shift hours in order to offset hours worked in excess of the 40-hour work week if the employee has accumulated 60 hours of compensatory time.

Section 6. Upon termination of employment, employees will be paid out any unused compensatory time at their current rate of pay.

Section 7. Unless in conflict with this collective bargaining agreement, compensatory time will be governed by Policy No.: DOC 1.3.8. Employee Time Management. Any proposed changes to the compensatory time policy must be provided to the exclusive bargaining representative at least two weeks prior to the intended implementation date to allow for comment or a request to bargain.

Section 8. Probation and Parole Officers, by seniority, shall be the first notified to volunteer to provide security for Department of Corrections' offenders requiring secure supervision as determined by management. Probation and Parole Officers shall receive overtime or compensatory time before the Department utilizes the services from other security agencies within the Department of Corrections, sheriff departments, police departments or other security entities. A phone call, whether answered or not, constitutes notification.

ARTICLE 10
HOLIDAYS

Section 1. Recognized paid holidays shall be the following:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Third Monday in January
Washington's/Lincoln's Birthday	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25
General Election Day	Even numbered years

Section 2. The holidays listed in Section 1 shall be granted at the regular rate of pay to all eligible employees except as provided for in Section 3. Eligible part-time employees shall receive pay or accrual for the holiday on a pro rata basis. To be eligible for holiday pay an employee must be in a pay status on the last scheduled working day immediately before the holiday or on the first regularly scheduled working day immediately after the holiday.

Section 3. When a non-exempt full-time employee is authorized by the Employer to work on a holiday listed above, he/she will be paid eight hours of holiday pay at straight time and in addition time and one half for actual hours worked or at the Employer's option, will be paid at a rate of one and one-half times his/her regular rate of pay and an alternate day off, to be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and Employer.

A full-time employee whose schedule calls for a day off on the day a holiday is observed, as provided in 2-18-603, MCA, shall be entitled to receive a day off with pay on the day preceding the holiday, or on another day following the holiday in the same pay period, or as requested by the employee and approved by the supervisor, whichever allows a day off in addition to the employee's regularly scheduled days off (provided the employee is in a pay status on his/her last regularly scheduled working day immediately before the holiday or on his/her first regularly scheduled working day immediately after the holiday). If a day off cannot be provided, the agency may provide eight hours of pay at the regular rate. For part-time employees, holiday benefits shall be an average of the employee's hours regularly scheduled to work in the pay period. To find the average, the number of hours regularly scheduled to work in a pay period in which the holiday falls shall be divided by 10 (the number of working days in a pay period). Holiday benefits shall not exceed eight hours.

ARTICLE 11 **ANNUAL VACATION LEAVE**

Section 1. Each permanent full-time employee shall earn annual vacation leave credits from the first day of employment. Vacation leave credits earned shall be credited at the end of each pay period. However, employees are not entitled to any vacation leave with pay until they have been continuously employed for a period of six calendar months.

Section 2. Permanent part-time employees are entitled to prorated annual vacation benefits if they have worked the qualifying period.

Section 3. An employee may not accrue annual vacation leave credits while in a leave without pay status.

Section 4. Temporary employees do not earn vacation leave credits, except that a temporary employee who is subsequently hired into a permanent position within the same jurisdiction without a break in service, and temporary employees who are employed continuously longer than six months may count as earned leave credits for the immediate term of temporary employment.

Section 5. Vacation leave credits are earned at a yearly rate calculated in accordance with the following schedule, which applies to the total years of an employee's employment with any agency whether employment is continuous or not:

<u>Years of Employment</u>	<u>Working Day Credit</u>
1 day through 10 years	15
10 years through 15 years	18
15 years through 20 years	21
20 years on	24

For the purpose of determining years of employment under this Section, an employee eligible to earn vacation credits under MCA 2-18-611 must be credited with one year of employment for each period of 2080 hours of service following his date of employment; an employee must be credited with 80 hours of service for each biweekly pay period in which he is in a pay status or on an authorized leave of absence without pay, regardless of the number of hours of service in the pay period.

Section 6. Absence from employment by reason of illness shall not be chargeable against unused vacation leave credits unless approved by the employee.

Section 7. Annual vacation leave may be accumulated to a total not to exceed two times the maximum number of days earned annually as of the end of the first pay period of the next calendar year. Excess vacation leave is not forfeited if taken within 90 calendar days from the last day of the calendar year in which the excess was accrued.

Section 8. It is specifically agreed that in computing service time for vacation leave, employees shall receive credit for all eligible service in other state employment and/or employment by any political subdivision of the State of Montana.

Section 9. Vacation leave taken over a holiday may not be charged to an employee's vacation leave for that day.

Section 10. It is understood and agreed that an employee within the bargaining unit may, with prior approval of Management, take three consecutive weeks of annual leave per year. Individual discretion may be exercised as to the effective date(s) of requested leave time, with the understanding that requests will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for absence shall not cause undue burden on the Employer's operation and the scheduling needs of the agency shall be primary in the decision process. Conflicts in scheduling employees off for purposes of annual leave shall be determined on the basis of seniority and the need for services.

Section 11. Vacation leave credits will not accrue for those hours exceeding 40 hours in a work week.

ARTICLE 12 **SICK LEAVE**

Section 1. Each permanent full-time employee shall earn sick leave credits from the first day of employment. For calculating sick leave credits, 2080 hours (52 weeks x 40 hours) shall equal one year. Sick leave credits shall be credited at the end of each pay period.

Subsection (a). Sick leave credits shall be earned at the rate of 12 working days for each year of service without restrictions as to the number of working days that may be accumulated. Employees are not entitled to be paid sick leave until they have been continuously employed 90 days.

Section 2. An employee may not accrue sick leave credits while in a leave without pay status.

Section 3. Permanent part-time employees are entitled to prorated leave benefits if they have worked the qualifying period.

Section 4. Full-time temporary and seasonal employees are entitled to sick leave benefits provided they work the qualifying period.

Section 5. An employee who terminates employment with the Employer is entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to one-fourth of the pay attributed to the accumulated sick leave. The pay attributed to the accumulated sick leave shall be computed on the basis of the employee's salary or wage at the time the employee terminates employment with the State.

Section 6. An employee who receives a lump-sum payment pursuant to this Section and who is again employed by a state agency shall not be credited with any sick leave for which the employee has previously been compensated.

Section 7. Absence from employment by reason of illness shall not be chargeable against unused vacation leave credits unless approved by the employee.

Section 8. In the event that an employee on annual leave becomes ill, the employee shall be afforded the right to change their annual leave status to sick leave status.

Section 9. "Sick leave" means a leave of absence with pay for a sickness suffered by an employee or a member of the employee's immediate family. Sick leave may also be used for maternity related disability, dental, medical, and eye examination or treatment or the funeral of an immediate family member. "Immediate family" means the employee's spouse and any member of the employee's household, or any parent, child, grandparent, grandchild or corresponding in-law.

Section 10. With management approval, an employee may also use sick leave upon the death or serious illness of another person.

Section 11. The Employer may not require a doctor's certificate to substantiate sick leave usage from an employee in the bargaining unit unless the Employer has good and sufficient reason to suspect sick leave abuse, which is described as chronic, persistent, or patterned use of sick leave.

Section 12. In the event that an employee has exhausted all accrued sick leave, the Employer may permit the employee to be placed on a leave without pay status for up to six months, renewable thereafter at the Employer's option.

Section 13. Employees who exhaust their accrued sick leave may apply for additional leave credits from the state sick leave bank in accordance with rules promulgated by the bank.

ARTICLE 13 **MATERNITY / PARENTAL LEAVE**

Section 1. The Employer may not:

- a. Terminate a woman's employment because of her pregnancy;
- b. Refuse to grant to the employee a reasonable leave of absence for such pregnancy;
- c. Deny the employee who is disabled as a result of pregnancy any compensation to which she is entitled as a result of the accumulation of disability or leave benefits accrued pursuant to plans maintained by her Employer, provided that the Employer may require disability as a result of pregnancy to be verified by medical certification that the employee is not able to perform her employment duties;
- d. Require that an employee take a mandatory maternity leave for an unreasonable length of time.

Section 2. Upon signifying her intent to return at the end of her leave of absence, such employee shall be reinstated to her original job or to an equivalent position with equivalent pay and accumulated seniority, retirement, fringe benefits, and other service credits.

Section 3. Parental leave shall be administered in accordance with 2-18-606 MCA if: (a) the employee is adopting a child; or (b) the employee is a birth father.

ARTICLE 14 **JURY AND WITNESS DUTY**

Section 1. Employees summoned to serve as jurors or witnesses, unrelated to job duties, shall be granted leave in accordance with the following provisions:

- a. Each employee who is under a proper summons as a juror shall collect all fees and allowances payable as a result of the service and forward the fees to the appropriate accounting office. Juror fees shall be applied against the amount due the employee

from his Employer. However, if an employee elects to charge his juror time off against his annual leave, he shall not be required to remit his juror fees to his Employer. In no instance is an employee required to remit to his Employer any expenses or mileage allowance paid him by the court.

- b. An employee subpoenaed to serve as a witness shall collect all fees and allowances payable as a result of the service and forward the fees to the appropriate accounting office. Witness fees shall be applied against the amount due the employee from his Employer. However, if an employee elects to charge his witness time off against his annual leave, he shall not be required to remit his witness fees to his Employer. In no instance is an employee required to remit to his Employer any expense or mileage allowances paid him by the court.
- c. The Employer may request the court to excuse its employees from jury duty if they are needed for the proper operation of the agency.

ARTICLE 15 **MILITARY LEAVE**

Section 1. Any permanent employee who has been employed for six months or more who is a member of the organized National Guard of the State of Montana or who is a member of the organized or unorganized reserve corps of forces of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard shall be given leave of absence with pay for attending regular encampments, training cruises, and similar training programs not to exceed 15 working days per calendar year. Military leave may be used only for performing military service under military orders properly issued by military authorities. Unused military leave must be carried over to the next calendar year, but may not exceed a total of 30 days in any calendar year. Such absence shall not be charged against other leave credits earned by the employee.

ARTICLE 16 **LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

Section 1. A leave of absence without pay may be granted to employees, subject to Employer discretion, for good and sufficient reason. A leave without pay shall generally be limited to no longer than 12 calendar months.

Section 2. An employee requesting leave without pay shall, in advance of the starting date, submit a leave request form stating thereon the reason for the request, and the beginning and ending date of the absence. The Employer shall approve or disapprove the request. If the request is denied, a reason shall be provided.

Section 3. Employees who are granted a leave without pay shall be informed in writing of the conditions under which the leave is approved.

Section 4. Employees on leaves caused by accidents compensated by Worker's Compensation or for other disability related reasons, shall be entitled to re-employment in their former position if the absence is for a period of 9 months or less. Employees on leave without pay for disability related reasons shall be granted a hiring preference over outside applicants for open positions for which they are qualified for an additional 18-month period.

ARTICLE 17 **TASK FORCES**

The parties agree to the following procedures regarding the establishment and organization of task forces working in conjunction with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

General:

- Probation Officers chosen to serve on the task force shall be members of the bargaining unit represented by the union.
- Probation Officers shall serve on the task force for a period of up to three years.
- It is the philosophy of the parties that the task force position should rotate every three years to qualified officers. Should at the end of the three-year term no applicants apply or it is determined by the employer that the applicants are not suitable for the task force, then the current task force Probation Officer may reapply for a successive three-year term.
- Task force officers will return to their previous position at the end of the three-year term.
- Within the three-year term should the employer feel the task force officer has been inappropriately placed on the task force, the employer may return the officer to their previous position and reopen the task force position.

Recruitment and Selection:

- The employer will advertise open task force positions for a period of not less than ten (10) business days.
- Task force positions will be available only to those Probation Officers working in the office which has a task force agreement with the law enforcement agency that has oversight.
- Probation Officers interested in serving on the task force shall write a letter of application and submit the letter to their Deputy Chief.
- Applicants must have a minimum of four years' experience as a Probation Officer

with the Department of Corrections.

- Applicants will not be considered if they are under discipline or on a plan of improvement.
- Applicants must be in compliance with all department required training.
- Applicants may be required to complete validated physical abilities testing, due to the law enforcement deputized and physical nature of task force assignments.
- Applicants will be interviewed by a team composed of the employer's management for that office and representatives from the law enforcement agency with oversight of the task force.
- Probation Officers chosen to serve on the task force shall be by a joint decision of the employer and the law enforcement agency with oversight of the task force.
- Should no applicants apply for a newly created task force position, the employer may assign a Probation Officer to the task force. However, the employer cannot require the officer to work more than forty (40) hours per week.

ARTICLE 18

GRIEVANCES AND ARBITRATION

Section 1. Having a desire to create and maintain harmonious labor relations, the parties hereto agree that they will promptly attempt to adjust all disputes arising between them involving questions of interpretation or application of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2. Grievance Procedure:

Step 1. Any grievance shall be taken up with the employee's immediate supervisor within ten (10) working days after the employee or any officer of the bargaining unit knew or should have known the facts which gave rise to the grievance. The immediate supervisor shall have five (5) working days to respond. All grievances must be discussed with the immediate supervisor prior to advancing the grievance to Step 2.

Step 2. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, the grievance may be presented in writing within ten (10) working days from the receipt of the immediate supervisor's response of Step 1 to the Probation and Parole Division Administrator or designee, whomever is appropriate. The administrator or designee shall have ten (10) working days from receipt of the grievance to respond in writing.

Step 3. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, it may be presented to the Department Director or designee within ten (10) working days of the Step 2 response. The Director shall have fifteen (15) working days to respond to the grievance in writing.

Step 4. Should the employee and the Federation consider the decision of the Director to be unsatisfactory, the Federation may, within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Director's decision, notify the Director and the Chief of the State Office of Labor Relations of its decision to take the grievance to final and binding arbitration. Working days for purposes of this section are defined as in Article 7, Section 4.

Section 3. Rules of Grievance Processing:

- A. Time limits of any stage of the grievance procedure may be extended by written mutual agreement of the parties of that step.
- B. A grievance not filed or advanced by the grievant within the time limits provided shall be deemed permanently withdrawn as having been settled on the basis of the decision most recently received. Failure on the part of the Employer to answer within the time limit set forth in any step will entitle the grievant to proceed to the next step.
- C. The appointing authority may replace any titled position in the grievance procedure, provided that such appointee has full authority to act in the capacity of the person being replaced.
- D. When the grievance is presented in writing there shall be set forth all of the following:
 - 1. A complete statement of the grievance and facts upon which it is based.
 - 2. The rights of the individual claimed to have been violated and the remedy or correction requested.
- E. Employees desiring to contest an employment action through alternative statutory or civil procedures may not contest the same employment action under the provisions of this Agreement's grievance procedure.
- F. In the event of a classification related grievance, the statutory classification appeal route shall be followed wherein the grievance may be submitted to the Board of Personnel Appeals for final resolution. Where a question arises as to whether the matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Board or could possibly be arbitrated, the matter may be referred to the Board for a decision.

Section 4. Rules of Arbitration:

- A. Within ten (10) working days of the Federation's Step 4 notice of its intent to arbitrate a grievance, the Federation shall call upon the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or the Montana Board of Personnel Appeals for a panel of seven potential arbitrators. The Federation will provide the Director and the Chief of the State Office of Labor Relations a copy of the arbitrator panel request.

- B. Within fifteen (15) working days of receipt the list each party shall strike names from the list in alternate order and the name so remaining shall be the arbitrator. A coin toss shall determine which party will strike the first name.
- C. The arbitrator shall render a decision and that decision shall be final and binding. By mutual agreement, the parties may request a bench decision from the arbitrator.
- D. Each party shall share equally the cost of the arbitrator. In the event one of the parties wants transcripts from the proceedings of the arbitration, the party requesting the transcripts shall pay all costs. If each party requests a transcript, they shall equally share the costs.
- E. The arbitrator may not add to, subtract from or modify the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 19 **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

Section 1. No permanent employee shall be disciplined or discharged except for just cause. Permanent employee means an employee who has completed the required probationary period. The probationary period consists of one year. The probationary period may be extended up to six additional months by mutual agreement between the Federation and Management.

Section 2. An employee may request the presence of a union representative during an investigatory interview which the employee believes may reasonably result in disciplinary action.

Section 3. An employee may request and receive a copy of his or her job profile/position description and classification information once each year or when changed.

Section 4. Upon request, an employee may obtain a copy of any document in his/her personnel file. The Employer may charge a copying charge similar to that established in 3-2-403 MCA for documents on file.

Section 5. The Department of Corrections performance evaluation system approved by the Human Resource Division shall be utilized by the Employer in the evaluation of employees covered by this Agreement. Supervisors shall receive training in the operation of the performance appraisal system before evaluating employees.

Section 6. No information reflecting critically upon an employee shall be placed in the personnel file of the employee that does not bear either the signature or initials of the employee indicating that he/she has been shown the material, or a statement by a supervisor that the employee has been shown the material and refused to sign it. A copy of any such material shall be furnished to the employee.

Section 7. Letters of caution, warning, reprimand, or suspension are considered temporary

contents of the personnel file of an employee and shall be removed no later than 18 months after they have been placed in the file unless such items are applicable to pending legal or quasi-legal proceedings. Once the 18-month period has passed, such documents will be removed at the employee's written request. Documents left in the file after the 18-month period may not be used in subsequent disciplinary proceedings. The letters of discipline referenced in this Section may be retained by the Employer in files other than the employee personnel file only for the purpose of evidence in subsequent legal proceedings that the Employer may be party to, when such are filed within the applicable statute of limitations.

DOC policy 1.3.39 regarding Supervisory Notes dated May 16, 2012 may only be changed after review and opportunity for suggestions by the Divisional Labor–Management Relations Committee.

The Supervisor shall discuss with the affected employee any entry in supervisory notes which may lead to discipline or an unsatisfactory performance evaluation within a reasonable period of time. The discussion should be documented and that documentation initialed by the employee.

Section 8. Employees who terminate their service will be furnished, upon request, a letter stating their classification and length of service.

Section 9. Prior to the submission to the State Personnel Division any request for a position downgrade, the incumbent shall have the opportunity to comment on the request.

Section 10. An employee charged by a client with improper behavior or with violating an agency rule or policy shall be deemed innocent until such time as sufficient evidence to the contrary has been presented. No disciplinary action will be taken unless the employee is provided relevant documentation prior to or during their Due Process (*Loudermill*) meeting. Any disciplinary action based on a client complaint may be appealed through the grievance procedure.

Section 11. Any employee subject to layoff shall be provided 21 calendar days advance notice and concurrently, the Federation shall be sent a copy of the Notice. The employee and/or the Federation may comment on the action.

Section 12. Dress code will be administered in accordance with Probation and Parole Division and Department of Corrections policy.

Section 13. If the Probation and Parole Division establishes a policy-writing committee, the Executive Council of the union shall have the opportunity to provide a list of three nominees from the bargaining unit for inclusion on the committee, from which management will choose one.

ARTICLE 20

SENIORITY AND LAYOFF

Section 1. Seniority means the length of continuous service in a bargaining unit position since the last date of hire.

Section 2. Seniority shall continue to accrue during all paid leaves of absences and industrial accident leave not exceeding one year.

Section 3. Seniority shall be revoked if an employee retires or otherwise terminates employment; is discharged for cause; permanently transfers out of the bargaining unit; or refuses or fails to respond to a recall from layoff under the conditions established in Section 7 of this Article. Seniority must be reinstated if an employee terminates employment or transfers out of the unit but returns to a bargaining unit position within one year.

Section 4. Seniority, qualifications and capabilities of the officers located within a division requiring a reduction in force shall be the controlling factors in the selection of employees for layoff within each classification series. Seniority, qualifications and capabilities shall be the controlling factors in the selection of employees for voluntary transfer within the bargaining unit and within classification series. Employee transfer requests will be considered if the employee has completed twenty-four (24) months of continuous service in an assigned position number. Transfer applications shall include a letter of intent, a resume and, at the employee's option, a state application. If an employee is denied a transfer, he or she will be entitled to written reasons upon request for purposes of guiding the employee in future application processes.

When staffing shortages extend beyond a reasonable time for any Probation and Parole Office and when reasonable efforts have been exhausted to attract qualified staff to transfer and the normal recruitment and selection process has failed to yield qualified applicants, then Probation and Parole Officers who do not meet the twenty-four (24) month threshold for transfer may be extended an offer to transfer upon their request.

In the normal course of life, unusual and exigent circumstances can occur, both professionally and/or personally that would necessitate that granting of a transfer upon the request of staff prior to the twenty-four (24) month requirement. When either circumstance should arise, the Division Administrator and the Federation President must mutually agree to grant the request of transfer of staff to remedy these unique situations.

Section 5. Any permanent employee subject to non-disciplinary demotion shall be given 10 calendar days advance notice of the action.

Section 6. No permanent employees shall be laid off or subject to non-disciplinary demotion while temporary or probationary employees in the same classification are retained.

Section 7. Recall from layoff shall be in the reverse order. If a position is available within the same geographical location, employees shall be recalled to permanent positions within the same classification and in the same geographic location in the bargaining unit. In recalling employees, the Employer shall send a certified, return receipt letter to the last known address for the employee with a copy to the Federation. The letter shall state that

failure to notify the Employer within 14 calendar days of his/her intent to return to work or failure to return to work within 21 calendar days shall constitute forfeiture of all recall rights. Recall rights shall be limited to a period of one year following the date of layoff.

ARTICLE 21 JOB POSTING

Section 1. The following procedures will be followed in the posting and filling of vacant or newly created permanent positions covered by this agreement. The purpose of this system is to inform employees of vacancies and newly created positions and to afford employees, who are interested and who feel they qualify an equal opportunity to apply for the positions.

Subsection 1. When a vacant or newly created position is to be filled, the Employer shall prepare a Job Posting Notice. The Notice will be posted in a specific place designated for notices of job openings, and shall state where interested employees are to make application, and the cutoff date for application submittal, the minimum qualifications, and such other information deemed appropriate by Management.

Subsection 2. The Employer will insure that all such applications are considered. Members in the bargaining unit who are unsuccessful applicants shall be so notified upon completion of the selection process.

Subsection 3. All positions in the bargaining unit shall be posted per the provisions of this Article for at least 10 calendar days.

Section 2. Seniority, qualifications and capabilities shall be the controlling factors in filling new or vacant permanent positions covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 22 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Section 1. Both the Employer and the Federation affirm their commitment to cooperate in the maintenance of a safe and healthful working environment. To this end, any employee complaint of a health or safety nature shall be referred to the Office of Human Resources which shall attempt to resolve the complaint.

Section 2. Suitable office space is conducive to the maintenance of a safe and healthful working environment. The Employer agrees to relocate those bargaining unit members who have located more suitable office space agreeable to the Employer, and who can demonstrate that the Employer will not suffer additional costs due to relocation.

Section 3. The Employer shall provide hospital gloves and specimen bottles to protect employees required to collect urine samples.

Section 4. The employer will provide required safety equipment. The Labor-Management Committee will periodically recommend updates and revisions to the safety equipment

list. Position appropriate safety equipment will be made available for Adult Probation and Parole Officers, Probation and Parole Technicians Officers required to have direct contact with offenders.

Section 5. All Adult P & P Officer new hires must attend and successfully complete the P&P Officer Basic course, or equivalent, in accordance with ARM 23.13.206.

Section 6. The parties agree it would be advantageous for Adult P&P Officer new hires to be assigned to a Field Training Officer (FTO) after completion of the P&P Basic course.

ARTICLE 23

ORIENTATION AND EDUCATION

Section 1. When orientation is provided for new employees, the Employer shall inform the new employee(s) that their position is covered by a collective bargaining agreement, and provide the name of a designated Federation representative who can be contacted by the employee during non-duty hours to provide additional information.

Section 2. All in-service training classes required by the Employer shall be conducted during an employee's normal working hours or the employee will be given compensatory time for required training held during off-duty hours.

Section 3. The Employer may grant per diem and related expenses for educational leave subject to budgetary constraints.

ARTICLE 24

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES & GAME WARDENS RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Section 1. Retirement programs shall operate in full force and effect in accordance with the retirement provisions of Montana Code Annotated.

ARTICLE 25

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Section 1. In addition to the monthly dues deductions authorized in Article 4 of this Agreement, bargaining unit members shall be allowed to authorize the Employer to deduct from their pay checks such amounts that they desire in order to participate in programs that have payroll deduction privileges approved by the State Auditor.

ARTICLE 26

NO STRIKE / NO LOCKOUT

Section 1. The Employer and the Federation agree that during the term of this Agreement that there shall be no strike or lockout except as provided in Article 28.

**ARTICLE 27
SEVERABILITY**

Section 1. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction or through government decree having the force of law, such decision shall not invalidate the entire Agreement, it being the expressed intention of the parties hereto that all other provisions not declared invalid or unenforceable, shall remain in full force and effect. Either party may initiate negotiations on the provision declared invalid.

**ARTICLE 28
TERM**

Section 1. This agreement shall be effective as of the first day of July 2019 and shall remain in full force and effect through the 30th day of June 2021. By mutual agreement, this contract shall be opened at any time prior to the expiration date. Either party shall notify the other in writing at least 60 days prior to the expiration date that they desire to modify this Agreement. If the Federation gives such notice, it agrees to also notify the Chief, State Office of Labor Relations, Department of Administration, in writing of such requested negotiations, at the same time such notice is given to the agency.

Section 2. The Federation shall have the right to engage in concerted activity after December 31, 2020, for matters pertaining to wages and economic benefits for the 2022-2023 biennium.

Section 3. The Federation and the Employer shall meet for pre-budget negotiations on wages and fringe benefits for the 2022-2023 biennium at the earliest reasonable date.

Dated this 10/19/2020

FOR: STATE OF MONTANA

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ADDENDUM A - PAY

Section 1 – The Employer shall increase each employee’s base salary by \$.50 per hour effective the first full pay period that includes January 1, 2020 and \$.50 per hour the first full pay period that includes January 1, 2021.

Section 2 – Pay progression. The term “years of service” in the pay schedules means probation and parole service. Each employee who reaches a new job anniversary date will move to the next scheduled increment so long as they are not on an active performance improvement plan. Once an employee denied movement successfully completes the disqualifying performance plan he/she shall move to the next increment and begin receiving the new wage on the first day of the next pay period.

Section 3 – Pay Schedule

Effective the first full pay period which includes 15 February 2019.

	PAY SCHEDULE				
Increment	Administrative Support	PO Tech and RAs	PSI Writers	POs	HOs
1st (Entry)	\$13.70	\$14.79	\$17.82	\$18.64	\$23.22
2nd				\$19.00	\$24.48
3rd				\$19.86	\$25.84
4th				\$20.72	\$27.20
5th				\$21.59	

The wages in the pay schedule are base starting wages, excluding statutory longevity increments and the increases described in Addendum A Section 1 for employees who were hired before the first full pay period that included January 1, 2020.

Section 4 – Progression between the market and maximum pay rates

Subsection 1. Eligibility. Employees are eligible for additional compensation for completing applicable division approved trainings that are designated as training track increase courses.

- (a) they have completed five years of employment and have reached increment six in their current job classification with adult probation and parole or juvenile parole;
- (b) they have received a satisfactory performance appraisal in the most recent appraisal period and,

- (c) their total compensation does not exceed the maximum identified in the current pay schedule.
- (d) Treatment Approaches are limited to JPO's.

Subsection 2. Compensation

Po's	POT/RA	AA
.41 per training track	.29 per training track	.25 per training track

Employees who have completed more than five years employment with adult probation and parole or juvenile parole may be compensated for completing up to two training tracks beginning February 1, 2007. Employees who have completed five years of employment or more, but who are not yet being paid at the rate shown on schedule A, will not have their training increases count toward moving to market. Any training track compensation received will be subtracted from base wages prior to adjusting employee's wages to their target increment in June 2007. After wage adjustment the training compensation will be added back to base wages.

Subsection 3. Training Track default. Training requirements and standards will be determined by management, and may be accomplished through approved department-sponsored training courses. If an employee is unable to complete required training because training is not made available the employee will receive the additional compensation until the training is made available to them.

Subsection 4. Effective date for pay increases. The effective date for the increased pay rates will be the first day of the first full pay period following the completion of the approved training track.

Subsection 5. Exceptions. Any questions or concerns related to the implementation of the provisions of this pay plan agreement will be sent to the Divisional Labor-Management Relations Committee for resolution.

Addendum B

New Section. Montana Physical Abilities Test

The Montana Physical Abilities Test (MPAT) will be the standard used to gauge physical fitness levels of Probation and Parole Officers. Participation is voluntary, officers will have the opportunity to complete the test three times in the first year and then once a year thereafter.

Rules governing the MPAT are as follows:

1. Officers may participate in the MPAT three times in the first year and then once annually thereafter.

- a. It will be the responsibility of each officer to schedule the date and time they will run the MPAT. Officers will go directly through their immediate supervisor when scheduling their test.
 - b. Participation in the MPAT will be done in an on-duty status. Officers will be compensated for driving to and from the test, as well as for time incurred at the test site.
 - c. Officers who are in probationary status will not be allowed to receive compensatory time for the MPAT
 - d. Bureau Chiefs or their designee will be responsible to schedule testing opportunities.
2. After completion of the MPAT, officers will be compensated by receiving compensatory time.
- a. The incentive matrix for voluntary completed MPAT is as follows.

MPAT Completion Time	Comp Time Award
4 minutes 45 seconds or less	40 hours
5 minutes 45 seconds or less	30 hours
6 minutes 45 seconds or less	20 hours
7 minutes 45 seconds or less	10 hours
7 minutes 45 seconds or	0 hours

- b. Compensatory time must be used prior to 1 July.
- c. Compensatory time may not be rolled over from year to year, but the deadline for using the compensatory time may be extended on a case by case basis in a fashion similar to excess vacation time usage.
- d. Compensatory time may not be converted to cash. If it is not used, it will be forfeited.
- e. Bureau Chiefs along with their Deputies, will monitor their respective officers to ensure any compensatory time earned is used prior to 1 July.

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Montana Department of Corrections
and
Montana Federation of Probation and Parole Local 4464

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the Montana Department of Corrections, hereafter known as the "Department", and the Montana Federation of Probation and Parole Local 4464, hereafter known as the "union".

The parties have engaged in collective bargaining and maintained a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) for several decades. When bargaining the 2003-2005 CBA, the parties agreed to transition from the established 25 Grade Pay Plan to an alternative classification and pay plan. On 1 July 2003, an alternative pay plan, which was composed of six increments and a maximum pay rate, was incorporated into the 2003-2005 CBA. Bargaining the 2005-2006 CBA the parties agreed to explore pay increase opportunities for those employees whose pay fell between market and maximum. The agreement language from the 2005-2006 CBA is as follows:

Addendum A - Pay

The parties agree to negotiate the subject of pay incentives for employees who earn between the market and maximum rates as an opportunity to earn compensation above and beyond any legislated raises. The employer and union will assign a team of three managers chosen by the employer and three bargaining unit members chosen by the union to examine and make recommendations to the bargaining teams for pay incentives no later than May 1, 2005, in time for the beginning of the bargaining cycle for the Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 contract term. Team members shall be appointed and shall begin meeting no later than March 1, 2005. The employer will provide release time and approved travel for team members. The parties agree to a meeting schedule of a one-day session for a first meeting, followed by a two-day session for a second meeting, followed by a one-day session for a third meeting. The parties have a goal that the team will issue a joint recommendation for pay incentives for employees between the market and maximum rate, recognizing that in the event a single recommendation is not achievable, the team members will submit separate recommendations to the bargaining teams.

The parties met, as per the 2005-2006 language, and agreed upon "training tracks" for those employees whose pay fell between the market and maximum on the pay schedule. The training track language and stipend amounts were incorporated into the 2007-2009 CBA. The pay schedule and training track language from the 2007-2009 CBA are as follows:

Addendum A - Pay

Section 4 - Schedule A and B

SCHEDULE A Effective July 1, 2007-December 7, 2007				
Increment	Years of Service	Administrative Support	PO Technician – RA	Officer
1 - Entry	0	\$ 10.251	\$11.081	\$15.272
2	1	10.711	11.581	16.123
3	2	11.171	12.083	16.974
4	3	11.631	12.581	17.825
5	4	12.091	13.081	18.675
6 - Market	5	12.551	13.591	19.526
Maximum		14.851	16.193	25.296

SCHEDULE B Effective December 8, 2007				
Increment	Years of Service	Administrative Support	PO Technician – RA	Officer
1 - Entry	0	\$ 10.251	\$11.081	\$16.447
2	1	10.711	11.581	17.269
3	2	11.171	12.083	18.092
4	3	11.631	12.581	18.914
5	4	12.091	13.081	19.736
6 - Market	5	12.551	13.591	20.559
Maximum		14.851	16.193	25.296

The wages in the pay schedule are base wages, excluding statutory longevity increments.

Section 5 - Progression between the market and maximum pay rates

Subsection 1. Eligibility. Employees are eligible for additional compensation for completing training tracks shown in Schedule C provided:

- (a) they have completed five years of employment and have reached increment six in their current job classification with adult probation and parole or juvenile parole;
- (b) they have received a satisfactory performance appraisal in the most recent appraisal period and,
- (c) their total compensation does not exceed the maximum identified in the current pay schedule.

(d) Treatment Approaches are limited to JPO's.

Subsection 2. Compensation

PO's	POT/RA	AA
.41 per training track	.29 per training track	.25 per training track

Employees who have completed more than five years employment with adult probation and parole or juvenile parole may be compensated for completing up to two training tracks beginning February 1, 2007. Employees who have completed five years of employment or more, but who are not yet being paid at the rate shown on schedule A, will not have their training increases count toward moving to market. Any training track compensation received will be subtracted from base wages prior to adjusting employee's wages to their target increment in June 2007. After wage adjustment the training compensation will be added back to base wages.

Subsection 3. Training Track default. Training requirements and standards will be determined by management and may be accomplished through approved department-sponsored training courses. If an employee is unable to complete required training because training is not made available as seen in Schedule B the employee will receive the additional compensation until the training is made available to them.

Subsection 4. Effective date for pay increases. The effective date for the increased pay rates will be the first day of the first full pay period following the completion of the approved training track.

Subsection 5. Exceptions. Any questions or concerns related to the implementation of the provisions of this pay plan agreement will be sent to the Divisional Labor-Management Relations Committee for resolution.

Subsection 6. Training Tracks

SCHEDULE C Training Tracks		
Training Tracks	Required Hours for Completion	Availability of training
Safety	16	TBA
Addictions	16	February 1, 2007
Mental Health	16	February 15, 2007
Sex/violent offender	16	April 1, 2007
Cultural	16	June 1, 2007
Office Operation	16	TBA
Treatment Approaches Limited to JPOs	40 (20 hours equal one track for purposes of movement)	October 2006

Subsection 7. Definition:

Satisfactory Evaluation: This is a yearly evaluation completed by management no later than thirty days prior to the employee's anniversary date where an employee earns a minimum of "meets

most standards." Should the employer fail to complete the evaluation within the time frame, the employee's evaluation shall be considered satisfactory.

The evaluation shall be completed according to policy and the "Performance Management Program" in effect as of January 24, 2006.

Should an employee be placed on a "Performance Improvement Plan", and satisfactorily complete said plan, they will have completed this part. They will be paid on the first full pay period following such completion.

In the 2015-2017 CBA, the pay schedule was compressed, and some increments were eliminated including the maximum pay amount. The pay schedule from the 2015-2017 CBA is as follows:

Addendum A - Pay

Section 3 – Pay Schedule

Upon ratification, the entry increments will be adjusted as follows:

PAY SCHEDULE					
Increment	Years of Service	Administrative Support	PO Tech and RAs	POs	HOs
1 st (Entry)	0	\$12.928	\$13.999	\$17.77	\$22.26
2 nd	1			\$18.13	\$23.12
3 rd	2			\$19.00	\$24.48
4 th	3			\$19.86	\$25.84
5 th	4			\$20.72	\$27.20
6 th	5			\$21.59	No Change

Effective the pay period that includes January 15, 2017, the entry increments will be adjusted as follows:

PAY SCHEDULE					
Increment	Years of Service	Administrative Support	PO Tech and RAs	POs	HOs
1 st (Entry)	0	\$13.428	\$14.499	\$18.277	\$22.76
2 nd	1			\$18.277	\$23.12
3 rd	2			\$19.00	\$24.48
4 th	3			\$19.86	\$25.84
5 th	4			\$20.72	\$27.20
6 th	5			\$21.59	No Change

The wages in the pay schedule are base wages, excluding statutory longevity increments.

The current pay schedule is similar to the 2015-2017 with the exception that it was compressed further, it contains no more than five increments and deletes the "Years of Service".

Effective the first full pay period which includes 15 February 2018.

PAY SCHEDULE					
Increment	Administrative Support	PO Tech and RAs	PSI Writers	POs	HOs
1 st (Entry)	\$13.56	\$14.64	\$17.64	\$18.46	\$22.99
2 nd				\$19.00	\$23.12
3 rd				\$19.86	\$24.48
4 th				\$20.72	\$25.84
5 th				\$21.59	\$27.20

Effective the first full pay period which includes 15 February 2019.

PAY SCHEDULE					
Increment	Administrative Support	PO Tech and RAs	PSI Writers	POs	HOs
1 st (Entry)	\$13.70	\$14.79	\$17.82	\$18.64	\$23.22
2 nd				\$19.00	\$24.48
3 rd				\$19.86	\$25.84
4 th				\$20.72	\$27.20
5 th				\$21.59	

When bargaining the 2015-2017 CBA, the bargainers neglected to consider the training track language and how it would be affected by the compressed pay schedule. The original language from the 2007-2009 CBA remained and continued through all of the successor agreements, with the exception of Subsections 6 and 7, which were deleted in the 2013-2015 CBA. The training track language continued to reference the maximum pay even though the bargainers had agreed to eliminate that increment from the pay schedule. In subsequent bargaining for the 2017-2019 CBA, the bargainers again overlooked the flawed and outdated training track language. Consequently, the training track language has remained unchanged from 2007 to the present, with the exception of deleting Subsections 6 and 7.

Even though the training track language was outdated and confusing in its application to the current pay schedule, the Department continued to honor training requests from employees and awarded training track stipends up to November of 2018.

To remedy the outdated, flawed and confusing language in the current CBA the parties agree to the following conditions:

1. These conditions shall supersede Addendum A-Pay, Section 4, Subsections 1 – 5 of the 2017-2019 CBA.
2. Employees are eligible for additional compensation by completing applicable Division approved trainings that are designated as training track increase courses.
3. Employees must have completed more than five years employment with Probation and Parole.

4. Employees will be compensated and limited to two training track pay increases.
5. Employees who received two training track pay increases before the implementation of this agreement shall not be eligible for additional training track pay increase opportunities. Employees who received one training track pay increase before the implementation of this agreement shall be eligible for one training track pay increase opportunity.
6. Employees must have received a satisfactory performance appraisal in the most recent appraisal period. If no appraisal was made by the Department in the most recent appraisal period, the employee shall not be disqualified or denied a training track opportunity.
7. The effective date for the increased pay rates will be the first full pay period following the completion of the approved training track.
8. Training tracks shall be compensated at the following rates:

Probation Officers and Hearing Officers	\$.41 per track
Probation Officer Techs, Regional Assistants and PSI Writers	\$.29 per track
Administrative Support	\$.25 per track

9. This is a one-time agreement and does not set precedent or establish past practice.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall expire on 30 June 2019.

Signed and dated April 8, 2019.

FOR: STATE OF MONTANA AND PAROLE OFFICERS, LOCAL #4464, MFPE

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