

California Sex Offender Management Board
March 26, 2009, 9:00 AM
Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), Sacramento

Minutes:

Board Member Check-in

- Present (Quorum present)
 - Robert Ambroselli
 - Suzanne Brown-McBride (Chair)
 - Gerry Blasingame
 - Catherine Duggan
 - Judge Peter Espinoza
 - Pamela King
 - Sophia McBeth-Childs
 - Janet Neeley
 - Jerry Powers
 - Angela Thompson
 - Tom Tobin (Vice-chair)
 - Diane Webb
- Absent
 - Dave Gerard
 - Michael Johnson
 - Scott Kernan
 - Nancy O'Malley

Minutes

- Board members vote to accept February minutes as amended.

State Updates

- Robert Ambroselli reports:
 - Since the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is experiencing a budget crisis, there are a number of ways it is trying to reorganize itself in order to make reductions.
 - A CDCR parolee recently murdered four police officers in Oakland, and the department is working to deal with this tragic event.
 - The implementation of the sixty-day limit on transitional housing seems to so far have not caused great upheaval amongst the parolee population. Most parolees appear able to adapt to the new policy.
- Transient numbers, as of March 15 are 3673. It was 3550, 30 days before, so numbers have increased significantly and there has been a general upward trend. There are 743 in violation (out of the 3673).
- Adam Walsh Act:
 - The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee held a hearing on March 10 about some of the issues states are having coming into compliance.
 - There is discussion about delaying the July compliance deadline.
 - The SMART Office has decided that Byrne fund penalties won't go into effect yet, for at least this year.
- Los Angeles County has enacted for its unincorporated areas one of the most restrictive residency restrictions in the state.
 - It includes both a 2000 foot residency restriction and also a 300 foot loitering restriction.
 - It prevents landlords and motel owners from renting to more than one sex offender at a time.
 - The city of Los Angeles is now looking at enacting a similar ordinance.
- California Research Bureau: Amanda Noble, a member of the agency who is also on the Board of the Association for Criminal Justice Research, is requesting that people make presentations about sex offender housing at the annual conference. She asked whether any of the board members might be interested in presenting at the October conference in Long Beach, or at the conference next year in March, and Dianne Webb expresses interest.

Legislative Update (Kris Applegate)

- There has been significantly more legislation this month than last, since the budget has been passed.
- *See attachment.*

Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Presentation

- Gary Wion and Allison Ganter present:
 - AB 1849, chaptered in 2006, requires CSA to collect various statistics, including recidivism statistics. Probation departments are now required to submit that data to CSA for analysis.
 - CSA consists of only about sixty staff members with a small board, and is split into four divisions.
 - Mr. Wion and Ms. Ganter are from the Facilities Standards and Operation division. They follow a two year inspection cycle and also collect data from jails and juvenile halls.
 - They put together an electronic survey in order to obtain the necessary data.
- Board members discuss the purpose of collecting such data and how it might effectively be used.

Community Education Presentation.

- *See attachment.*
- Jack Wallace presents a PowerPoint report on behalf of the Community Education Committee.
- Board members debate various presentation points, make recommendations for changes and return the power point slides for editing of the recommended changes.
- Gerry Blasingame moves that the Board should write a letter in support of Senate Bill 325, Tom Tobin seconds and the Board approves.
- Tom Tobin motions that the Committees should meet and put points together and his motion is approved.
- Suzanne Brown McBride proposes that the public comment period be moved to earlier in the day and board members agree to her suggestion.

Law Enforcement Recognition Motion

- Vice-Chair Tom Tobin makes a motion to recognize the difficult work of law enforcement everywhere. Dr. Tobin makes reference to the tragedy in Oakland and the four officers that were lost in the line of duty.
- The Board votes to approve this motion and asks that it be reflected in the minutes.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- The Treatment Committee will present next month.

Public Comment

- Karen Jacques is the mother of a sex offender whose offense consisted of having sex with a teenage girl when he was in high school. She does not know where he will be able to live or work, and further worries about whether he will be labeled a “freak” for the rest of his life. She drove seven hours in order to be able to attend the meeting and is pleased by the work that the Board is doing.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 16, 2009.